



Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre

For September 10th, 2017 | 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

EMERGENCY RELIEF AID FOR FLOOD VICTIMS IN TEXAS AND ASIA

Catholic Charities and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the Archdiocese of Galveston/Houston will be providing direct long-term assistance and case management services to victims displaced in flood in Texas. In Asia, Caritas organizations are responding to the needs in India, Nepal and Bangladesh by providing food, clean drinking water, and shelter. Emergency relief is also focused on preventing the spread of waterborne disease by delivering health, hygiene and sanitation support. Donations can be made through the Diocese website or cheques can be forwarded to the Pastoral Centre - 120-17 Ave SW. For more information and to donate visit www.calgarydiocese.ca and click on "Donate".

BISHOP'S DINNER

Bishop's Dinner – Bishop McGrattan will host his very first Bishop's Dinner on Thursday, October 19. This year's theme is 'Youth & Vocations - Their Faith, The Church'. Michael Chiasson will give the keynote address and Bishop McGrattan will share his vision for the youth. Catholic singer/songwriter Janelle is our musical guest. Tickets are \$175 or \$1400/table of 8. For more information contact Samantha at 403-218-5531 or samantha.jones@calgarydiocese.ca. Purchase tickets online at my.calgarydiocese.ca/bishopsdinner.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL CARE COURSE

The Fall 2017 Diocesan Pastoral Care Training Program will begin on Tuesday September 26 and run for 7 consecutive Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm - 9:30pm until November 7. The program will be held at St. Michael's Parish, 800 - 85 Street SW Calgary. This course will introduce you to the basic visiting skills required for Pastoral Care Ministry in health care facilities or parish. Registration fee: \$50. For more information and to register, call: 403-218-5501, Email: alicia.zubot@calgarydiocese.ca, or online at www.calgarydiocese.ca.

ALZHEIMER WORKSHOP

Holy Spirit Parish will be hosting Alzheimer Workshop on October 14, 2017 from 9:00am - 1:00pm. This workshop will provide participants with an understanding of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. For more information and to register please visit our News and Events page at www.calgarydiocese.ca, call 403-218-5501, or email: healthcareprograms@calgarydiocese.ca.

DAY RETREAT FOR MEN WITH MOST REV. FREDERICK HENRY, BISHOP EMERITUS OF CALGARY

Stand Firm in Faith: Day Retreat for Men will take place at St. Luke's Parish on Saturday, October 7. For more information and registration please contact Margaret at 403-282-9488, email: Margaret.Dewald@stlukeschurch.ca or Sr. Katrina at 587-755-1019, email: dmccalgary@gmail.com.

THE JOY OF LOVE REFLECTION GROUP

The Family's Urgent Mission Today – 6 sessions featuring video, witness, and dialogue segments exploring the major themes of Amoris Laetitia. Designed for pastors, pastoral ministers, and all those committed to promoting holiness in family life, our domestic church. Wednesday evenings, October 4 – November 8. 7-9 pm at the Catholic Pastoral Centre. Cost: \$35, includes study materials. Refreshments provided. RSVP to Alida at 403-218-5505 or email: alida.allen@calgarydiocese.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: August 21/Sept 8-9, Sept 18/Oct 6-7. For more dates, registration or information, contact 403-218-5505 or email lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca.

TRANSITIONS

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 on Wednesday, September 27. For more information or to register, call 403-218-5505.

PLANNED GIVING SEMINAR

Be inspired to make a difference – learn how to maximize your legacy for family and charity. Join our upcoming Planned Giving Seminar at the Catholic Pastoral Centre 120 - 17 Ave SW Tuesday, September 26 – Registration 6:30 pm, Presentation 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Limited seating; Registration required. Contact Doreen 403 218-5522 or charities@calgarydiocese.ca to register. No cost.

ELIZABETH HOUSE CHARITY EVENT

Join Elizabeth House, a program of the Diocese of Calgary, on September 30 for the 2017 Ride for Refuge. Walk, ride or donate and help transform lives, two generations at a time! Sign up at www.rideforrefuge.org/charity/elizabethhousecalgary or call 403-228-9724 for more information.

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. Dates to be announced soon. For more information or registration contact the Life & Family Resource Centre at 403-218-5505 or email lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca.

CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF CREATION - BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Animals are our companions here on Earth, whether they are our pets, domesticated livestock or wild creatures. We receive so much from them: comfort, labour, food, clothing, as well as protection and wonder. All creatures - great and small reveal God's loving presence. Join us at St. Joseph's Parish (640 19th Avenue NW) for the Blessing of Animals, September 23rd at 10:30am. All beloved animals are welcome! Call Marilou at 403-218-5519.

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 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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY- DIOCESAN YOUTH RETREAT TEAM (DYRT) MEMBER – CASUAL

The Diocesan Youth Ministry team is looking for five (5) DYRT members to work on a casual – part time employment basis. The Diocesan Youth Retreat Team (DYRT) offers year-round retreats for young people within the Diocese. 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 September 15.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR, PART TIME - ST. PIUS X PARISH

St. Pius X Parish is looking for a Sacramental Coordinator: First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation to work on a part time employment basis. For more information about this position, qualifications and application details see the Diocesan website at <http://www.calgarydiocese.ca/articles/employment-opportunities.html> or submit your application to fatherbill.stpiusx@telus.net. The employment opportunity will be posted until a suitable candidate is found.

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. More information & registration at <https://wclcanada.wordpress.com/>

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