



Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre

For May 21st, 2017 | 6th Sunday of Easter

CONSECRATION OF CANADA TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

As part of the celebrations marking the 150th anniversary of Confederation the Bishops of Canada will be consecrating our country to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Bishop McGrattan will consecrate the Diocese of Calgary on 1 July, 2017. All are invited to St. Mary's Cathedral at 10am for a service of Adoration, Scripture, rosary, and the consecration followed by a BBQ. The regular daily Mass at St. Mary's remains at 9 am followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

CARE FOR CREATION THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Laudato Si - the Pope's message to the world about caring for creation makes it clear that we are to do all within our circle of influence and using our unique talents to care for the earth - our common home. In Alberta, a mere 16% of waste is being diverted from landfills. Does that surprise you? Would you be willing to make one small change to help the planet? Maybe you could carry your own grocery bags or stop using bottled water. Choose one thing and commit to doing it for the rest of the month.

FEED THE HUNGRY POTATO PATCH

Helpers are needed to assist the efforts of Feed the Hungry to grow local food and assist low income Calgarians. This new project requires lots of hands to be successful. May 27th will be planting day and blessing by Bishop McGrattan is almost here! Excellent service project with lunch served (RSVP). Please go to <https://calgarydiocese.volunteerhub.com/lp/fthgarden/events> to create a profile, sign up for the days you would like to help and ensure you get a lunch. As we will serve lunch and beverages for anyone who comes to the help, we ask that you RSVP to Linnea Ferguson at fthgarden@calgarydiocese.ca or call 587-888-9268.

WALK FOR ONE ROCK

Please come and join the Walk for One Rock on Friday June 9th from Rockyford to Strathmore. Gather up your friends, your family and your backpack for a day of friendship and comradery. Join the priests and religious of our Diocese and enjoy the Alberta countryside and blue skies as we walk to raise funds and awareness for the One Rock Festival of Faith. You're welcome to walk the whole way, or choose to walk 2km, 5km or 10km. Check out www.onerock.ca for more details and to register.



LOVE AT LAST BREATH: COMPANIONING AT END OF LIFE

This course approaches the issue of visiting with residents/patients who are dying and their family members in a caring, compassionate manner. The seminar is Friday, May 26, 2017, 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm and Saturday, May 27 2017, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm at First Mennonite Church, 2600 Richmond Rd SW, Calgary, AB. The event is open to everyone, and especially those who provide pastoral care in congregations, hospitals, care facilities, hospice and other contexts of ministry. For more information, to register, or to become a member of the Christian Pastoral Caregivers Association, go to <http://cpcassoc.ca/events/> or call Karen at 403-253-7946.

DIOCESAN BEREAVEMENT CARE EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Diocesan Bereavement Care Education program will teach you the skills to offer your presence and support to the bereaved in a caring way. The program will be held on Friday June 9th, 2017 from 6:00-9:30 pm & Saturday June 10th, 2017 from 9:00am-4:00pm at St. Patrick's Parish in Medicine Hat, AB. For more information and to register contact Kathleen at 403-527-9591 or the parish office 403-527-6933.

27TH ANNUAL BISHOP'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

SAVE THE DATE: August 14, 2017 – 27th Annual Bishop's Golf Tournament in support of Feed the Hungry at Silvertip Resort, Canmore. Coming Soon - Registration, sponsorship information at golf.feedthehungrycalgary.ca or contact feedthehungry@calgarydiocese.ca. You don't want to miss it!

LOVE & LIFE GALA – NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP) MINISTRY

The Love & Life Gala is a celebration of NFP ministry that will be held on June 10, 2017 at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 541 Silvergrove Drive NW, Calgary. Mass begins at 5:00 pm, June 10. Guests will be treated to a dinner, testimonials, and live music provided by The Spokeshaves. There will be a toonie bar and silent auction. All proceeds raised will support NFP ministry. Event is hosted by NFP Alberta, Marquette Model, Billings Method with support from FertilityCare™. Tickets are available at www.billingslife.ca.

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: June 5/23-24, July 10/28-29. For more dates, registration or information, contact 403-218-5505 or email: lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S INTERFAITH BUILD - ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL

The Habitat Interfaith Build Project has raised about 30% of its goal to build community homes for 12 local, hard-working families. High school students from St. Mary's will be participating on a Build day on June 10th. We can help their efforts by going to the website to sponsor the students (<https://fundraise.habitatsouthernab.ca/fundraise/team?ftid=110982>). By working together to address the issue of lack of affordable housing, we offer visible evidence of our faith, united by compassion and caring, regardless of our different beliefs. For more information, call Marilou at 403-218-5519.

DONATIONS OF GARDEN TOOLS AND ANNUALS

Columbus Place, a Bishop O'Byrne Senior's Housing located in NE Calgary is still looking for donations of gently used garden tools and/or annual plants for their community building program. Please contact Nicolette at 403-968-3736 for further information.

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.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION – CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICE (CFS)

Catholic Family Service will be offering a Marriage Preparation weekend at St Joseph's Parish, Calgary on Friday, July 14 to Sunday, July 16. Please contact CFS at 403-233-2360 to register, or Deacon Stephen Robinson at 587-896-2891 for information.

CATHOLIC SPEED DATING EVENT

Are you looking for a good Catholic man or woman? Register for the year end retreat event which will be held on Saturday, June 17th, 11:00 am - 5:30 pm at Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre in Cochrane. Age Range: (Women: 24 to 32 & Men: 27 to 35) and (Women: 33 to 41 & Men: 36 to 44). Events include Mass, lunch, talks, mix and mingle speed-dating and evening prayer. Visit www.CatholicSpeedDating.ca or call Rose at 587-333-1099 to register today!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: BOOKEEPER PART-TIME AT ST. PATRICK'S, MEDICINE HAT, AB

St. Patrick's Parish, Medicine Hat, invites applications for a parish Bookkeeper to provide accuracy and attention to detail. For more information about this position, qualifications and application details see the Diocesan website at <http://www.calgarydiocese.ca/articles/employment-opportunities.html>. The employment opportunity will be posted until the competition closes on May 26, 2017.

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