



Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre

For April 9th, 2017 | Palm Sunday

34TH ANNUAL OUTDOOR WAY OF THE CROSS

The 34th Annual Outdoor Way of the Cross will take place on Good Friday, April 14th starting at 9:00am, St. Mary's Cathedral (219 - 18th Ave SW). Please join us for this event, which for many, has become a Lenten tradition. We will walk along an inner city route, stopping at "Stations" that serve some of the most vulnerable in our community. Please dress for the weather. Parking is limited, so consider using public transportation or carpooling.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE RETREAT AND ASSEMBLY

The woman Christ meets at the well is excluded from her community and lives her life on the margins. Too often, many people are excluded and unable to have a voice in political processes. Participation is an important teaching in Catholic Social Thought. Development and Peace has been working with the Congolese Catholic Church to encourage citizen participation and ensure a fair electoral process since the first democratic elections in the DRC in 2006. Go online to <http://www.devp.org/en/50years> to find out more or join us for the 2017 Development & Peace Retreat and Assembly on April 28-30, 2017 at the FCJ Centre, 219, 19 Avenue SW, Calgary. Bishop McGrattan will give the opening address. Other speakers include Dr. Peter Baltutis, St. Mary's University and Lance Dixon, CCSD. To register, contact marilou.legeyt@calgarydiocese.ca or call 403-218-5519.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE PARALLEL YOUTH (18-35YRS) ASSEMBLY

From April 28-30, Development & Peace will be hosting Alberta's first Youth Regional Assembly in Calgary (FCJ Christian Life Centre, 219 19th Avenue). Over the course of the weekend, young adults can learn more about, and become involved with, social justice and global citizenry. Through games, videos, talks, reflection and food, we hope to energize participants with the education and skills needed to help bring social justice into the world. Specific topics will include Development & Peace's social justice model, ecological justice and women in the peace process. There will be a guest speaker facilitating a workshop on the practical issues around becoming sustainable and changing behaviors, as well as talks about ecological justice and small-scale farming from Dr. Randy Heluza-Delay and Jerremie Clyde. See the Eventbrite link for more information including the event schedule: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/youth-regional-assembly-and-retreat-2017-tickets-32338317779> or call Marilou at 403-218-5519.

LAUNCH OF THE SACRED ARTS GUILD OF ALBERTA

Join us for the official launch of the Sacred Arts Guild of Alberta featuring a talk by artist Martinho Correia on the history and renewal of Christian sacred art. April 20th, 7pm at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 1423 8th Ave. SE Calgary. For more information email: sacredartsguildofalberta@gmail.com

YOUTH RALLY 2017

The Youth Office invites all youth ages 12 - 18 to participate in this year's Youth Rally on April 22, 2017, St. James Parish in Okotoks. Come and join Michael Chiasson, Fr. Daniel Gurnick OFM and the Panic Squad for a day filled with music, awesome talks and great fun. For more information and to register please visit: www.theyellowtree.ca or ask your Youth Group Coordinator or your Parish Priest.

Youth Rally Volunteers Needed: Volunteers for this year's Youth Rally are needed. If you are over 18 years of age and screened through your parish or the diocese, please consider volunteering on April 22nd at St. James Parish in Okotoks. Please contact Harriett in the Youth Office at 403-218-5507 or harriett.cariaga@calgarydiocese.ca

DIOCESAN PALLIATIVE CARE EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Spring 2017 Diocesan Palliative Care Education Program Part 1 and Part 2 will take place at St. Bonaventure Parish, 1600 Acadia Drive SE, on April 28 & 29, and May 5 & 6, 2017. The Program is on the two Friday evenings and all day both Saturdays. Registration fee: \$50. For more information or to register, please call 403-218-5501, Email: healthcareprograms@calgarydiocese.ca, or online at www.calgarydiocese.ca.

EFFECTIVE CO-PARENTING: PUTTING KIDS FIRST

An educational 5-week program for separated and divorced parents to help raise their children through this difficult time and increase the understanding of needs of children for developing self-esteem and security. It will offer skills about managing diverse shared parenting situations and provide strategies for improving communication, resolving conflict, and managing day to day children's issues between parenting partners. Parents are encouraged to attend separately. The next program will run 7:00pm - 9:00pm on Wednesdays, May 3-31. For more information or registration contact the Life & Family Resource Centre at 403-218-5505 or email lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL CARE COURSE

The Spring 2017 Diocesan Pastoral Care Training Program will begin on Thursday May 4, 2017 and run for 7 consecutive Thursday evenings from 6:30pm - 9:30pm until June 15, 2017. The program will be held at St. Bernadette's Parish, 7103 - 20A St. SE. This course will introduce you to the basic visiting skills required for Pastoral Care Ministry in the health care facilities or parish. Registration fee: \$50. For more information and to register, call: 403-218-550, Email: alicia.zubot@calgarydiocese.ca, or online at www.calgarydiocese.ca.

PROJECT RACHEL POST ABORTION COUNSELLING

The ministry offers a journey of healing and reconciliation for women and men who are suffering distress from a past abortion experience. Clients will be referred to a professional counselor who specializes in dealing with the trauma associated with this experience. For more information call Project Rachel at 403-218-5506 or toll free at 1-877-597-3223. You may also e-mail info@projectrachel.ca.

BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND ILLNESS AND SPIRITUALITY AND MENTAL HEALTH

The Health Care office is providing a one-day workshop on Basic Understanding of Mental Health Issues and Spirituality and Mental Health, Saturday April 22, 2017 at St. Martha's Parish, 355 Columbia Blvd., Lethbridge, AB. The workshop is 9:00am - 3:00pm. Registration is \$25. For more information, and to register please call Norma 403-381-3688 or the Parish Office (403)381-8891.

FAITH ENRICHMENT FOR SENIORS

The Faith enrichment for seniors group will be held on Mondays April 24, May 1, 8, & 15, 2017 at St. Joseph's Parish from 1:00 pm to 3:00pm. No registration is necessary and all are welcome. For further information contact Norline at 403-218-5503 or e-mail norline.johnson@calgarydiocese.ca

THE 2017 ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES

On May 5-7, everyone is invited to take part in a multinational pro-life prayer event. Participants are asked to pray at least one Rosary for an end to abortion.

FEED THE HUNGRY COOK TEAM

You and your friends can start a Feed the Hungry cook team! Do you have past experience cooking such as INN from the Cold? As part of our recruitment strategy, we will be holding a food safety training course on May 6th 2017 at the Catholic Pastoral Centre. Cook teams have one lead and approximately three to four other volunteers. They are ideally scheduled one Sunday every six weeks. If you are interested, please contact, Sartre Jean-Gilles at feedthehungry@calgarydiocese.ca or 403-218-5532.

CATHOLIC SPEED DATING EVENT

Are you looking for a good Catholic man or woman? Visit www.CatholicSpeedDating.ca or call Rose 587-333-1099 for more info and to REGISTER for our upcoming Events: Friday, April 21st Easter Event at St. Anthony's Church in Calgary (Age Range: Women: 24 to 32 & Men: 27 to 35). Two Events on Friday, May 5th at St. Paul's Church in Airdrie (Age Range: Women: 33 to 41 & Men: 36 to 44) -&- (Women and Men age 45+).

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