



Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre
For February 4th, 2018 | 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MORGENTALER DECISION

"Exactly thirty years ago, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that existing abortion provisions in our nation's Criminal Code violated a woman's Charter rights to the security of person and were thus unconstitutional... Over the course of the last decades, many of our fellow Christians, members of other faiths, and those of no faith at all, have worked tirelessly with members of our own communities to uphold the value of human life from the first moment of conception... It is our prayer that this unity of purpose may continue to grow and flourish and that in the near future Canadian law will offer protection for the lives of the unborn." ~ Bishop Lionel Gendron, CCCB President. Read full letter: <http://news.calgarydiocese.ca>

INTERFAITH PEACE & HARMONY WEEK: SHARING STORIES AND LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday, **February 6** at 7 pm. St. John The Evangelist's Catholic Church (1423 8 Avenue SE, Calgary). For more information please call Caroline at 403-218-5523 or email caroline.silveira@calgarydiocese.ca

BUILDING SACRED BRIDGES CONCERT

The 2nd annual interfaith music event - Building Sacred Bridges - will be held on **February 10** (Knox United Church, Calgary), and **February 11** (Beth Tzedec Synagogue, Calgary) at 7 pm. The concert will feature music groups and choirs from various faith groups, including the Adorare Choral Ensemble and St. Bonaventure Choir. The event is raising awareness about the lack of affordable housing in Southern Alberta and offers the opportunity to learn more about the Habitat Interfaith Build Project. Get tickets at: www.habitatsouthernab.ca/bsb. To volunteer for future build days, please contact Marilou at 403-218-5519 or email marilou.legeyt@calgarydiocese.ca

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

Coldest Night of the Year - Calgary will turn five this **February 24, 2018**. We'd love to have you celebrate with us by walking or volunteering in support of Feed the Hungry (a Diocesan program) and our friends KAIROS Calgary as they work to pay down the mortgage on Bankview Apartments (affordable housing). We'll be starting from Eau Claire Market again this year, offering 2, 5 and 10 km routes so the event is accessible for all. For more info visit www.cnoy.org/calgary or connect with Samantha at 403-218-5531 or samantha.jones@calgarydiocese.ca

FIRST AIDERS NEEDED - OUTDOOR WAY OF THE CROSS

The Outdoor Way of the Cross at St. Mary's Cathedral (**Friday, March 30**) needs your help. If you are a physician, nurse, medical practitioner, certified first aider or are willing to certify; please contact Linnea Ferguson at outdoorwayofthecross@calgarydiocese.ca or 403- 218-5500. More information: www.wayofthecross.ca

YOUNG WOMEN VOCATION EVENTS

Attention: Single Young Women between 16 and 35! The Vocation Committee of AWR (The Assembly of Women Religious) is planning two events. To register or to learn more please contact Sr. Terry f.c.j. at tksmithfjc@yahoo.ca or call 403-228-3623:

- **Thursday, Feb. 8**, from 5 to 9 pm, at St. Mary's Cathedral: Mass followed by potluck and an information session on religious life.
- **Saturday, Feb. 24** retreat on a Lenten theme. Beginning with 9 am Mass at Holy Trinity Parish to 4 PM.

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, February 14, 2018**. For more information or to register, call 403-218-5505 or email lifeandfamily@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. The next program will run 7 pm - 9 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 WEEKEND RETREAT

The annual Project Rachel Retreat offers a journey of healing and reconciliation for women and men who are suffering from a past abortion experience. Certified counselors are available to accompany people on a journey towards hope and inner peace. This year's 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 or e-mail info@projectrachel.ca

ALZHEIMER WORKSHOP

Mary Mother of the Redeemer Parish in Calgary will be hosting an Alzheimer Workshop on **March 3, 2018** from 9 am - 2:30 pm. This workshop will provide participants with an understanding of Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias. Registration fee: \$25, lunch included. For more information and to register please visit <http://events.calgarydiocese.ca> or call 403-218-5501, email: healthcareprograms@calgarydiocese.ca

RETROUVAILLE CALGARY WEEKEND RETREAT

A Lifeline for Marriages. Along life's journey, married couples may lose their way and start to grow apart. Retrouvaille provides a 'road map' to help couples find their way again by teaching communication skills and providing the tools to improve their relationships. Next weekend retreat is **March 9**. Call for help today, 403-879-7893, coordinator@RetrouvailleCalgary.com or www.helpourmarriagecalgary.com

COURAGE, UNITY, FAITH: GOD SQUAD 2018 ANNUAL MEN CONFERENCE

Attention Catholic Men: You are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ who are filled with courage and conviction. Recognize God's calling "for such a time as this" (Esther 4:14), and face the challenge against the Catholic Faith, Identity and Practice. Speakers: Fr. Raymond DeSouza, Fr. Cristino Bouvette, Msgr. Owen Keenan and Fr. Jerome Lavigne. Join us at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church on **March 16 and 17**. To register please visit: <https://godsquad.ca/>

CATHOLIC SPEED DATING EVENT

Visit www.CatholicSpeedDating.ca or call Rose 587-333-1099 for more info and to register for our upcoming Events: Friday, **February 9** – Valentines' Day Event at St. Anthony's Church in Calgary (Age Range: Women: 24 to 32 & Men: 27 to 35) -&- (Age Range: Women: 33 to 41 & Men: 36 to 44).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: RECEPTIONIST (FULL TIME), ASCENSION PARISH, CALGARY

Ascension Parish in Calgary is looking for a Receptionist to work on a full time employment basis. This position is responsible for being the face of the Parish and offering strong customer service. In addition, the successful candidate must have exceptional people, communications and organizational skills. Find more information about this position, qualifications and application details see the Diocesan website at <http://www.calgarydiocese.ca> or submit your application to humanresources@calgarydiocese.ca by **February 15, 2018**, however, the employment opportunity will be posted until a suitable candidate is found.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKENDS OFFERED BY CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICE

Marriage Preparation for Engaged Couples. Catholic Family Service has been providing marriage preparation for the Diocese of Calgary for over 50 years. Check out these upcoming 2018 dates in Calgary parishes: **February 9-11**, St. Joseph Parish (640 – 19 Ave NW, Calgary); **March 9 – 11**, St. Mary's Cathedral (219 – 18 Ave SW, Calgary). Registration: <http://cfs-ab.org/marriage-preparation-program> or phone 403-233-2360; Cost: \$225/couple.

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