



Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre
For June 18th, 2017 | Corpus Christi

FAMINE RELIEF FUND FOR SOUTH SUDAN, SOMALIA, NIGERIA, YEMEN

- The CCCB, in its interfaith appeal letter to support the famine relief in Africa and Yemen declares "Our joint appeal is a unified cry from the heart, with one voice and one message... the insistent call for peace and the need to protect the vulnerable. The protection and promotion of human dignity are foundational elements of all our faith communities. Willful indifference towards violations against human dignity is always wrong, at all times and in all places." Parishes have been asked to take up a second collection to support the Famine Relief Fund.

- Individual donations can also be made directly on the diocesan website:

<http://www.calgarydiocese.ca/articles/famine-relief-for-southsudan.html>.

- All donations made before June 30 will be matched by the federal government. Please continue to pray for all those suffering from hunger and the humanitarian workers working in the region.

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. For more information contact the parish office at 403-228-4170.

ONE ROCK

Help us spread the word. Promote One Rock by inviting the people you know to this great event. Give others the opportunity to encounter Christ through this fun faith filled weekend. Visit www.onerock.ca for more information.

27TH ANNUAL BISHOP'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

Golf with us! August 14, 2017 – 27th Annual Bishop's Golf Tournament in support of Feed the Hungry at Silvertip Resort, Canmore. More information at golf.feedthehungrycalgary.ca or contact feedthehungry@calgarydiocese.ca or call 403-218-5522.

CELEBRATING WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

The Church has been celebrating World Day of Migrants and Refugees since 1914. This year, join us on June 29, the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, for a special Mass to celebrate World Day of Migrants. This is an opportunity for the faith community to reflect upon the role migration has played in our history and tradition, pray for migrants and refugees around the world, and raise awareness about the causes, challenges, and opportunities involved with migration. Join Bishop William McGrattan on June 29, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral to celebrate World Day of Migrants and live the words of Pope Benedict: "The Church is God's family on earth" [Deus Caritas Est]. For more information, contact Marilou at 403-218-5519.

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

ENTRUSTED TO THE HEART OF MARY WORKSHOP WITH FR. JOHN KOHLER

In conjunction with the consecrating of Canada to the Immaculate Heart of Blessed Virgin Mary, Fr. John Kohler is offering a workshop about our Blessed Mother through the Scriptures. Choose a location (at 7 to 9pm):
Thursday, July 6 at St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary; Wednesday, July 12 at All Saints Parish, Lethbridge; Thursday July 13 at Holy Family, Medicine Hat. If you have any questions, please email john.kohler@calgarydiocese.ca

TEMPLE BUILT OF LIVING STONE

Interested in Catholic Worship and Sacred Liturgical Space? Join us at the National Catholic Liturgical Conference with Fr. Michael McGourty as he reflects on our rich identity as members of the Body of Christ visibly evident in our sacred space and liturgical symbols. November 6 & 7, 2017. More information & registration at <https://wclcanada.wordpress.com/>

TRANSITIONS

Transitions is a 15-week peer support program for those recently separated or divorced. Participants will meet every week to reflect upon and discuss topics such as self-esteem, stress, anger, guilt, blame, loneliness, forgiveness, blended families and more. The next program will begin in Wednesday, September 27, 2017. For more information or to register, call 403-218-5505.

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 in the fall of 2017. For more information or registration contact the Life & Family Resource Centre at 403-218-5505 or email lifeandfamily@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@projectrachelsa.ca.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION - CFS

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

WHITE MASS

Annual White Mass: Celebration of the feast day of St. Luke, patron saint of physicians, will be held 7:00 pm on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at St. Anthony's Church, 5340 - 4 St. SW, Calgary. All are welcome, especially those working in medicine and health care. Reception will follow the Mass.

FIRESIDE PRAYER AT THE FCJ CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTRE, CALGARY

Fireside Prayer with Sisters of the Diocese, 8 - 9:30 pm, Fri., June 23 and Fri., July 28. An opportunity for young, single women interested in meeting religious to share prayer as well as to have fun roasting marshmallows. On the grounds of FCJ Christian Life Centre, 219-19 Avenue SW. For more information call 403-228-3623.