



Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre

For March 11, 2018 | 4th Sunday of Lent

JOIN US IN WELCOMING A SOLIDARITY VISITOR FROM CAMBODIA

We have a solidarity visitor from Cambodia coming to our Diocese in March! Vansey Sao is coming to share about his work with the Indigenous Community Support Organization, a Development and Peace partner organization in Cambodia. Vansey is a wonderful witness of solidarity in action. Come and hear how dialogue plays a role in peacebuilding and how empowerment has enabled Indigenous peoples to influence changes in their communities.

- **Friday, March 16** at 7:15 PM, Holy Family Parish, Medicine Hat
- **Saturday, March 17** at 10 AM, St. Martha's Parish, Lethbridge
- **Sunday, March 18** at 3 PM, St. Bonaventure, Calgary, followed by potluck supper. Vansey will also be available after all Masses.

No registration is necessary. All are welcome! Contact: 403-218-5519 or marilou.legeyt@calgarydiocese.ca

TRAIN AS AN ACCREDITED BILINGS OVULATION METHOD TEACHER!

NFP Alberta is offering a series of webinars to complement Part 1 of the Teacher Training Correspondence Course! Reading & course work is to be completed on your own, these monthly webinars will complement your studies, give you an opportunity to meet other trainees and ask questions. Registration Deadline: **March 12**. More info at: <https://billingslife.ca> under Get Involved.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION "FOR BETTER & FOR EVER"

"For Better & For Ever..." Marriage Preparation, accepts all couples preparing for marriage. Due to the small group setting it allows us to focus on couples 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: **Apr 23 / May 11-12, May 28/June 15-16 and June 4/ June 22-23**. For more dates, registration or information, contact 403-218-5505 or email lifeandfamily@calgarydiocese.ca

PLANNED GIVING SEMINAR INVITATION

Be inspired to make a difference. Learn how to maximize your legacy for family and charity in your will. Join our upcoming Planned Giving Seminar at the Catholic Pastoral Centre 120 - 17 Ave SW on **Thursday, April 5**. Registration 1:45 pm, Presentation at 2 - 3:30 pm. Limited seating and registration required. To register, Contact Doreen (403) 218-5522 or email charities@calgarydiocese.ca

'A SONG FOR RACHEL' CONCERT – SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar for "A Song for Rachel" concert, a fun-filled, family fundraising concert and silent auction to support Project Rachel, which is a post-abortion healing, and reconciliation ministry supported by the Diocese of Calgary. Everyone is invited to attend this event. The date is: **Friday, April 27** at St. Michael's Parish, 800 - 85 St. SW. Ticket information coming soon. Contact 403-218-5505 for tickets or to donate silent auction items.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DIOCESE OF CALGARY

There are employment opportunities at Elizabeth House, Ascension Catholic Parish and Canadian Martyrs Parish, Calgary. For more detailed information, please see the Diocesan website: www.CalgaryDiocese.ca under Careers.

YOUTH RALLY 2018

The Youth Office invites all youth ages 12 - 18 to participate in this year's Youth Rally on **April 21, 2018** in Catholic Central High School East, Lethbridge. Come and join Michael Chiasson, Nun and Nunner, and Fr. Cristino Bouvette for a day filled with music, awesome talks and great fun. To register, go to www.theyellowtree.ca or ask your youth group coordinator or your pastor. Contact: Harriett at 403-218-5507, harriett.cariaga@calgarydiocese.ca

OUTDOOR WAY OF THE CROSS – VOLUNTEERS

Registration Still Open: Volunteers are still needed for Calgary Outdoor Way of the Cross on Good Friday, **March 30** at St Mary's Cathedral, Calgary. Training for first aid, readers and crowd control volunteers is one session on **March 10** or **March 17** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre. Training for Cross Bearers will be **Saturday, March 24** at Corpus Christi Hall. Visit <http://www.wayofthecross.ca> to register. Contact Linnea Ferguson at outdoorwayofthecross@calgarydiocese.ca or 403-218-5500.

FAITH ENRICHMENT FOR SENIORS

The Diocesan Religious Education Office will resume the Faith Enrichment for Seniors group on Mondays: **March 12, March 19, March 26** at St. Joseph's Parish from 1 to 3 pm. No registration is necessary. All are welcome. Contact: 403-218-5503 or e-mail norline.johnson@calgarydiocese.ca

DIOCESAN PASTORAL CARE COURSE

The Health Care Apostolate will be hosting the Spring Diocesan Pastoral Care Course Thursday evenings **May 3 - June 14, 2018** from 6:30am - 9:30pm. The program will be held at St. Cecilia's Parish, 321 - 90 Ave SE. 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. To register online: <http://events.calgarydiocese.ca> or call: 403-218-5501 or email: nibal.awad@calgarydiocese.ca

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. ALBERT THE GREAT PARISH

St. Albert the Great Parish is celebrating its 20th anniversary as a parish, and 15th anniversary of the church building, with a special mass on **Sunday, March 18 at 11 am**. The mass will be celebrated by Bishop William McGrattan. Everyone is welcome to join us for this special occasion – especially former parishioners.

LENTEN MISSIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF CALGARY

- **DIVINE MERCY LENTEN MISSION AT ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, CALGARY**
When: **Tuesdays March 13, and 20**, beginning with Mass at 7 pm each night. Where: St. Michael's Church at 800 85 St SW, Calgary, AB. Speakers: Fr. Cristino Bouvette and Sharon van der Sloot. Information: www.saintmichael.ca/lent
- **LENTEN MISSION WITH FR. JULIAN STUDDEN AT MARY, MOTHER OF THE REDEEMER, CALGARY**
When: **Sunday, March 11** (begins with Mass at 11 AM), and Monday to Wednesday (**March 12, 13, 14**) at 7 pm each night. Where: Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church at 1714 14 Ave NE, Calgary. Speaker: Father Julian Studden. Information: www.mmredeemer.ca

COURAGE, UNITY, FAITH: GOD SQUAD 2018 ANNUAL MEN'S CONFERENCE

Attention Catholic Men: Recognize God's calling "for such a time as this" (Esther 4:14), and face the challenge against the Catholic faith, identity and practice. Speakers: Fr. Raymond DeSouza, Fr. Cristino Bouvette, and Fr. Jerome Lavigne. Join us at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church on **March 16 & 17**. Register at: <https://godsquad.ca>

LIVING IN THE SPIRIT MIXED RETREAT

Living in the Spirit Mixed Retreat, with Fr. Gilles Leblanc, will take place on **Friday, March 16** from 6 pm till **Sunday, March 18** about 2 pm, at Mt. St. Francis Retreat Centre in Cochrane Alberta. This could be your perfect way to prepare for Easter. Registration is \$25.00 and only the first 50 people will be accepted. For more information on accommodation & meals, contact Doreen Coffey 403-969-0966 or email: coffeypd@live.ca or Vivienne Hiltermann at 403-614-6027 or e-mail: vivienne.hiltermann@gmail.com

LENTEN COMMITMENT – REDUCE WATER CONSUMPTION

Have you read Pope Francis' Laudato Si? It is an urgent call to conversion and action, an invitation to change direction by taking on the task of caring for our common home. Commit to conserving water use in your home. Toilets use more water than anything else in your home. Install high-efficiency toilets with a flush volume of 4.8 liters or less and turn off the tap while shaving or brushing your teeth. Use your dishwasher only when you have a full load or run it on a shorter cycle if you must run it when not full. <http://laudatosi.com>

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