



# Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre for December 12th 2010,  
the Third Sunday of Advent

## **Social Justice**

St. Vincent De Paul is running their **Christmas Campaign** to provide Christmas Hampers and Gifts for families who are in need. Please contact the St. Vincent de Paul Conference at your local Parish if you would like to provide food items, gifts, and financial support, or if you would like to assist with packing and delivering.

**Chalice** - A Catholic Child Sponsorship Program with a mission to share Christ with those in need. During this Advent Season, consider making a difference in the life of a child by choosing to become a sponsor. Chalice is rooted in Catholic Social Teaching and looks to affirm the dignity of every child. Currently, Chalice has 44, 000 sponsored children in 15 countries. For more information, please call Chalice at 1-800-776-6855 or visit their website at [www.chalice.ca](http://www.chalice.ca).

### **Christian mentoring of former prisoners - Let's Journey Together Program**

ARE YOU CALLED OF GOD TO MINISTER TO EX-OFFENDERS? If so, this is your opportunity. Let's Journey Together (LJT), an ecumenical prisoner aftercare and reintegration program, provides training and facilitation to men and women who are willing to mentor ex-prisoners in their local area. After training, mentors are responsible for providing support, encouragement and guidance to ex-offenders participating in the program by meeting with them regularly to listen and to share their compassion, knowledge and experience. The mentor also introduces the participant to members of the community and assists them in becoming involved with the community. If you are interested in or have questions about this important ministry, please contact Deacon Gary Haney, program coordinator at 403-923-4279 or email: [gnhaney@telus.net](mailto:gnhaney@telus.net).

"Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

Social Justice Office is looking for volunteers who have an interest in Social Justice Issues and Catholic Social Teaching. Volunteers are needed to assist in the office with filing, organizing, typing, making phone calls, designing brochures, assisting with workshops and other tasks related to this ministry. Call the Social Justice Office for further details: 403-218-5519 or email: [socialj@rcdiocese-calgary.ab.ca](mailto:socialj@rcdiocese-calgary.ab.ca)

## **Library & Archives**

Our short **Library Survey** is still available on the Library website at <http://rcdc.kohalibrary.com>  
Please click on the link there and give us your ideas. The survey will be open until **December 31st**  
Thank you for helping us out!

## **Life and Family Resource Centre**

Suffering distress from a past abortion experience? **Project Rachel** offers a journey of healing and reconciliation. For more information call Project Rachel at 218-5506 or toll-free 1-877-597- 3223

**Transitions**, is a 15-week program for newly separated/divorced Catholics. The group meets once a week for 2 hours in the evening. The winter sessions will start in January 24 at St. Luke's or Jan 25, 2011 at the Catholic Pastoral Centre. Contact: e-mail: [lfrcast@rcdiocese-calgary.ab.ca](mailto:lfrcast@rcdiocese-calgary.ab.ca) or call 403-218-5505 for information & or registration.

**A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages** So many couples struggle alone and confused with their difficulties. Retrouvaille offers those in troubled and painful marriages the chance to rediscover themselves, their spouse,

and a loving relationship in their marriage. You are NOT alone. Check the web [www.helpourmarriagecalgary.com](http://www.helpourmarriagecalgary.com)

**ENDOW** is calling all women! Join us for a weekend of faith, fun, and friendship as we gather together at St. Luke's Parish on March 4-5, 2011 for the ENDOW Catholic Women's Conference, "The Heart of the Matter: Created in Dignity." Mark your Calendar. Bishop Henry is the keynote speaker.

**For a complete listing of Life & Family ministries, programs and events please check our website at [www.rcdiocese-calgary.ab.ca](http://www.rcdiocese-calgary.ab.ca). Scroll down to Offices, click on "Diocesan Offices", find and click on "Life and Family Resource Centre", or call 403-218-5505 for more information.**

### **St. Bonaventure Parish, Calgary**

You are cordially invited to attend the **St. Bonaventure Parish Mission** with Father Larre, from **Saturday December 11 to Thursday December 16<sup>th</sup>** at St. Bonaventure Parish (1600 Acadia Drive SE, Calgary). Father Larre will speak at all Saturday & Sunday masses on the weekend of December 12<sup>th</sup> to introduce the Mission. Then he will give one hour Mission talks each day, Monday to Thursday 9.30am and the same talk in the evenings at 7:30p.m. There will also be Masses each day at 9:00a.m and 7:00p.m. Admission is free. For more information please check [www.fatherlarre.com](http://www.fatherlarre.com)

### **Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre**

**A Greccio Christmas Pageant** The Friars of Mount St. Francis in Cochrane will be celebrating St. Francis' inauguration of the first Christmas Crib in Greccio Italy in 1222. Everyone is welcome to this outdoor event. A bus will leave from St. Luke's Church at 6:15pm on **Tuesday Dec 14<sup>th</sup>** to assist those who don't want to drive. Tickets for the bus are \$10 each and can be obtained from Patrick Coffey at 403-281-6025 or Jeanne Lethangue at 403-281-3432. This is a beautiful preparation for our Christmas worship.

### **St. Joseph's College, University of Alberta**



St. Joseph's College Residence ([www.stjosephscollege.ca](http://www.stjosephscollege.ca)) is a Catholic residence for undergraduate men at the University of Alberta campus. The residence is a small, close-knit community at the centre of the University of Alberta campus. For more information contact: Fr. Glenn McDonald: (780) 492-7681. ext, 248 or [sjgres@ualberta.ca](mailto:sjgres@ualberta.ca).

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