



# Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre

For April 16th, 2017 | Easter Sunday

## **AN EVENING OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

On Sunday May 7, 2017 there will be an evening of prayer for vocations held at Sacred Heart Church in Calgary (1307 14 Street SW). Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 7:30 pm. A small reception will be held after the service. For more information, please contact Fr. Colin O'Rourke at the Vocations Office: 403-245-2753.

## **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](http://www.theyellowtree.ca) or ask your Youth Group Coordinator or your Parish Priest.

## **IN CELEBRATION OF EARTH DAY**

To mark Mercy2Earth Sunday and raise awareness of Laudato Si - the letter of the Holy Father about caring for our common home, there will be a Potluck Dinner and Fun Night - an interactive event for all ages, Friday, April 21, 6:00 to 8:00 pm at St Joseph's Parish Hall 619 - 19th Ave. NW. On Sunday, April 23, there will be a Nature Walk at Silver Crest Trail, 2:00 to 3:00 pm Access and parking opposite the Silver Springs Value Village on Silver Springs Blvd at 54 Avenue NW. Please join us for one or both events. For information please contact Linnea Ferguson, [linneaferguson@me.com](mailto:linneaferguson@me.com) or 587.888.9268

## **DEVELOPMENT & PEACE: GENERAL & YOUTH ASSEMBLY AND RETREAT**

April 28-30, join us for the 2017 Development & Peace Retreat and Assembly 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, Lance Dixon, CCSD and Stacey Schaub-Szabo, Principal of S-Cubed Environmental, and an ambassador for the Alberta Emerald Awards. This year, Alberta's first Youth Regional Assembly will run in parallel to the general assembly. Young adults will learn more about, and become involved with, social justice and global citizenry. The youth assembly will explore specific topics including ecological justice and small-scale farming with guest speakers, 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 to register.

## **MARRIAGE PREPARATION "FOR BETTER & FOR EVER"**

"For Better & For Ever..." Marriage Preparation, accepts all couples preparing for marriage. Due to the small group setting it allows us to focus on couples in one or more of the following circumstances: living together, previously married, beginning marriage with children, couples 45+, or those who wish to have their marriage blessed in the Church. Upcoming Dates: April 10/28-29, May 15/June 9-10, June 5/23-24. For more dates, registration or information, contact 403-218-5505 or email [lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca).

## **BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND ILLNESS & SPIRITUALITY**

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.

## **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. More info or to register, please call 403-218-5501, Email: [healthcareprograms@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:healthcareprograms@calgarydiocese.ca), or online at [www.calgarydiocese.ca](http://www.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: 403-218-5501, Email: [alicia.zubot@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:alicia.zubot@calgarydiocese.ca), or online at [www.calgarydiocese.ca](http://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. Next program is 7:00pm - 9:00pm on Wednesdays, May 3-31. For more info or registration call the Life & Family Resource Centre at 403-218-5505 or email [lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca).

### **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](mailto: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.

### **CATHOLIC SPEED DATING EVENT**

Are you looking for a good Catholic man or woman? Visit [www.CatholicSpeedDating.ca](http://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+).

### **HIKE FOR LIFE**

The 37th Hike for Life will be held on Saturday, May 13, from 8:30 am – noon at Prince's Island Park. Come have fun with your friends and family. Enjoy free refreshments and support Respect Life Educational Programs. For more information contact Calgary Pro-Life Association at 403-243-0691 or [www.calgaryprolife.com](http://www.calgaryprolife.com).

### **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](mailto:feedthehungry@calgarydiocese.ca) or 403-218-5532.

### **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](mailto:sacredartsguildofalberta@gmail.com)

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