



# Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre for November 30, 2008,  
the First Sunday in Advent

## **Office of the Permanent Diaconate**

The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is now accepting applications. For application forms or further information please contact Sr. Maria at 403-218-5528 or [diaconat@rcdiocese-calgary.ab.ca](mailto:diaconat@rcdiocese-calgary.ab.ca)

## **Mission Council**

Mission Council is holding a **General Meeting** on **Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 12:30 p.m. in the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Room 110. Guest speaker will be Fr. Fred Monk and his topic is "Mission Mexico". All interested will be welcomed. A light lunch will be provided before the meeting.

## **Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs**

**Muslim-Christian Marriages** – The current session of the **Calgary Muslim-Christian Dialogue** is focusing on Muslim-Christian marriages, on how to provide adequate preparation and ongoing support. Are you or do you know someone in such a marriage? Input from Muslim-Christian couples would greatly enhance our dialogue. Please contact Anna at 403-218-5521.

## **Life and Family Resource Centre**

**Calgary Catholic Medical Association (CCMA)** invites all health care professionals and pastoral care workers to attend the next monthly meeting **Saturday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>** at 9:45 am in Room 110 at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 120 - 17 Ave. S.W. Members are invited to attend Mass at St. Mary's at 9:00 a.m. prior to the meeting.

Reserve your tickets now for the **Blue Christmas** concert on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (tickets available through our office until December 5<sup>th</sup>). The event takes place at the Jack Singer Concert Hall (Epcor Centre for Performing Arts). Tickets are being sold at \$65 per person. For more information or ticket reservation contact the Life & Family Resource Centre at 403-218-5504 or 403-218-5505.

**Marriage Preparation Program** is for couples who have been previously married, are marrying after extended cohabitation, are beginning marriage with children, are mature couples, or are preparing for convalidation of marriage. Next course: Orientation on January 19, 2009 and Marriage Preparation Weekend on February 6-7, 2009. Call (403) 218-5505 for more information and registration.

**Transitions** is a 15-week program for newly separated/divorced Catholics. The group meets once a week for 2 hours in the evening. The next session will start on January 27, 2009 at the Catholic Pastoral Centre in the SW. Another program is planned starting February 23, 2009 at St. Luke's Parish in the NW. E-mail: [lfrcast@rcdiocese-calgary.ab.ca](mailto:lfrcast@rcdiocese-calgary.ab.ca) or call 403-218-5505 for information &/or registration.

**Retrouvaille** has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about the program, or to register for the Winter/Spring session beginning with the weekend February 13-15, 2009, please call 403-257-9638 or email: [rfietz@telus.net](mailto:rfietz@telus.net), or visit the web site: [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com).

## **Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend- January 23 - 25, 2009**

A program designed to give couples planning marriage the opportunity to dialogue honestly and intensively about their future lives together through private discussions with each other. Registration inquiries for this transforming marriage preparation can be made by calling John and Wanda Mulvihill at 403-240-0103, or you can visit the website: [www.ceewest.com](http://www.ceewest.com).

**Marriage Encounter Weekend. - February 20-22, 2009.** This is a time for you and your spouse to be alone together, to rediscover each other and together focus on your relationship for an entire weekend. It is a unique approach aimed at revitalizing Marriage. E-mail Bart & Maureen McAnally at [bartandmo@sprint.ca](mailto:bartandmo@sprint.ca) or call 403-246-6624 or visit the website: [www.wwmecanada.org](http://www.wwmecanada.org).

### **Social Justice Ministry**

#### **MISSION MEXICO DAY December 12**

Bishop Henry has again declared December 12, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, as Mission Mexico Day in the Diocese of Calgary. The goal of Mission Mexico is to help people help themselves through greater access to education and self-sustaining production projects. We are encouraging every parishioner to contribute a loonie in support of this missionary outreach. On the weekend of December 13-14 we will take up a collection. For more information visit [www.missionmexico.com](http://www.missionmexico.com)

### **Liturgy and Adult Formation**

#### **Announcing the *Bee Workshops: Bee the Cantor***

*A formation opportunity for current and prospective cantors*

Combining the ideas of experiential learning (*being*) and the gathering of friends and neighbours to work together on a common project (the *quilting bee*), the *Bee Workshops* offer participants the opportunity to strive for a common goal, to be formed in the richness of the Catholic tradition, and to gain confidence and skill in various ministries. *Bee the Cantor* is designed to enhance the ministry of those who currently serve as cantors in liturgical celebrations, and to prepare those who wish to take on this role. It will also be a pre-requisite for those who wish to be considered for accreditation as cantors for diocesan celebrations. All participants who complete the course requirements will receive a certificate of completion.

**Dates for 2009: Mondays:** January 12, 19, 26, February 9, 2009; **Wednesday:** February 4, 2009 *All sessions to take place at St. Mary's Cathedral, 219 – 18 Avenue SW, Calgary; 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.*

**Topics:** 1) The Power of Music and the Role of the Cantor in the Roman Catholic Tradition; 2) The Jewish Cantor and the Psalms; 3) The Art and Science of Singing; 4) Preparing for the Cantor Role: A Spirituality for Cantors; 5) Enhancing the Assembly's Experience of Liturgy: the Cantor's Contribution

**Presenters:** **Rebecca Levant**, Jewish cantorial soloist, recording artist and communications specialist; **Monica Hnatiuk**, Choral Director (Calgary Separate School District) and liturgical music minister at St. Stephen's Protomartyr Ukrainian Catholic Church; **Bernadette Gasslein**, Editor of *Celebrate!*, author, composer, liturgist and catechist, as well as Coordinator of Liturgical Life (St. Charles Parish, Edmonton) **Christine Mader**, Director of Liturgy and Adult Formation, Diocese of Calgary

**Enrolment:** Limited to 15 participants. **Cost:** \$85.00 includes five sessions (required for certificate of completion) as well as mentoring. Optional resource materials are not included in this fee.

**Registration deadline:** Tuesday, January 6, 2009 (no exceptions).

**Brochures and registration forms will be available in all parishes in the coming weeks. Contact the Liturgy and Adult Formation Office at (403) 218-5511 for more information.**

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Or contact Carol Hollywood, Library & Archives, 403-218-5510

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