



Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre for December 19th, the Fourth Sunday in Advent and the Christmas Season

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 winter sessions will start in late January. Contact: e-mail: lfrcast@rcdiocese-calgary.ab.ca or call 403-218-5505 for information & or registration.

You can help marriages stay together! **Retrouvaille** means 'rediscover' first love, and **discover** there are practical tools every couple can learn to bring intimate communication to their relationship. Next program begins February 11-13, 2011. Pick up a brochure at the back of the church and bring new hope to a family. **Check the web:** www.helpourmarriagecalgary.com

Serena is a method of Natural Family Planning that teaches couples to understand their fertility. If you are interested in learning this, need a refresher in the method, or currently use it and want to teach others the beauty in this way of life please contact Larry and Marcia Lehew at 403-251-0463.

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." Guest speakers include keynote speaker Bishop Frederick Henry, Sr. Prudence Allen, RSM, Dr. Renata Furst. For more information, or to register, go to www.endowonline.com or contact Marianne Divjak at 403-993-3133. Sponsored by the Life & Family Resource Centre of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary.

For a complete listing of Life & Family ministries, programs and events please check our website at 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.

Social Justice

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

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.

Prison Ministry - The RC Diocese of Calgary Prison Ministry committee is currently looking for volunteers. We currently require a parish formation coordinator, Bible study facilitator for Calgary Correctional Center on Wednesday nights, a graphic designer for our poster, brochure, logos and website, and aftercare prisoner mentors. For position descriptions or more information, visit our web site at www.prisonministry-rcdiocese-calgary.com or contact Deacon Gary Haney at 403-923-4279, or email: gnhaney@telus.net

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

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!

St. Mary's University College

St. Mary's University College invites you to experience the benefits of biblical interpretation according to Vatican II by taking *Theology 201: Reading Biblical Texts: Meanings in the Judeo-Christian*. Learn how the Bible shaped and infused the everyday lives of its original authors and audiences and discover how it can still be an animating and enriching force in our lives today.

Your guide for this exciting adventure will be Professor Michael W. Duggan, CWL Chair for Catholic Studies, a notable scripture scholar, an engaging and stimulating teacher, and author of the internationally respected text: *The Consuming Fire: A Christian Guide to the Old Testament*. He will personally lead you in exploring the Ancient World and interpreting the Bible in its original setting, examining the origins of the religion of ancient Israel, the emergence of Judaism and the genesis of Christianity.

Join us on Tuesday evenings: 7-9:30 pm from January 6 - April 12, 2011

Course Fees: Credit \$664 or Audit \$300

Registration Fee (first time only) \$50

Register at: 403-531-9130

St. Joseph's College, University of Alberta



St. Joseph's College Residence (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.

For more information email library@rcdiocese-calgary.ab.ca

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