



Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre

For April 2nd, 2017 | 5th Sunday of Lent

YOUTH RALLY 2017

The Youth Office invites all youth ages 12 - 18 to participate in this year's Youth Rally on April 22, 2017, St. James Parish in Okotoks. Come and join Michael Chiasson, Fr. Daniel Gurnick OFM and the Panic Squad for a day filled with music, awesome talks and great fun. For more information and to register please visit: www.theyellowtree.ca or ask your Youth Group Coordinator or your Parish Priest.

Youth Rally Volunteers Needed: Volunteers for this year's Youth Rally are needed. If you are over 18 years of age and screened through your parish or the diocese, please consider volunteering on April 22nd at St. James Parish in Okotoks. Please contact Harriett in the Youth Office at 403-218-5507 or harriett.cariaga@calgarydiocese.ca

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE RETREAT AND ASSEMBLY

The woman Christ meets at the well is excluded from her community and lives her life on the margins. Too often, many people are excluded and unable to have a voice in political processes. Participation is an important teaching in Catholic Social Thought. Development and Peace has been working with the Congolese Catholic Church to encourage citizen participation and ensure a fair electoral process since the first democratic elections in the DRC in 2006. Go online to <http://www.devp.org/en/50years> to find out more or join us for the 2017 Development & Peace Retreat and Assembly on April 28-30, 2017 at the FCJ Centre, 219, 19 Avenue SW, Calgary. Bishop McGrattan will give the opening address. Other speakers include Dr. Peter Baltutis, St. Mary's University and Lance Dixon, CCSD. To register, contact marilou.legeyt@calgarydiocese.ca.

PLANNED GIVING SEMINAR INVITATION

You are invited to learn how to minimize the impact the Canada Revenue Agency has on your family's net worth. You are welcome to join our upcoming Planting a Future Seminar at the Catholic Pastoral Centre 120 - 17 Ave SW Calgary. Wednesday, April 5 - Registration 1:30, Presentation 2:00 - 3:30pm. Limited seating; registration required. Contact Doreen 403-218-5522 or charities@calgarydiocese.ca to register.

DIOCESAN PALLIATIVE CARE EDUCATION PROGRAM

The spring 2017 Diocesan Palliative Care Education Program Part 1 and Part 2 will take place at St. Bonaventure Parish, 1600 Acadia Drive SE, Calgary on April 28 & 29, and May 5 & 6, 2017. The Program is on the two Friday evenings and all day both Saturdays. Registration fee: \$50. For more information or to register, please call 403-218-5501, Email: healthcareprograms@calgarydiocese.ca, or online at www.calgarydiocese.ca.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL CARE COURSE

The spring 2017 Diocesan Pastoral Care Training Program will begin on Thursday May 4, 2017 and run for 7 consecutive Thursday evenings from 6:30pm - 9:30pm until June 15, 2017. The program will be held at St. Bernadette's Parish, 7103 - 20A St. SE, Calgary. This course will introduce you to the basic visiting skills required for Pastoral Care Ministry in the health care facilities or parish. Registration fee: \$50. For more information and to register, call: 403-218-5501, Email: alicia.zubot@calgarydiocese.ca, or online at www.calgarydiocese.ca.

EFFECTIVE CO-PARENTING: PUTTING KIDS FIRST

An educational 5-week program for separated and divorced parents to help raise their children through this difficult time and increase the understanding of needs of children for developing self-esteem and security. It will offer skills about managing diverse shared parenting situations and provide strategies for improving communication, resolving conflict, and managing day to day children's issues between parenting partners. Parents are encouraged to attend separately. The next program will run 7:00pm - 9:00pm on Wednesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. More or registration at 403-218-5505 or email lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca.

34TH ANNUAL OUTDOOR WAY OF THE CROSS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need your help with this year's Outdoor Way of the Cross. We are especially in need of volunteers with First Aid or those interested in helping out with Lost Persons. Volunteers for these positions will need to have a security clearance, which we can help facilitate. If you are able to assist, please register at www.wayofthecross.ca. Any questions please contact marilou.legeyt@calgarydiocese.ca or call 403-218-5519.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION "FOR BETTER & FOR EVER"

"For Better & For Ever..." Marriage Preparation, accepts all couples preparing for marriage in one or more of the following circumstances: living together, previously married, beginning marriage with children, couples 45+, or those who wish to have their marriage blessed in the Church. Upcoming Dates: April 10, 28 and 29; May 15, June 9 and 10; June 5, 23 and 24. More or information, contact 403-218-5505 or email lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca.

BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND ILLNESS AND SPIRITUALITY AND MENTAL HEALTH

The Health Care office is providing a one-day workshop on Basic Understanding of Mental Health Issues and Spirituality and Mental Health, Saturday April 22, 2017 at St. Martha's Parish, 355 Columbia Blvd., Lethbridge, AB. The workshop is 9:00am - 3:00pm. Registration is \$25. For more information, and to register please call Norma 403-381-3688 or the Parish Office 403-381-8891.

FEED THE HUNGRY COOK TEAM

You and your friends can start a Feed the Hungry cook team! Do you have past experience cooking such as INN from the Cold? As part of our recruitment strategy, we will be holding a food safety training course on May 6th 2017 at the Catholic Pastoral Centre. Cook teams have one lead and approximately three to four other volunteers. They are ideally scheduled one Sunday every six weeks. If you are interested, please contact, Sartre Jean-Gilles at feedthehungry@calgarydiocese.ca or 403-218-5532.

CATHOLIC SPEED DATING EVENT

Are you looking for a good Catholic man or woman? Visit www.CatholicSpeedDating.ca or call Rose 587-333-1099 for more info and to REGISTER for our upcoming Events: Friday, April 21st Easter Event at St. Anthony's Church in Calgary (Age Range: Women: 24 to 32 & Men: 27 to 35). and) -&- Two Events on Friday, May 5th at St. Paul's Church in Airdrie (Age Range: Women: 33 to 41 & Men: 36 to 44) -&- (Women and Men age 45+).

THE CREIGHTON MODEL FERTILITYCARE SYSTEM (CrMS) PRACTITIONER EDUCATION PROGRAM

The program will be held in Calgary with Phase I in April 2017 and Phase II in October 2017. This allied health profession teaches women to monitor and maintain their gynecologic and reproductive health. The CrMS is the first standardized system of the menstrual and fertility cycle biomarkers, which strongly links and networks the ability to achieve or avoid pregnancy successfully. Post-secondary program completion is a pre-requisite to train as a FertilityCare Practitioner. For more information on applying and tuition costs, please contact the FertilityCare Center of Calgary at 403-473-1522 or fertilitycare@shaw.ca.

APCA'S 49TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE & 2017 AGM

The Alberta Pastoral Care Association (APCA) will host its 2017 conference on Friday, April 21, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 40 Holmes St, AB T4N 6L6, Red Deer, AB. It is open to any pastoral caregivers/spiritual care practitioners who would like to explore new ways to engage patients and caregivers in sharing their stories, as well as grief & bereavement counselors who might like to use Narrative Therapy in their counseling. Our feature speaker is Dr. Arthur Frank, Professor Emeritus in Sociology, University of Calgary. For more information and to register please visit <http://www.apca-provincial.org/main/>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Parish Communications Coordinator - 1 year Contract at St. Michael's Parish in SW Calgary. Competition closes on April 7, 2017. For details see the Diocesan website at <http://www.calgarydiocese.ca/articles/employment-opportunities.html>.

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