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February 25, 2014

Office of the Archbishop ...



The Catholic Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories have issued a Letter of Invitation to all Catholics in advance of the national Truth and Reconciliation event set for Edmonton March 27-30.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) is working to document the history and the continuing legacy of the Indian Residential Schools in Canada. The schools, which operated for over 120 years, were instituted and funded by the

Federal Government, and administered by Canadian church organizations, most of which were Roman Catholic. In their letter, the seven bishops note that some students benefited from the experience and education they received at these schools, but "others speak of their experience at Residential Schools in terms of pain, suffering, and lengthy alienation from family, local community, language and culture. Some also speak of being subjected to sexual and physical abuse at these schools."

The bishops apologized to those who were hurt, and expressed regret for Catholic participation in government policies that resulted in children being separated from their families, and often suppressed Aboriginal culture and language at the Residential Schools.

"The upcoming TRC Alberta event presents an opportunity for us to listen to the experiences of the Aboriginal students who attended the Residential Schools," the bishops wrote. "This is an important and necessary first step on a long-term journey of moving towards healing and authentic reconciliation."

Archbishop Richard Smith read the letter on behalf of the bishops before students, staff and journalists at Ben Calf Robe-St. Clare School on February 24. He is pictured above chatting with the school's Special Ambassador, Joreal Orr. The full text of the Letter of Invitation is included with this issue, or may be downloaded from the website at http://www.caedm.ca/PastoralScene/entryid/246.aspx.

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Schedules wanted for Lenten Penitentials & Easter Triduum Services

Once again we plan to post a schedule of Lenten penitential services on the archdiocesan website. As these are usually organized by deanery, we would appreciate it if the deans could submit the dates and times for all the services in their deanery. Just send them to <u>communications@caedm.ca</u>.

We will also be posting a schedule of services for Holy Thursday through to Easter Sunday, and we encourage parishes to send along their schedules to the same email address. Thank you in advance for helping our online evangelization efforts!

Alberta Catholic Directory on Sale

We are now taking orders for the beautiful 2014 Alberta Catholic Directory. Please fill out the attached order form and forward to Eileen Stewart at <u>estewart@caedm.ca</u> or mail it with your cheque. *We will ship as soon as payment is received.* If you wish to pay by Visa or MasterCard, just call 780-465-8030. For those who wish to save money by picking your copies up in person, they will be available for pickup from the Western Catholic Reporter office as of Friday, Feb. 28 – but call first so we can prepare your order.

Development...



Living and Giving as a Steward

The spiritual discipline of almsgiving, or sharing with those less fortunate than ourselves, has long been a practice in the Church during Lent. But what should we give? What is God's expectation of us? We have all been called to live a life of stewardship. Stewards recognize that as creator of all things, our generous God shares some of those things with each of us. Stewards recognize that we are the caretakers

of God's gifts. We show our gratitude through our prayers, our work, our financial gifts back to Him, and by the actions we take using our talents. We share out of love for God and for one another, by giving something back.



Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations...

Is Anything Sacred? Religion in a Secular Society

How do the symbols, beliefs, and practices of religion exist and function in a secular society? When our public spaces have been essentially emptied of God, and the presumption and practice of "unbelief" has become dominant in our culture, what can still be considered sacred? Is anything sacred? Is nothing sacred? Join the Edmonton Interfaith Centre & the Chester Ronning Centre for an evening of dialogue on this timely topic. Our presenters are Salima Versi, Father Stefano Penna and Martin Tweedale. The event is set for **Thursday, March 6**, at 6-9 p.m. at Ashbourne Center 11148 – 84 Avenue, Edmonton. Light refreshments will be served; cover charge is \$5.00. RSVP to 780–413–6159 or <u>intfaith@shaw.ca</u>.

See the poster included with this issue.

Evangelization and Catechesis ...

Sacramental Education Initiative

This year, 10 parishes along with some or all of their associated schools are participating in the pilot year for the Sacramental Education Initiative (SEI) in the Archdiocese. We are thankful to the priests, parish staff, and Catholic educators who are piloting this initiative. We are grateful for their collaboration and dedication to helping prepare children better for the sacraments. Please pray for these pilot groups as they work together to support children in their faith journey.

Meet one of the pilot groups

St. Maria Goretti Parish not only serves the Catholic community in Devon but is also the administration centre for St. Margaret Mary in Calmar and Our Lady of Victory in Thorsby. Rev. James Bodula is the pastor.

There is one Catholic school from the Evergreen Catholic School Division associated with this parish and participating in the SEI project. Holy Spirit Catholic School serves kindergarten to Grade 8 students. Students who wish to continue their Catholic education experience drive to Spruce Grove every day to attend St. Peter the Apostle Catholic High School.

St. Maria Goretti pilot group is building a parish website with the help of students from St. Peter the Apostle. These students have volunteered to help build the website and teach the parish how to maintain it. St. Maria Goretti pilot group is also working together to utilize communication between the parish and the school. For example, sacramental registration forms are sent directly to the students at the school. Please continue to pray for St. Maria Goretti pilot group.

Visit the brand new website for St. Maria Goretti: <u>www.smgparish.ca</u> Holy Spirit Catholic School: <u>http://www.hscs.ca</u>

Read the article in the Western Catholic Reporter, "Tech savvy students design website for St. Maria Goretti" at <u>http://www.wcr.ab.ca/ThisWeek/Stories/tabid/61/entryid/5020/Default.aspx</u>

For more information on the Sacramental Education Initiative, visit the archdiocesan website at <u>http://www.caedm.ca/SacramentalEducation</u>.



Beauty of Stewardship

March 2 – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel Jesus gives us three lessons for life; we can't serve both money and God; we are not to worry; and we must strive first for the kingdom. The kingdom is where our faith and our finances work together, they are one. Because we do not serve two masters, we steward our wealth in a manner that ensures that all have enough. The kingdom is where we believe, and trust that God provides for all our needs. It is here and now, in this place, where we recognise the abundant blessings God makes available to us. We encounter a life where we no longer worry about having enough. Good stewards cannot be drawn into the relentless pursuit of more and more material possessions through want or envy because this quest never really satisfies.

Courtesy of Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg

March 9 – First Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel Jesus was tempted to stray from the path the Father had set for him. What temptations lure you from the path of discipleship? There is so much in our materialistic society to tempt us. The beauty of stewardship as a way of life is that it enables the Christian steward to resist the enticement of excessive consumerism and materialism. Stewardship inspires us to discern between needs and wants and brings a measure of balance to our lives. Stewardship provides the necessary discipline needed to live in a consumer culture yet not be consumed by it. This Lenten season let us pray that we may live a lifestyle in which we possess sensibly. Courtesy of Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg

Human Resources ...

Career Opportunities

Office and Financial Administrator

St. Joseph's Basilica Parish is seeking an office and financial administrator to assist the rector in the administration of the office, in the accounting functions of the parish, and in the facility operations of the parish. The position requires strong interpersonal, conflict resolution, communication and problem-solving skills; considerable knowledge of the principles and practices governing a Catholic environment, and the application of these at the parish and at the diocesan level. Some post-secondary education in Business Administration, Accounting or related field. For the full job posting, visit www.caedm.ca/careers. Submit your resume with references by March 15 to info@stjosephbasilica.com.

Newman Theologícal College ...

Online Faith Formation Courses

Registration is now open for the next cycle of online faith formation courses offered by Newman Theological College, running from **March 31 to May 4**. Choose from Catholicism, Prayer, Catechesis, Church History or The Practice of Youth Ministry, and study from the comfort of home around your personal schedule. Each course runs five weeks and costs just \$70. Take an individual course for interest, or work toward one of six specialized Certificates in Catholic Studies. Students are free to take as few as one course per cycle or many. For more information or to register, visit <u>www.newman.edu</u>.

Please share the posters included with this issue.



Social Justice ...

Truth and Reconciliation Sunday

Sunday, March 2, is Truth and Reconciliation Sunday in the Archdiocese of Edmonton. A resource package to use on this Sunday has been emailed to pastors; if you have not received yours, contact Bob McKeon at the Office for Social Justice, 780-469-1010, <u>sjustice@caedm.ca</u>.

Truth and Reconciliation Information Session (note correction to afternoon, not evening)

Annunciation Parish is pleased to present an afternoon information session on the upcoming Truth and Reconciliation event. Learn about the legacy of Indian Residential Schools and the journey to reconciliation and healing. Speakers are Bob McKeon of the Office for Social Justice and Mary Matchee, Director of Aboriginal Services at Catholic Social Services. Everyone is welcome! Join us on **Sunday, March 9**, from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Annunciation Parish, 9420 – 163 St. (south side entrance).

Hear firsthand about Syrian crisis

Dr. Rita Rhayem is on the frontlines of the Syrian crisis. As head of the health department at Caritas Lebanon, she is organizing care relief services to respond to growing needs. Lebanon has absorbed one million Syrians who have fled the ongoing conflict in their country. Come hear Dr. Rhayem speak about the realities on the ground and how Canadian support is making a difference. Development and Peace is pleased to present three opportunities to hear this compelling visitor:

Wednesday, March 5, 12 noon – 2 p.m. Pastoral and Administrative Offices, 8421 - 101 Avenue, lunch will be served

Thursday, March 6, 7-9 p.m. Pastoral and Administrative Offices, 8421 - 101 Avenue

Friday, March 7, 5:45 – 7:30 p.m. "Soup and Bun Dinner" at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Sherwood Park All are welcome!

Vocations...

Creating a Culture of Vocations (One Minute at a Time)

"It is necessary to understand and embrace ministry among our youth as a normal and basic means of creating a 'vocations culture.'" (Archbishop Smith-*Pastoral Priorities of the Archdiocese of Edmonton*) Amen! Amen! Embrace youth ministry today!!

Why is youth ministry important and essential to building a culture of vocations (service)? If young people do not encounter Christ, fall in love with Him, and commit themselves to him, there will be no Church in the future. Just as much as there will be no families and children if young people do not fall in love and marry. It is that important!

Young people will naturally fall in love with Jesus if they are only given the opportunity! But as we all know with dating, just falling love is not enough. A real relationship needs to form. Today, let us each commit ourselves to the task of helping our young people to really get to know Christ.



Let Us Remember ...

... in prayer, our priests who have died during the month of March:

Name Most Rev. Anthony JORDAN, OMI Most Rev. Henry Joseph O'LEARY Rev. Thaddeus RATAJ Rev. M. Gerard DOYLE Rev. Michael C. HEFFERNAN Most Rev. Emile LEGAL, OMI Rev. Gordon ROEBUCK Rev. Paul J. CONNELLY Rev. Ernest R. DORAIS Rev. Joseph Owen SULLIVAN Rev. Hippolyte BEILLEVAIRE Rt. Rev. Emile TESSIER Rev. Victor PERRON	Date of Death Mar. 4, 1982 Mar. 5, 1938 Mar. 5, 1938 Mar. 9, 1977 Mar. 9, 1977 Mar. 9, 1989 Mar. 10, 1920 Mar. 10, 2006 Mar. 10, 2006 Mar. 14, 1988 Mar. 16, 1908 Mar. 17, 1967 Mar. 18, 1937 Mar. 19, 1964 Mar. 19, 2013
Rev. Victor PERRON Rev. Michael Philip ROONEY Rev. Cornelius LANDRIGAN	Mar. 19, 2013 Mar. 21, 1953 Mar. 22, 2000

Parish & Community News...

Celebrate with St. Matthew's CWL

St. Matthew's CWL will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of our council on **Sunday, April 27**, with Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Matthew's Parish, 13131 – 86 Street, Edmonton. A luncheon follows at Victoria Soccer Club at 1:30 p.m. We invite all past and present CWL members to attend. Luncheon tickets are \$25 per person; kindly RSVP by **March 15**. For more information, call Patti at 780-641-3086 or Marie at 780-475-5134.

Deepen your experience of Lent

Every Friday during Lent (starting on March 7) everyone is welcome to gather at Holy Trinity Parish in Spruce Grove at 6 p.m. for Stations of the Cross, Mass, supper (vegetarian soup and buns) and a DVD study by Fr. Robert Barron on "Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues." Free will donations go to charities. Childcare is available.

50th Anniversary of Ordination

You are all invited to a celebration of Father Ray Guimond's 50 years as a priest. Join us on **Friday, June 22**, at St. Andrew's Parish, 12810 - 111 Avenue, Edmonton, for 4 p.m. Mass of Thanksgiving followed by a banquet at the Italian Cultural Center at 6 p.m. For banquet tickets, contact Marvic at 780-444-4239 or <u>marvicv@shaw.ca</u>.



Upcoming at Providence Renewal Centre

Weekend Lenten Retreat: Preparing for Easter through Icons Friday, March 21-Sunday, March 23

This Lent we invite you to journey through Jesus' passion, crucifixion, death, and resurrection through iconography – theology in color! Led by Bishop David Motiuk of the Ukrainian Eparchy of Edmonton, we will reflect on the icons of the Transfiguration of Our Lord and of His Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday; the icons of the Last Supper and of the Crucifixion, finally arriving at the life-giving icon of the Feasts of Feasts, the Resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Time for prayer, reflection, small group sharing, the celebration of the Divine Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be included. We will also spend time in prayer and reflection before a Vatican-authorized copy of the Shroud of Turin, a special gift of the Archbishop of Turin to the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Alberta. Register online at www.providencerenewal.ca or call 780-701-1854.

St. John of the Cross: It's All About Love Lenten Day Away Thursday, March 13

What is your image of John of the Cross? Many people think of the Dark Night of the Soul and associate him with darkness, gloom, and the cross. There was another aspect to him, which was all about love. Join Rita Sandmaier on this day and explore your image of this amazing saint. Let his passion inspire and surprise you and his spirituality move you to pray and draw you closer to the God who calls us all. On this Lenten day away we will take time to meditate with John of the Cross as our guide and discover the deep spirituality behind his writings.

Register online at <u>www.providencerenewal.ca</u> or call 780-701-1854.

First Friday Vigil

Join Ephphatha Prayer and Retreat Centre for our First Friday Vigil on March 7. Hours of prayer begin with the Holy Rosary at 7 p.m. followed by Mass for the Sacred Heart of Jesus with celebrant Father John Hesse. The Vigil will include all four Rosaries and Stations of the Cross. Please join us for the midnight finger food. The Vigil will end on Saturday morning, March 8, at 2:30 a.m. with Mass for the Immaculate Heart of Mary followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet. For more information, call 780-963-0896 or email <u>amwcanada@gmail.com</u>.



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Letter of Invitation

Dear Catholic Faithful,

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) is coming to Alberta from March 27-30, 2014 at the Shaw Conference Centre in Edmonton. This will be the last of the seven national TRC events that have been taking place across Canada over the past four years. The Edmonton national gathering, together with the preparation leading to it, represents an important historical moment for First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples, and for everyone who calls Alberta home.

We encourage you to learn more about this historic event, and to become directly involved through attendance, volunteering and praying for its success.

The TRC is working to document the history and the continuing legacy of the Indian Residential Schools in Canada. The schools, which operated for over 120 years, were instituted and funded by the Federal Government, and administered by Canadian church organizations. The majority of these schools in Canada and Alberta were administered by Roman Catholic dioceses and religious congregations.

Those who attended the Residential Schools often had to leave home at a young age. We recognize that there were students who benefited from the experience and education they received at these schools. At the same time, we acknowledge with deep pain that others speak of their experience at Residential Schools in terms of pain, suffering, and lengthy alienation from family, local community, language and culture. Some also speak of being subjected to sexual and physical abuse at these schools.

In 2009, at a meeting with Canadian Aboriginal leaders and Canadian church leaders at the Vatican, Pope Benedict XVI expressed his sorrow at the anguish caused by the deplorable conduct of some members of the Church and offered his sympathy and prayerful solidarity with those who were negatively affected by their attendance at the Residential Schools.

We are adding our voice to those of the Catholic bishops and leaders of religious communities across Canada who have already expressed words of apology and regret. We, the Catholic Bishops of Alberta and Northwest Territories, apologize to those who experienced sexual and physical abuse in Residential Schools under Catholic administration. We also express our apology and regret for Catholic participation in government policies that resulted in children being separated from their families, and often suppressed Aboriginal culture and language at the Residential Schools.

It is also important to embrace with understanding and compassion the many sisters, brothers and priests who, out of love, gave themselves entirely for the service of the children entrusted to their care in these schools, and sought only to do good under difficult conditions. Horrified and heartbroken at the suffering inflicted on children by some of their colleagues, they, too, are suffering. Together with the bishops of our country, they have expressed their commitment to healing and reconciliation.

The upcoming TRC Alberta event presents an opportunity for us to listen to the experiences of the Aboriginal students who attended the Residential Schools. This is an important and necessary first step on a long-term journey of moving towards healing and authentic reconciliation.

At each TRC National Event, one of the seven Aboriginal Sacred Teachings is chosen as an overall theme. Wisdom is the theme for the Edmonton event. This theme helps to provide an opportunity for us to learn about wisdom from the Aboriginal spiritual traditions during the event.

The recent canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha has helped us to recognize how God has manifested abundant blessings and holiness through the life of this extraordinary Aboriginal woman. This special historic moment in the life of the North American Church encourages all Catholics to discover the ways that God is speaking to us today through the gifts of Aboriginal culture and spirituality. We commit ourselves to work in the Catholic community and the wider society to challenge attitudes of racism and prejudice that continue to exist in Alberta and Canada today. Aboriginal communities still face many serious issues that go beyond what will be addressed at the TRC, including land, treaty rights, education, health care, housing, jobs, and environmental threats. We will continue to find ways for Catholics together with other concerned Canadians to support more effectively Aboriginal peoples in their ongoing struggles to achieve justice and equity in Canadian society.

We invite you to attend all or part of the Edmonton TRC event, either in person or at <u>www.trc.ca</u>. Volunteer if you can. We ask that you pray personally and publicly in your parishes for the success of this event, and for progress in the long-term journey of healing and reconciliation. May St. Kateri guide us and strengthen us to be faithful in this important work.

Catholic Bishops of Alberta and NWT

Most Reverend Richard W. Smith Archbishop of Edmonton

Most Reverend Gregory J. Bittman Auxiliary Bishop of Edmonton

Most Reverend David Motiuk Bishop of the Ukrainian Eparchy of Edmonton

Most Reverend Paul Terrio Bishop of St. Paul

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IS ANYTHING SACRED? RELIGION IN A SECULAR SOCIETY

Thursday, March 6 Ashbourne Center 6:00 – 9:00 PM 11148 – 84 Ave.

How do the symbols, beliefs, and practices of religion exist and function in a secular society? When our public spaces have been essentially emptied of God, and the presumption and practice of "unbelief" has become dominant in our economic, political, cultural, educational, professional, even recreational spheres, what can still be considered sacred? Is anything sacred? Is nothing sacred?

Join the Edmonton Interfaith Centre & the Chester Ronning Centre for an evening of dialogue on this timely topic. Listen to three different views and join in on the discussion.

Presenters:	Salima Versi
	Father Stefano Penna
	Martin Tweedale

Animator: David Goa

Light refreshments will be served, **couvert \$5.00**.

Please rsvp to 780-413-6159 or intfaith@shaw.ca

There is an entrance at the back door in the lane and some free parking available, plus paid parking in the Tim Horton's lot across the lane behind us and across 84 Avenue in a university lot, entrance through the front doors as well.

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CCS-005 PRAYER

The course will survey prayer as essential to the lives of Christian people, as individuals, and within the community of faith. Participants will explore the qualities, forms and expressions of prayer.

CCS-006 CATECHESIS

The course will consider the ministry of catechesis within the context of the Church's mission to evangelize. The General Directory for Catechesis will be used to present the purpose, tasks, and content of catechesis, methodologies for various age groups, the influence of the baptismal catechumenate on the catechetical process, and the importance of the catechist's vocation.

CCS-011 CHURCH HISTORY I

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