Living the Word of God

Archbishop Smith has written a major pastoral letter to Catholics in the Archdiocese of Edmonton, inviting us all to explore Scripture more deeply as we respond to the call of Pope Francis to become missionary disciples of Christ.

Entitled Living in the Word of God, the letter comes in two parts: an eight-page message to all the faithful, and a longer supporting document, Pastoral Initiatives, aimed at helping clergy, parish leaders and archdiocesan staff to accompany the faithful on their discipleship journeys.

The essence, he says, is really quite simple: "What does it mean to be a disciple of the Lord? What does it mean to follow him, to be on mission? The Lord himself helps to clarify that when he says being a disciple is basically two things: Listen to the word of God, and put it into practice – ‘Hear the word of God and do it.’" (Luke 8:19-21)

Resources

To read/download the full text of the letter, to read/download the Archbishop's 60-second video summary, or to find other resources for Living in the Word of God, visit caedm.ca/letter.

Spiritual Direction

Do you find that you only pray in church, but you wish you could pray in other settings? Or maybe you would like to grow in a deeper relationship with God as you try to recognize signs of God’s presence in the ordinary happenings of daily life. Or perhaps you need to reflect on how God is calling you at this time . . . If you can identify with any of these or similar thoughts then spiritual direction might be helpful for you. If you are interested, please contact Sr. Elizabeth at elizabethfcj@gmail.com.

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Election Day for Catholic School Trustee
Monday, October 16, 2017

A Letter for the Bishops of Alberta and NWT

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In preparation for municipal elections, which include the election of school trustees, the Bishops of Alberta have in the past offered a reflection on the ministry of a Catholic school trustee. As we approach the municipal elections of October 2017, we do so once again.

We strongly encourage your participation in the electoral process. In this letter, we propose the following considerations to guide your discernment of the appropriate candidate for the office of school trustee.

- The trustee is one to whom is entrusted by the Church and the electorate the serious responsibility of an essentially Catholic governance and oversight of our Catholic school districts.

RCIA

Would you like to join the Catholic faith or complete your sacraments?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults starts Tues., Sept 26th at 5 pm in classroom SJ 103 - located on the East side of the college.
Contact Fr Glenn for more details: glenn.mcdonald@ualberta.ca
A Letter for the Bishops of Alberta and NWT continued…

- This demands of our trustees that they be not only stewards with exceptional governance skills but also people of faith and commitment to the Church and her mission.
- As trustees are carefully attentive to the wishes of the constituents and the mandates of Alberta Education, they must be committed to ensuring that their every decision will always accord with the truth of the Gospel and the teaching of the Church.
- The Catholic school trustee must possess attributes consistent with faith in Christ. Trustees are first and foremost disciples of Our Lord. Their love of Jesus will be reflected in full participation in the life of the Church and engagement in the community.
- The Catholic school trustee must at all times demonstrate fidelity to the Church, its teaching and its leaders. This enables the board of trustees and the local Church to think with one mind and work together in ministry to our students.
- The willingness and ability to share the faith with administration, teachers, students and the community is an essential feature of a Catholic school trustee.

As Catholics, we have a sacred duty and obligation to make an informed, moral choice in the selection of representatives of the community who will guide and govern, protect and maintain our Catholic schools. It is incumbent upon us to select leaders who will ensure the continued formation of our school communities in the values and teachings of our Lord as taught through our Church. We encourage you to exercise this responsibility in a spirit of prayer and in accord with an informed conscience.

Signed,
Catholic Bishops of Alberta and NWT

Hi, my name is….

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President

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StJoese.music@gmail.com

7 pm Mass
Theresa Robinson
theresa.robinson@ualberta.ca

4:30 pm (Sat.) Mass
Cerina Lee
jlee7@ualberta.ca

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