



Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre for September 12th 2010,
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Social Justice

All Roads Lead Home Program and NeighbourLink is presenting an awareness evening about **Life on the Streets in Calgary**. Participants will play the “Game of Life”, where they will experience the daily challenges and obstacles of persons living on the streets of Calgary. The event is part of Calgary’s 14th Annual Homeless Awareness Week from September 19-25, 2010. **The event will be held on Tuesday September 21st from 7pm to 8:30pm at NeighbourLink 3751-21 Street N.E.** For more information, contact Sharon Evans at 403-538-7301 or e-mail at sevans.nbl@storehouse39.ca. Space is limited.

Pakistan Relief. The Diocese is accepting financial donations. You may contribute by cheque payable either to your Parish, earmarked “D and P Pakistan Relief” (tax receipts will be issued by the parish) or to the “R.C. Diocese of Calgary”, earmarked “D and P Pakistan Relief” (tax receipts will be issued by the Diocese). All donations will be forwarded to Development and Peace. The Government will match contributions **until September 12th**. For more information, contact the Social Justice Office at 403-218-5519.

Acadia Place: A Place to Call Home. The Social Justice Office and the Diocesan Affordable Housing Committee are working with KAIROS Calgary to sponsor an affordable housing complex for low income families. **The project will kick-off with the building of the Acadia Place Playground on September 16th.** Volunteers are needed to help with hands-on-work, serving food, and with registration. No building experience is required. Contact the Social Justice Office at 403-218-5519 if interested.

The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace is having a FALL ACTION Workshop: WATER FOR ALL, Let Justice Flow! Saturday October 2, 2010 at St. Paul’s Catholic Church, 1305 Main Street, Airdrie from 10:00am to 3:00pm. No cost and lunch will be provided. To register call Cherie Pulver at 403-590-0385 or e-mail at capulver@shaw.ca by September 25, 2010.

Religious Education

The Diocesan Catechetical Certificate Program will be offering *Level I*, of its three level program, starting on Saturday **September 18th** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre. Each level has seven Saturday morning sessions. The program is designed to give lay people the necessary Catechetical background to feel more confident in the following areas of parish ministry: Sacramental Preparation, R.C.I.A., Youth Ministry and Parish based Catechesis. The program is an excellent opportunity for faith enrichment and updating oneself on the Catholic faith including Scripture, Sacraments, Liturgy, Prayer, Social Justice, Vatican II and more. For more information and registration call the Religious Ed. Office at: 403-218-5501.

In recognition of students who have celebrated one or more of their sacraments during the 2009-2010 school year and in thanksgiving for **125 years of Catholic Education in Calgary and surrounding area**, the Calgary Catholic School District and Bishop Frederick Henry would like to invite school-aged children and their parents to attend one of the following **Sacramental Recognition Celebrations; September 15:** St. Albert the Great Parish, **September 16:** St. Luke’s Parish, **September 21:** St. Thomas More Parish and **September 29:** Holy Spirit Parish. **All celebrations begin at 7:00 p.m.** For more information please call 403-218-5501.

Life and Family Resource Centre

Transitions, is a 15-week program for newly separated/divorced Catholics. The group meets once a week for 2 hours in the evening. The fall sessions will be at the Catholic Pastoral Centre in the SW, starting Tuesday September 21. Contact: e-mail: lfrcast@rcdiocese-calgary.ab.ca or call 403-218-5505 for information & or registration.

ENDOW is a Catholic organization that offers a variety of 8-week studies to help women learn more about their faith and their dignity as women in an atmosphere of fun and friendship. A training workshop for all women interested in starting groups in their parishes will be held Saturday, September 18th from 10 am to 4 pm at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 120 – 17th Ave. SW, Calgary. Cost is \$45; lunch will be provided. To register or for more information about ENDOW classes in your area, please contact Marianne Divjak at 403-270-2202, or email EndowCanada@shaw.ca. ENDOW is sponsored by the Life & Family Resource Centre.

Effective Co-Parenting: Putting Kids First is a parent education program that will give information about the needs of parents, children & families coping with separation and divorce. This program will be held on five Thursday evenings beginning Oct 7 at 120 – 17 Avenue SW, Calgary. For more information or registration contact the Life & Family Resource Centre at 403-218-5504.

Stress in Your Marriage? Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the Fall program begins on Oct. 1-3, 2010, please call 403-218-5505 or **Check our web:** www.helpourmarriagecalgary.com

Health Care Apostolate

Diocesan Pastoral Care Course will be held six Tuesday evenings from **September 21 to October 26, 2010 from 6:30 pm to 9:30pm.** at the FCJ Christian Life Centre. To register call: 403-218-5501.

Understanding the Gift of Palliative Care. Twilight Retreat ~ Sacred Heart Parish Calgary October 14th, 2010 Session 6:30 – 9:00pm Presenter: Dr. Eric Wasylenko. Registration or further information please call: Janice Fraser @ 403 244 – 2741, #234 or Sacredheartoutreach@shaw.ca

Youth Ministry

The Diocesan Youth Retreat Team is now hiring for the 2010/2011 year. If you are between the ages of 17-35 & would be interested in working with youth in a retreat setting you are welcome to contact Mary Ann Donaleshen at 403-218-5516 or email youthdirector@rcdiocese-calgary.ab.ca for further information. Hours are some evenings & weekends with flexibility.

Father Lacombe Care Centre

Father Lacombe Care Centre will be hosting the **6th Annual Outdoor Mass** with Bishop Frederick Henry presiding on Sunday, **September 12, 2010** at 11am. Mass will be held on the beautiful park setting grounds of the Care Centre over looking Fish Creek Park. Free Parking Available. Father Lacombe Care Centre 332 – 146th Avenue S.E., Calgary, AB East of St. Mary's University College on Bannister Road

St. Mary's Cathedral

Calling all Emergency Service families and supporters: Police, Fire, and EMS. **The Annual St. Michael's Day Mass** on the Feast of the Archangels will take place on Wednesday, September 29th 2010 at St. Mary's Cathedral, 219 – 18th Avenue SW, Calgary at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. A reception will follow. For more information please call Jim at 403-561-9258

St. Bonaventure

Planning Your Family with God: A Weekend Parish Mission on Natural Family Planning at St. Bonaventure. Preacher: Fr. Daniel McCaffrey of the NFP Mission Outreach, Oklahoma City, USA
Join us at any Mass on October 2nd or 3rd and listen to Father McCaffrey preach on the effectiveness and goodness of Natural Family Planning and the problems with contraception and sterilization. **Mass Times are Saturday, October 2 at 5:00pm. Sunday, October 3 at 7:45 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12 noon and 7:30pm.** For more information and Mass times visit: www.stbonaventureparish.ca