



# Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre  
For April 15th, 2018 | 3rd Sunday of Easter

## POPE FRANCIS NEW APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION: GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE

Read Pope Francis' newest Apostolic Exhortation 'Gaudete et Exsultate' (Rejoice and be glad - *Matthew 5:12*) on the call to holiness in today's world. Find link to the letter at <http://news.calgarydiocese.ca>

## YOUTH RALLY 2018 - CANCELLED

The Youth Office, in consultation with Bishop McGrattan and his Presbyteral Council, has made the difficult decision to cancel this year's Youth Rally due to the low number of registrations. Under the guidance of our new Bishop, all of the Offices of the Pastoral Centre are under review and striving to renew themselves. Please be assured that our office seeks to develop and execute strong youth programs. The Diocese firmly believes in the youth and remains committed to help the youth grow in their faith. We thank you for your interest in participating/volunteering or chaperoning at the Youth Rally. For more information contact 403-218-5507.

## NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT

Live from Ottawa **April 27-28**, this webcast will be streamed to sites across North America including Calgary at St. Mary's University, 14500 Bannister Rd. SE. Speakers include George Weigel, Curtis Martin, Michael Dopp, Sr. Ann Shields, and Patrick Madrid. For tickets and information contact Eden: [eden.dsouza@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:eden.dsouza@calgarydiocese.ca); 403-461-2748 or visit [newevangelization.ca](http://newevangelization.ca) (make sure you select the Calgary location).

## 'A SONG FOR RACHEL' CONCERT

Mark your calendar for "A Song for Rachel" concert, a fun-filled, family fundraising concert and silent auction to support Project Rachel, which is a post-abortion healing, and reconciliation ministry supported by the Diocese of Calgary. Everyone is invited to attend this event. Silent auction opens at 6:00 pm and concert begins at 7 pm, **Friday, April 27** at St. Michael's Parish, 800 - 85 St. SW. Tickets on sale at \$15/person or \$35/family. Tickets may be purchased at St. Michael church office (403-249-0423), on-line at <http://events.calgarydiocese.ca> or 403-218-5505, and at the door during the evening of the concert. Call 403-218-5505 to donate silent auction items.

## DIOCESAN PASTORAL CARE COURSE

The Health Care Apostolate will be hosting the Spring Diocesan Pastoral Care Course Thursday evenings **May 3 - June 14** from 6:30am - 9:30pm. The program will be held at St. Cecilia's Parish, 321 - 90 Ave SE. This course will introduce you to the basic visiting skills required for Pastoral Care Ministry in the health care facilities or parish. Registration fee: \$50. For more information and to register, call 403-218-5501, or register online under News & Events at <http://events.calgarydiocese.ca>

## SING THE LITURGY: WEDDING MUSIC WORKSHOP

If you work with couples to prepare music for weddings or if you cantor or accompany for weddings, this workshop is for you! This spirited day of learning, singing, and community will introduce the musical changes in the new Order of Celebrating Matrimony as well as common issues that arise in helping couples select music for their marriage liturgy. The workshop will take place twice: **Saturday April 28**. St. Bonaventure Church, Calgary, 10 am - 3 pm, and **Saturday May 5**. Our Lady of the Assumption Church (All Saints Parish), Lethbridge, 10 am - 3pm. Register at <http://liturgy.calgarydiocese.ca> If you have any questions, call the Office of Liturgy at 403-218-5524/403-218-5511 or e-mail [liturgy@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:liturgy@calgarydiocese.ca)

## DAY OF COMPASSION

Come celebrate a "Day of Compassion" on **Saturday May 5**, from 9 pm to 3 pm with Fr. Glenn Zimmer, Director of Qu'Appelle House of Prayer. Join in the festivities of this one day event that includes Mass, Presentations on the topic of Compassion and great food prepared by the ladies of St. Stephen's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Calgary. Pope Francis continually invites and urges us to become a source of true mercy and compassion in this world. This day is dedicated to this cause! To register call Nibal at 403-218-5501 or [healthcareprograms@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:healthcareprograms@calgarydiocese.ca)

## **THEOLOGY OF DATING EVENT**

*Theology of Dating: Discerning the Vocation of Marriage* with Fr. Cristino Bouvette & Jocelyn Boissonneault will be held on **May 8**, at 7:15 pm at China Rose, 228-28th Street SE, Calgary. Event is free. Please come early and patronize. Register at <http://www.CatholicSpeedDating.ca> or for more information contact Rose at [rose@catholicsspeeddating.ca](mailto:rose@catholicsspeeddating.ca) or (587)-333-1099.

## **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: **May 28 / June 15-16** and **June 4 / June 23-23**. For more dates, registration or information, contact 403-218-5505 or email: [lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca)

## **PROVIDENCE CRECHE, 75TH ANNIVERSARY**

Providence (formerly known as Providence Creche, and later as Providence Children's Centre) is celebrating its 75th Anniversary this year (Sep. 30). Started as a home for abandoned babies by a group of CWL women in 1943, it grew into an orphanage run for many years by the Sisters of Providence. Over 75 years, Providence has adapted to the changing needs of the community and today operates six preschools and many community programs for young children with disabilities and their families. They would love to hear from anyone who has had a connection to Providence over those 75 years – as a child in care, as a staff member or a volunteer; or if you attended the childcare or other programs offered over the years. Please visit [www.providencechildren.com/75years](http://www.providencechildren.com/75years) to view some rarely seen photos from the Sisters of Providence archives, and to share your story. You can also email or call Sandi at [sjarrett@providencechildren.com](mailto:sjarrett@providencechildren.com) or call 403-255-5577.

## **THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY**

The Bible and the Virgin Mary, unveils the mystery of Our Lady that is woven into the fabric of Sacred Scripture. Do you fully understand the vital role she plays in your life? Can you explain her role in God's plan for the world? While Catholics know that Mary is important, many never fully grasp how essential she really is. This 12 week study begins on Tuesday **May 1st to July 17th** at 7pm (optional Mass at 6:30pm). Location: Our Lady of Fatima Church - 4747 30 St. SE, Calgary. For registration and information contact Linda at 403-289-7124 or call 403-700-7124. Cost is \$20 for the textbook and \$25 for the optional journal.

## **ASCENSION BUILDING FUNDRAISING EVENT**

Come to the Mother's Day fitness class on Saturday May 12th from 2:30 to 4 PM with Zin Selina Cruz at the Notre Dame HS Gymnasium (11900 Country Village Link NE Calgary). For more information call Selina at 403-651-7443. Ticket is \$15. Proceeds go to Ascension Catholic Parish Building Fund.

## **ST. RITA'S, ROCKYFORD PARISH 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Save the date for the Centennial celebration of St. Rita's Parish: Saturday, **June 16** at St. Rita's Parish, Rockyford, 3 pm. Anniversary Mass will be celebrated by Bishop William McGrattan. The dedication of the new Stations of the Cross Anniversary Project in St. Rita's Cemetery, program, banquet, and fellowship will follow at the Rockyford Community Centre. Registration fee: \$20 per individual; \$60 per family. Contact: Patsy Kathol at 403-533-2139 or mailto:[lpkathol@gmail.com](mailto:lpkathol@gmail.com) to register by May 15.

## **CATHOLIC SPEED DATING EVENT**

Visit [www.CatholicSpeedDating.ca](http://www.CatholicSpeedDating.ca) or call Rose 587-333-1099 for more information and to register for our upcoming Events: **Friday, April 20th** Easter Event at St. Paul's Church in Airdrie (Age Range: Women: 24 to 32 & Men: 27 to 35) -&- (Age Range: Women: 33 to 41 & Men: 36 to 44) -&- (Age Range: Women: 45+ & Men: 45+).

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DIOCESE OF CALGARY**

There are employment opportunities available at the Diocese. See [www.calgarydiocese.ca](http://www.calgarydiocese.ca) under Careers.

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