



Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre for October 10th 2010,
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Charities

Bishop's Dinner tickets still available! - Join us in celebrating and honouring The Grey Nuns, Faithful Companions of Jesus and The Sisters of Providence. **Thursday, October 21, 2010** Commonwealth Hall 6:30 PM. Call 403-218-5531 or 403-218-5534

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 Donalessen at 403-218-5516 or email youthdirector@rcdiocese-calgary.ab.ca for further information. Hours are some evenings & weekends with flexibility.

FACE TO FACE RETREAT

The youth (grade 7-12) are invited to attend a Face to Face Retreat at St. Patrick's on the weekend of **October 23 & 24**. Ken Yasinski will be the speaker, engaging our youth to experience their faith at a deeper level of what it means to be Catholic. The youth will experience Reconciliation, Adoration and, the Mass. This is a very powerful and high energy retreat that the youth will never forget. Parents are welcome to attend as chaperones and to help with the retreat. To register contact Sharon Riendeau at 256-7671 or email sriendeau@telus.net.

Religious Education Secretariat

On **Sunday November 7th** Catholics in Alberta will once again celebrate **Catholic Education Sunday**, a time to stop and think about the gift that Catholic Education is to our entire Catholic Community of Faith. In the past, Catholic Schools have tried to make up for a shortfall of funds through various means of fund-raising including bingo and gambling. Having recognized the dire social effects gambling can have on people and society with addiction, poverty and false hopes; we have come to discern that we are called to be part of the solution, not the problem. Thus, we face the challenge to come up with extra funds in ways that are more in keeping with who we are as Catholic Christians. To this end, Bishop Henry has invited all parishes within our diocese to participate in an annual fund-raising on Catholic Education Sunday. Each parish will be asked to have a **second collection** at their weekend Masses with the proceeds being designated as follows: 80% of the funds will go to the local Catholic School District, 10% to St. Mary's University College in Calgary and 10% to Newman Theological College, Edmonton. Thank you for your support and God bless you for your generosity in helping to sustain Catholic Education in our province!

Social Justice

Pakistan Relief - The Diocese is accepting financial donations for Pakistan Relief. You may contribute **either** (the preferred way) cheques to be made payable to your parish, earmarked "D&P Pakistan Relief" (tax receipts will be issued by the parishes), **or** cheques made payable to the "R.C. Diocese of Calgary", earmarked "D&P Pakistan Relief" (tax receipts will be issued by the Diocese). All donations will be forwarded to Development & Peace. For more information, contact the Social Justice Office at 403-218-5519.

Western Conference for Social Justice on the Environment - Come and learn about Catholic Social Teaching and the Environment. Listen to various speakers such as **Sr. Joyce Murray CSJ**, a Canadian Religious Conference Justice and Peace Fieldworker, **Francois Poitras**, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops Justice and Peace Director, **Andrew Nikiforuk**, a Calgary-based author and journalist on Alberta's Tar Sands, **Don Dale**, the KAIROS Canada Prairie Region Representative, and **Sara Michel**, the Development and Peace Regional Animator for Alberta and Mackenzie-Fort Smith.

They will discuss current environmental issues and justice initiatives. **It is being held at the FCJ Centre in Calgary on Saturday November 6, 2010 from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Registration cost is \$50.00, including lunch and snacks throughout the day.** For more information, contact the Social Justice Office at 403-218-5519.

Life and Family Resource Centre

The **12th Annual “A Song for Rachel” Concert!** This concert is an exciting fundraising family event that will take place on Friday, **October 22nd at 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke’s Parish**, 1566 Northmount Drive NW, in Calgary. Tickets: suggested donation is \$10/person and \$25/immediate family. For more information or tickets please contact the Life & Family Resource Centre at 403-218-5505.

Endow Catholic Women's Luncheon; Friday, October 29 at the Calgary Golf and Country Club with Guest Speaker: Fr. Jerome Lavigne. Topic: Grounded in Love
Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; Tickets: \$25.00 ; Dress code: No denim
Contact: Marianne 403-270-2202 or EndowCanada@shaw.ca by Friday, October 22nd

The **Calgary Block Parent Association** needs volunteer Block Parents. For information call the Block Parent Association Office at 403-269-6360 or Spokesperson Michelle at 403-714-6395

Catholic Engaged Encounter- A non-residential, diocesan approved marriage preparation program as an alternate (or in addition) to the parish based marriage preparation programs. Catholic Engaged Encounter will be offered: **November 6&7, 2010, February 5&6, 2011, April 9&10, 2011, and May 21&22, 2011.**
For registration or inquiries call 403-240-0103, or you can visit the website at: www.ceewest.com

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. You may attend this program individually or as a couple if appropriate. For more information or registration contact the Life & Family Resource Centre at 403-218-5504.

Health Care Apostolate

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

St. Stephen’s Ukrainian Catholic Church

MARIAN HEALING SERVICE: All are invited to a Healing Service with Prayer for the intercession of the Mother of God at: St. Stephen Protomartyr Ukrainian Catholic Church 4903 – 45 St S.W. Calgary on **Saturday, October 16th**, at 9:00 am. Confession and personal prayers at 8:30 am followed by the Divine Liturgy at 9:00 AM.

St. Albert the Great Church, Calgary

Career Opportunity: Applications are now being accepted for the position of Youth Coordinator at St. Albert the Great Parish. This position requires someone with a passion for youth ministry. Please drop your resume off at the parish office or fax it to: 403-257-6072 – Attention: Father Kevin.