



Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre
For November 26th, 2017 | Christ the King

REFLECTION ON GOD'S MERCY FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Catholics celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation because we recognise that sometimes we fail to do as we ought and because we believe in God's mercy and forgiveness. The priest can help you and you can trust the Holy Spirit to guide you. Even if you don't know how you can change your life, showing up makes you open to the grace that the sacrament brings. The Diocese of Calgary invites you to experience the peace, love, and joy brought by participating in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Action: If you are afraid to go to Reconciliation, speak about your reservations with a priest or someone you know who does participate in the sacrament. If you celebrate the sacrament regularly, speak about it as a witness to others. Rejoice in God's Mercy! The sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at parishes throughout the Diocese of Calgary all the Wednesdays of Advent from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

ROHINGYA REFUGEE CRISIS

The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace-Caritas Canada has an ongoing campaign to respond to the urgent needs of refugees now situated in Bangladesh at the border area with Myanmar. The Federal Government have undertaken to match all donations received before November 28th. If you would like to donate please do so as soon as possible either through your parish office or through the website at <http://www.devp.org> where you will also find more information. Thank you for helping those who are desperate and in need.

SYNOD 2018 SURVEY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Hello young people! If you are between 16-35, Catholics or non-Catholics in the Diocese of Calgary, you are invited to offer feedback for Pope Francis through an online survey. In January 2017, Pope Francis wrote a Letter to Young People and the Vatican released a Preparatory Document with questions for reflection, and asked that dioceses throughout the world provide feedback on their local experience. We want to hear your voice: If you have one question to ask Pope Francis, what would that be? Please fill this brief survey at: <http://yellowtree.ca>

FEED THE HUNGRY CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD APPEAL

Feed the Hungry needs your help to give our 500 guests a \$10 gift card at our 4th annual Christmas Dinner! Gift cards or money (for us to shop for you) can be dropped off at St. Mary's Cathedral Hall on Sundays only or the Catholic Pastoral Center (120 17 Ave SW) during the week by December 8. For more information, contact Sartre at feedthehungry@calgarydiocese.ca

ORDINATION OF DEREK REMUS TO THE TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE

Mr. Derek Remus has been called to Holy Orders and will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate by Most Rev. William McGrattan in his pastoral year parish, St. Bonaventure, Calgary, at 5 PM on Saturday, December 23, 2017. Please pray for Derek and all the seminarians, especially those taking these next steps in their formation and preparation.

ADVENT RETREAT WITH BISHOP EMERITUS FREDERICK HENRY

Development & Peace Diocesan Council is inviting you to a very special Advent retreat with Bishop Emeritus Henry at Mount St. Francis on Saturday, December 9, 2017, at 9 AM. Join us as we celebrate the positive peace built by women and reflect on how we can all continue to play a vital role in creating a more peaceful world, "for nothing will be impossible with God" - Luke 1:37. Cost: Free will offering.

THE CARILLON: READERSHIP SURVEY

Thank you to all who have responded to our survey in the November Carillon. If you have not already completed the survey we invite you to add your input. You are encouraged to complete it either in print or online at

<http://CARILLON.calgarydiocese.ca>. We highly value your thoughts and suggestions. For questions please call Carol at 403-218-5502 or email: carol.hollywood@calgarydiocese.ca.

FAITH ENRICHMENT FOR SENIORS

The Faith Enrichment for Seniors group will be held on Mondays November 6, 13, 20, 27, & December 4, 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

EFFECTIVE CO-PARENTING: PUTTING KIDS FIRST

'Effective Co-Parenting: Putting Kids First' is 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 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm on Wednesdays, February 21 - March 21. 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 from a past abortion experience. Clients will be referred to a professional counselor who specializes in dealing with the trauma associated with this grief. 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.

PROJECT RACHEL POST ABORTION WEEKEND RETREAT

The retreat offers a journey of healing and reconciliation for women and men who are suffering from a past abortion experience. Trained certified counselors are available to accompany people on a journey toward hope and inner peace. The next retreat is scheduled for February 23 - 24, 2018. For more information or to register 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 "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: Jan 15 / Feb 2-3, and Feb 12 / Mar 2-3. For more dates, registration or information, contact 403-218-5505 or email lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca.

CATHOLIC SPEED DATING EVENT

The next Catholic Speed Dating event will be held on Friday, December 1, at St. Thomas More Church (15 Templebow Road N.E., Calgary). Age Range: (Women: 24 to 32 & Men: 27 to 35) -&- (Women: 33 to 41 & Men: 36 to 44). Doors open for sign in at 7:00PM, and event begins at 7:30PM. To register visit www.CatholicSpeedDating.ca or for more information contact Rose at rose@catholicsspeeddating.ca or call 587-333-1099.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - EVENING PARISH RECEPTIONIST

St. Michael Catholic Parish located in SW Calgary invites applications for a Parish Evening Receptionist. If you are ready to be the face of welcome and administrative support at St. Michael Catholic Parish to parishioners and visitors, please apply. The position, reporting to the Admin Assistant provides clerical and office support to the parish team and church ministries. This is a full time permanent position working Monday to Thursday from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Friday 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm effective January 1, 2018. For more information about this position, qualifications and application details please view the job posting at www.saintmichael.ca and click on 'About'/'Employment' or the Diocesan website (Careers section).

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