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The Church constantly calls us to renewal, spiritual renewal, where we deepen our relationship with Christ, who leads us to the Father through the Holy Spirit.

In May 2012, the Eparchial Pastoral Council launched an ambitious 25 Year Pastoral Plan for the Eparchy of Edmonton, inviting us to reflect upon where the Holy Spirit is calling us to be as Church some 25 years from now – A Call to Action for Evangelization and Parish Renewal. To know God, to love God, and to serve God.

Almost at the same time, the worldwide Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Catholic Church embarked upon a similar journey of parish renewal towards the year 2020: Vision 2020, Places to Encounter the Living Christ.

The Eparchial Pastoral Council is pleased to present this progress report, highlighting some of the key moments in the implementation of our pastoral renewal activities for the years 2012-2015.

TO KNOW GOD

Word of God and Catechism

Publications

The Eparchy of Edmonton published a new catechetical aid, *Give Thanks to the Lord: A Basic Catechism* (2nd edition, 2013; 140 pages). The Catechism, written by Rev. Peter Babej, is a project of the Eparchial Catechetical Commission, and includes lessons on learning to pray, God our Creator, the Most Holy Trinity, The Fall, God becomes Man, the Heavens are Opened, the Gift of the Holy Spirit, Becoming a Christian, the Mysteries of Healing and of Vocation, and the Divine Liturgy. Intended especially for children, but equally helpful for adults in learning more about their faith, the Catechism is a great gift for children, youth, young adults, parents, families and the elderly.

Available through the Chancery Office - \$10.00 per copy (plus shipping).

Parish Pastoral Council Guidelines

On January 1, 2008 the Eparchy of Edmonton issued *Parish Pastoral Council Guidelines*, an important tool for parish pastoral councils to help better understand their role in relation to their pastor, with whom they collaborate, and with their parish, for whom they serve.

Survey – How Welcoming is My Parish?

The Eparchy of Edmonton, as part of its *25 Year Pastoral Plan*, is working towards transforming our parishes into even more welcoming places, places where we encounter the living Christ.

An eparchy-wide survey, “How Welcoming is My Parish,” was conducted in the Fall of 2014. A summary of the overall results are posted on the eparchial website www.edmontoneparchy.com, while parish-specific results were provided to each parish.

Eparchial Sobors

Every few years, the Bishop of the Eparchy of Edmonton gathers the laity, religious, monastics and clergy throughout the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Alberta to study, reflect and make proposals on a variety of pastoral issues. In past years, these have included:

- ▶ 2001 – “Jesus Christ: Fountain of Rebirth.”
- ▶ 2003 – “The Ukrainian Catholic Church in Alberta: 100 Years Later.”
- ▶ November 8, 2008 – “Evangelization and the Ukrainian Catholic Church—Following in the Footsteps of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Apostles to the Slavs.”
- ▶ April 28, 2011 – “Starting Afresh from Christ—A Renewed Commitment to Consecrated Life in the Third Millennium.”
- ▶ April 11, 2012 – “The New Evangelization—A New Springtime.”
- ▶ May 23-24, 2014 – “The Vibrant Parish—A Place to Encounter the Living Christ.”

Patriarchal Sobors

Like that of an Eparchial Sobor, the Patriarch invites representatives of the Ukrainian Catholic Church throughout the world to gather and reflect upon pastoral issues on a variety of topics. In recent years, these have included:

- ▶ August 13-17, 2007 – “Youth in the Church of the Third Millennium,” followed by an international youth rally, Kyiv, Ukraine.
- ▶ August 31–September 4, 2011 – “Consecrated Life,” Prudentopolis, Brazil.
- ▶ August 25-27, 2015 – “Vibrant Parishes—the Place to Encounter the Living Christ,” Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine.

Eparchial Conventions

Every two years, the lay organizations of the Eparchy of Edmonton, namely, the Ukrainian Catholic Women’s League of Canada, the Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood of Canada, the Ukrainian Youth of Canada, and more recently, the Eparchy of Edmonton Chapter of the Knights of Columbus, gather in convention to reflect upon their goals and objectives, and to plan for the future. Past conventions have included:

- ▶ October 12-14, 2007 – “Blessed are the Poor in Spirit—Ministering to the Poor in Our Midst.”
- ▶ October 16-18, 2009 – “Evangelization—A New Springtime for Christianity.”

- ▶ October 14-16, 2011 – “The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church: The Centenary of Blessed Martyr Nykyta Budka, the First Ukrainian Catholic Bishop in Canada.”
- ▶ October 18-20, 2013 – “Meeting the Stranger in our Midst—A Ministry of Hospitality.”
- ▶ October 16-18, 2015 – “Family and Faith Today.”

Annual Children’s Camps

The Youth Ministry Office of the Eparchy of Edmonton, the Order of Saint Basil the Great, and several parishes throughout the Eparchy organize annual children’s camps throughout the summer, giving our youth an opportunity to grow in their relationship with Jesus and with the Church. These include one-week and two-week summer camps at Camp Oselia (Lake Wabamun), Camp Saint Basil (Pigeon Lake), Teen Camp (Lake Wabamun), and Acolyte Camp (Altar Servers) (Pigeon Lake).

Parish summer camps include: Cathedral Day Camp, Ascension Parish – New Kiew Day Camp; Saint Stephen’s Parish – Calgary Day Camp; Saint Nicholas Parish - Edmonton Day Camp, Saint Vladimir Parish – Red Deer Day Camp.

World Youth Day and Youth Unity

The Youth Ministry Office of the Eparchy of Edmonton has been an active proponent of the World Youth Days (instituted by Saint John Paul II) and Youth Unity (hosted by the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada), organizing and sending youth to the events.

- ▶ World Youth Day, July 15-20, 2008, Sydney, Australia. “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses” (Acts 1: 8). World Youth Days were instituted by Saint John Paul II, bringing youth together from around the world to celebrate their faith.
- ▶ Youth Unity, August 13-16, 2009, Ancaster, Ontario. “Life on the Edge.” Unity is a Ukrainian Catholic national celebration for young adults ages 18-35, helping them to understand better, embrace and celebrate their faith.
- ▶ World Youth Day, August 16-21, 2011, Madrid, Spain. “Rooted and built up in Jesus Christ, Firm in the Faith” (Colossians 2:7).
- ▶ Youth Unity, August 16-19, 2012, Pinawa, Manitoba. “Into the Wild.”

- ▶ World Youth Day, July 28-23, 2013, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. “Go and Make Disciples of All Nations” (Matthew 28: 19).
- ▶ Youth Unity, August 14-17, 2014, Camrose, Alberta. “Faith Forward: God is with You wherever you go” (Joshua 1:9).

Annual Clergy Study Days

Every year, priests, deacons and seminarians of the Eparchy of Edmonton gather for one week to study more deeply an issue of great importance affecting the life of the faithful, whom they are called to serve. Past annual clergy study days have included:

- ▶ May 26-28, 2008 – Canada-wide Clergy and Religious Encounter, “The Mission of Our Church: Evangelization through Catechesis,” in the presence of His Beatitude Patriarch Lubomyr Husar, hosted by the Eparchy of Edmonton.
- ▶ June 15-19, 2009 – “Liturgical Renewal, based on the 1996 Eastern Liturgical Instruction issued by the Congregation for Eastern Churches,” presented by Rev. Peter Galadza, Kule Family Professor of Liturgy, Sheptytsky Institute, Saint Paul University, Ottawa.
- ▶ June 14-18, 2010 – “The Word of God in the Life of the Priest and in the Life of the Parish,” led by Rev. Michael Winn, Rector, Holy Spirit Seminary, Ottawa.
- ▶ April 30-May 4, 2012 – Vision 2020 – “A Place to Encounter the Living Christ,” led by Most Rev. Ken Nowakowski, Eparchy of New Westminster.
- ▶ June 24-27, 2013 – Canada-wide Clergy, Clergy Wives, and Women and Men Religious Encounter, “Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Bishop-martyr Nykyta Budka as the First Ukrainian Catholic Bishop in Canada,” Saskatoon.
- ▶ June 23-27, 2014 – “Pope Francis’ *Joy of the Gospel*,” led by Rev. Professor Stefano Penna, Newman Theological College; and “A Closer Look at the Shroud of Turin,” led by Ed Hecker, Saint Josaphat Cathedral.
- ▶ October 5-7, 2015 – “Pope Francis’ Encyclical *Laudato si* - Our Care for Our Common Home,” led by Dr. Bob McKeon, Professor Emeritus, Newman Theological College.

Study Days and Courses

The Religious Education Centre of the Eparchy of Edmonton provides numerous opportunities for the faithful to deepen their knowledge on a variety of topics concerning faith, spirituality and liturgy. In the past several years, these study days and courses have included:

- ▶ July 21-26, 2008 – “The Role of Icons in the Sacred Liturgy (the meaning and role of icons in the Byzantine Liturgy),” one-week intensive course taught by Rev. Stephen Wojcichowsky through Newman Theological College.
- ▶ Fall Semester, 2008 – “Eastern Christianity” taught by Dr. Suzette Phillips, through Newman Theological College.
- ▶ January 23-24, 2009 – Launched a new program for catechesis and faith formation – *Generations of Faith*. The program moves away from a focus on children-only catechesis to a community or “whole church” paradigm of faith formation, where once a month, the entire parish – children, youth, young adults, adults and seniors gather together in prayer, for a meal, and then to learn more about God, the Church and Faith.
- ▶ May 2, 2009 – Day of Reflection for all Eparchial Catechists and Sunday School Teachers on the theme of “In the Spirit of Growing and Sharing,” hosted by the Eparchial Catechetical Centre.
- ▶ Fall Semester, 2009, Canons of the Eastern Churches (an introduction to the canonical discipline of the Eastern Christian Churches and the “Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches”), taught by Bishop David Motiuk, through Newman Theological College.
- ▶ July 30-August 1, 2010 – Hosted *Sheptytsky Institute Study Days* at King’s College, Edmonton. The Study Days are an opportunity for the clergy, religious, monastics and laity to come together in prayer and faith development. Plenary and workshop sessions appealed to a variety of interests and audiences. Specialized sessions for youth and cantors. Keynote speakers included Right Rev. Dr. Andriy Chirovsky, Very Rev. Dr. Peter Galadza, and Very Rev. Dr. John Jillions.
- ▶ August 2-13, 2010 – Hosted two accredited courses through the *Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute*: THO 3324 Introduction to Eastern Christian Ethics, Rev. Professor Stephen Wojcichowsky, Director, Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute; and THO 2144 Selected Topics in Eastern Christian

Spirituality I: A Contemporary Reading of *The Way of the Pilgrim*, Professor Dr. Suzette Phillips.

- ▶ Winter Semester – “Theology and Spirituality of Icons,” taught by Rev. Danylo and Monica Kuc, Newman Theological College.
- ▶ May 2-June 8, 2011, “Selected Topics in Eastern Canon Law: Parish Canonical Administration,” taught by Bishop David Motiuk, through Newman Theological College.
- ▶ The 2011 Eparchial Study Days took place from June 24-25 at Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, Edmonton. The theme was “What is a Parish—Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.”
- ▶ October 1, 2011 – Cantor’s Course, Saint Nicholas Parish, Edmonton. The course featured a beginner’s level for those wanting to start cantoring by learning the basics, as well as an advanced level for cantors interested in expanding their current knowledge.
- ▶ 2013 *Sheptytsky Institute Study Days*– An Eastern Christian Feast for the Mind and Heart from July 5-7 at Saint Josaphat Cathedral Hall (Verkhovyna). The Study Days are an opportunity for the laity, religious, monastics and clergy to gather together in prayer, study, fellowship and discussion. The theme for the 2013 Study Days was: Celebrating the 1025th Anniversary of the Baptism of Rus’-Ukraine featuring: Rt. Rev. Dr. Andriy Chirovsky – *The Spiritual Legacy of the Ukrainian Catholic Church*; Very Rev. Dr. Peter Galadza – *The Liturgical Legacy of the Ukrainian Catholic Church*; Rev. Alex Laschuk – *The Catechetical Legacy of the Ukrainian Catholic Church*; Workshops on a variety of topics; Children’s Program (ages 5-12); Pre-Study Days Beginner and Advanced Cantoring Workshops
- ▶ The Eparchy of Edmonton was also hosted the 2013 *Sheptytsky Institute Summer Institute* from July 9-20. Two courses were offered: Rt. Rev. Dr. Andriy Chirovsky – THO 3318 Eastern Christian Spirituality; Very Rev. Dr. Peter Galadza – THO 3328 The Holy Mysteries: Byzantine Sacraments.

TO LOVE GOD Liturgy and Prayer

Publications

Hymnal

The Eparchy of Edmonton published a **Hymnal *Співайте Богові Славу* – Sing to Our God** (April 2008).

The Hymnal, produced under the editorial direction of Dr. Melanie Turgeon, is a very comprehensive resource for all members of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. The near 500 page Hymnal includes music notation and Ukrainian lyrics for some 200 hymns, plus transliteration of all Ukrainian texts. Additionally, English lyrics are provided for the vast majority of hymns.

Included are hymns for all major feasts within the liturgical year, as well as the following sections: Great Lent, Resurrectional hymns, hymns for the Divine Liturgy, General Church hymns, hymns to our Lord Jesus Christ, hymns to the Mother of God, hymns for Children, plus over 80 pages of Christmas Carols.

Available through the Chancery Office – \$20.00 per copy (plus shipping).

Prayer Book

The Eparchial Liturgical Commission of the Eparchy of Edmonton published a Devotional Prayer Book ***Beneath the Mantle of Your Mercy*** (2nd edition, 2010), a project of the Eparchial Catechetical Commission, under the direction of Rev. Peter Babej.

The 634-page devotional prayer book includes: A Guide for Christian Life, Morning Prayers, Prayers during the Day, Evening Prayers, Rosary Prayer, Akathist Hymn, Prayer Services, Holy Repentance, Holy Eucharist, Scripture Reading, Liturgical Calendar. A great gift for children, youth, young adults, parents, families, and the elderly!

Available through the Chancery Office – \$20.00 per copy (plus shipping).

Rite of Baptism

The Eparchial Liturgical Commission also published *Christian Initiation of Children*, an English-Ukrainian bilingual catechesis and Rite of Baptism (2013). The 207-page text contains a general introduction to baptism, prayers for before and after childbirth, norms on the catechumenate, the Order of Baptism, and additional rites and blessings. The liturgical text is the only official Rite of Baptism for use in the Eparchy of Edmonton.

Available through the Chancery Office - \$10.00 per copy (plus shipping).

Biography of Bishop-martyr Nykyta Budka

To commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the appointment of Bishop-martyr Nykyta Budka to Canada, the Eparchy of Edmonton, in collaboration with the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies, published *God's Martyr – History's Witness: Blessed Nykyta Budka, the First Ukrainian Catholic Bishop of Canada*, by Rev. Dr. Athanasius McVay.

Available through the Chancery Office - \$25.00 per copy (plus shipping).

Annual Clergy Retreat

Each year, the clergy take time together in a common spiritual retreat, renewing themselves in their relationship with the Holy Trinity, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

- ▶ June 4-7, 2007 – Retreat Master: Most Rev. Joseph MacNeil, Emeritus, Archbishop of Edmonton.
- ▶ August 24-27, 2008 – Camp Oselia.
- ▶ October 5-9, 2009 – Retreat Master: Rev. Stephen Wojcichowsky, Director, Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies, Saint Paul University, Ottawa.
- ▶ September 27-30, 2010 – Retreat Master: Rev. Gabriel Haber, osbm, Rector, Basilian House of Studies.
- ▶ September 26-29, 2011 – Retreat Master: Most Rev. Lawrence Huculak, Archbishop and Metropolitan, Archeparchy of Winnipeg.
- ▶ August 20-24, 2012 – Retreat Master: Bishop David Motiuk.

- ▶ October 28 – November 1, 2013 – Retreat Master: Metropolitan Stefan Soroka, Archeparchy of Philadelphia.
- ▶ September 22-25, 2014 – Retreat Master: Rev. John Sianchuk, cssr.
- ▶ June 15-19, 2015 – Retreat Master: Bishop Paul Chomnycky, Eparchy of Stamford.

International Eucharistic Congress

In advance of an International Eucharistic Congress held in Quebec City from June 15-22, 2008—“The Eucharist, Gift of God for the Life of the World,” Saint Josaphat Cathedral celebrated an “Akafist on the Divine Eucharist” on June 15, 2007 in the presence of the “Ark of the New Covenant,” which travelled throughout Canada in advance of the Congress.

Interpretive Play - *Be Well and Prosper, My Beloved Ukraine*

To commemorate the 1932-1933 Famine/Holodomor in Ukraine, Rev. Edward Danylo Evanko performed an interpretive play “Be Well and Prosper, My Beloved Ukraine” on May 29, 2008 at Saint Basil Parish Cultural Centre.

Bishop’s Annual Prayer Breakfast

The Eparchy of Edmonton instituted a Bishop’s Annual Prayer Breakfast in 2010. The event supports in prayer clergy, religious, monastics and laity in their leadership roles in continuing the mission of Christ in sharing the Good News among the people of God.

Holy Land Pilgrimages

In honour of the 2009-2010 “Year of the Priesthood” as declared by Pope Benedict XVI, Bishop David led a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from October 5-22, 2010, under the spiritual direction of Sister Angelica Hodowansky, ssmi. In addition, two Holy Land Pilgrimages were organized by Saint Stephen Parish, Calgary: February 2010 and March 2011.

Interpretive Play - *Blessed Nykyta, Bishop and Martyr*

An interpretive play was performed by Rev. Edward Danylo Evanko on November 1, 2011 at Saint Basil Parish Cultural Centre, Edmonton, to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Appointment of Bishop-Martyr Nykyta Budka as the First Ukrainian Catholic Bishop in Canada.

2012 Patriarchal Visit

His Beatitude Patriarch Sviatoslav made his First Pastoral Visit to Canada with a historical visit to the faithful of the Eparchy of Edmonton from May 31 to June 10, 2012. Highlights of his official visit included:

- ▶ Patriarchal Divine Liturgy and lunch with Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, clergy and clergy families, Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, Calgary; Dinner with Parishioners of Assumption of the Mother of God Parish and Saint Stephen Parish, Calgary
- ▶ Patriarchal Divine Liturgy and Banquet, 100th Anniversary of Assumption of the Mother of God Parish, Celebration of a Century of Faith, Calgary
- ▶ Patriarchal Divine Liturgy and Reception, Saint Stephen Parish, Calgary
- ▶ Parks Canada Briefing, Site Visit and Panakhyda, World War I Ukrainian Internment Camp, Banff/Castle Mountain
- ▶ Patriarchal Divine Liturgy with Ukrainian Bilingual Students and Teachers from Edmonton and Sherwood Park Catholic Schools, Saint Basil Parish; Luncheon with Patriarch Sviatoslav and Clergy, Clergy Spouses, and Religious, Saint Basil Cultural Centre; Book Launch, *The Holy See and the Holodomor*, by Professor Lubomyr Luciuk, co-sponsored by the League of Ukrainian Canadians – Edmonton Branch, the Eparchy of Edmonton, and the Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Foundation, Ukrainian Youth Unity Centre
- ▶ Third Annual Bishops Prayer Breakfast with Special Guest Patriarch Sviatoslav, Saint Basil Cultural Centre; Patriarchal Divine Liturgy honouring contribution of religious in the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Alberta, Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate and Basilian Fathers, Mundare; Patriarchal Visit to Saint Mary Immaculate Hospital and Basilian Museum, Mundare
- ▶ Patriarchal Divine Liturgy and Dinner, Assumption of the Mother of God Parish, Star-Peno, First Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada; Patriarchal Tour of Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village; Supper and Question and Answer with Patriarch Sviatoslav and Youth and Young Adults, Saint Josaphat Cathedral Hall (Verkhovyna); Moleben honouring the role of lay organizations in the Church, Saint George Parish, Edmonton

- ▶ Patriarchal Divine Liturgy and Banquet, Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Appointment of Bishop-Martyr Nykyta Budka as First Ukrainian Catholic Bishop in Canada, Saint Basil Parish and Cultural Centre
- ▶ Patriarchal Divine Liturgy and Dinner, Saint Josaphat Cathedral and Parish Hall (Verkhovyna)

2013 Pilgrimage to Ukraine

To celebrate the 1025th Anniversary of the Baptism of Kyivan-Rus', Bishop David, clergy and faithful from the Eparchy of Edmonton undertook a pilgrimage to western Ukraine from August 7-21, concluding with the consecration of Holy Resurrection Sobor (Cathedral), Kyiv.

2013 Pilgrimage to Rome

On November 25, the Feast of Saint Josaphat (Gregorian Calendar), Patriarch Sviatoslav, Bishop David, and other Ukrainian Catholic Bishops from around the world, together with their faithful, commemorated the 50th Anniversary of the Transfer of the Body of Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr, from Vienna, Austria, to Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. This was followed by an audience with Pope Francis.

Restoration of the Kiss of Peace

On March 2, 2014, upon the recommendation of the Eparchial Liturgical Commission, Bishop David restored the liturgical practice of the "Kiss of Peace" during the Divine Liturgy.

The Kiss of Peace is an expression of reconciliation and unity among the faithful. It was a widespread custom in Jesus' time as evidenced in the Sacred Scriptures, then practiced in the Early Church and later in the Byzantine Churches, including Kyivan Rus'. For various reasons it fell into disuse. It was reintroduced in the Latin Church after the Second Vatican Council.

After much study and careful consideration the Kiss of Peace was reintroduced in the Eparchy of Edmonton for several reasons: a means of a much needed public profession of love for one another, a sign of mutual forgiveness, for efforts in the New Evangelization in proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel Message, and a gesture of hospitality in our parishes.

Shroud of Turin Replica

A Solemn Exposition of an Official Replica of the Shroud of Turin, authorized by the Archdiocese of Turin, Italy, took place at Saint Josaphat Cathedral on March 4, 2014. The Shroud of Turin replica continues to travel throughout the Eparchy of Edmonton, making stops in Calgary, Camrose, Lethbridge, Red Deer and Vegreville.

The Shroud of Turin replica permanently resides at Saint Josaphat Cathedral, where it is available to the faithful for veneration.

Commemorative Concert - 25th Anniversary of the Legalization of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ukraine

A celebratory concert was held on April 29, 2014 at Saint Josaphat Cathedral to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Legalization of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ukraine. The concert was performed by Kappella Kyrie Slavic Chamber Choir and the King's University College Chamber Choir, under the direction of Dr. Melanie Turgeon.

Year of Consecrated Life

2015 marked a year dedicated by Pope Francis to the promotion of consecrated life. The Eparchy of Edmonton marked the Year of Consecrated Life at the Annual Vidpust-Pilgrimage at Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Mundare, on June 28. A second eparchial celebration to thank the women and men religious for their faith and service to the Church was held for clergy, religious and their families was held in Mundare on July 22, 2015.

World Meeting of Families and Papal Visit

The World Meeting of Families took place from September 22-25, 2015, followed by a Papal Visit of Pope Francis from September 26-27, in Philadelphia. The theme of the World Meeting of Families was "Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive."

The Eparchy of Edmonton was represented at the event by Bishop David, Bernadette and Dale Mandrusiak (Saint Nicholas Parish, Edmonton), Rev. Mark Bayrock, Charlene and Glen Kulak and family (Saint Stephen Parish, Calgary).

TO SERVE GOD
Service to One's Neighbour
Leadership – Stewardship of Gifts
Communion – Unity; Missionary Spirit

Ministries and Commissions

In recent years, the Eparchy of Edmonton renewed and/or constituted several ministries and eparchial commissions to assist the bishop in the pastoral governance of the eparchy, in particular, drawing on the gifts and talents of the laity, religious, monastics and clergy.

The various ministries and commissions have contributed immensely to the implementation of the Eparchy's 25 Year Pastoral Plan.

- ▶ June 2007 – Established a Commission for **Sacred Orders and Ministries** with the mandate to advise on seminary admissions, advancements, withdrawals, seminarian formation assignments, and eparchial formation.
- ▶ June 2007 – Renewed the **Eparchial Ecumenical Commission**, which seeks to foster greater unity among all Christians through prayer, dialogue and common initiatives.
- ▶ October 2007 – Renewed the Eparchy of Edmonton's membership in the **National Federation of Presbyteral Councils**, which works in a spirit of unity and collegiality with priests and bishops in Canada, and supports presbyteral councils in their roles as advisors to individual bishops and by assisting priests in the integration of their spirituality, ministry and leadership.
- ▶ March 2008 – Established an **Eparchial Youth Ministry Commission**, to assist the bishop in assessing the needs of youth and young people, to provide vision and leadership in youth ministry, and to oversee the Eparchial Youth Ministry Office.

- ▶ August 2008 – Renewed the ministry and membership of the **Eparchial Finance Council**, an organization of collaboration of the Christian faithful with the eparchial bishop in the administration of the financial matters of the entire eparchy.
- ▶ November 2008 – Issued new Statutes dividing into two bodies the **Presbyteral Council** and the **College of Consultors**: The Presbyteral Council of the Eparchy of Edmonton is a body of priests representing the presbyterate and which assists the eparchial bishop by its advice in those things that regard the needs of pastoral activity and the good of the eparchy. The College of Consultors is a body of priests, chosen from the Presbyteral Council, who act as official advisors to the eparchial bishop in certain matters determined by law pertaining to the administration of the eparchy, and as a governing board when the eparchial see is vacant or impeded.
- ▶ December 2008 – Established **Eparchial Pastoral Council**, similar to that of a Parish Pastoral Council, however, on an eparchy-wide basis. The Eparchial Pastoral Council has the mandate to investigate, assess and propose practical conclusions about those things that regard pastoral activity in the eparchy.
- ▶ February 2009 – Established **Eparchial Catechetical Commission** to assist the bishop in catechetical formation within the Eparchy of Edmonton. The Commission provides for religious education formation within families and parish communities, helping the faithful mature in their faith as disciples of Christ.
- ▶ May 2009 - Established a **Clergy Personnel Committee** to advise on various clergy related issues including but not limited to: clergy assignments, remuneration, pension, health and well being, stipends, annual retreats and clergy study days.
- ▶ May 2009 - Established a **Cemeteries Advisory Committee** to serve in an advisory capacity to the Bishop as to the operation and capital planning of Saint Michael's Cemetery, Rosehill Cemetery, and all Ukrainian Catholic parish cemeteries throughout the Eparchy of Edmonton.
- ▶ December 2009 - Established an **Eparchial Liturgical Commission** to assist in liturgical celebration and formation within the Eparchy of Edmonton. The Commission advises the bishop on liturgical matters, studies and researches liturgical issues, provides ritual and liturgical texts for use in the Eparchy, oversees the preparation of liturgical educational materials, regulates pastoral liturgical action, and maintains relations with the Patriarchal Liturgical commission and the Synodal Liturgical Committee.

- ▶ October 2010 – Promulgated renewed norms promoting **Safer Environments** for Christ’s faithful, and established an **Eparchial Sexual Abuse Advisory Committee**, which investigates all complaints regarding abuse of children, youth and vulnerable adults.

Home of Hope Project, Lviv

The Eparchy of Edmonton, through the Bridge of Hope, in the summer of 2007 sponsored the purchase and expansion of a house in Lviv, Ukraine towards the “Home of Hope” Project. The Home of Hope project assists teenage girls who do not qualify for government orphanage-protection services. The Home is more than a place for the girls to sleep, but offers friendship, education, faith and hope so that they can achieve their God-given potential.

Pastoral Letter on the Holodomor

September 2007 – Bishop David issued a Pastoral Letter on the 75th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine – Holodomor (1932-1933), focussed on three special events: Education – Hunger Banquet; Social Outreach – Feeding the Poor of Today, during which parishes throughout the Eparchy of Edmonton undertook collections for the Food Bank and similar events; Prayer – Panakhyda Service for the Famine Victims.

Ecumenism and Inter-Faith Dialogue

The Eparchy is a member of the Edmonton and District Council of Churches; Inter-Faith Association of Edmonton; Western Diocesan and Eparchial Coordinators of Ecumenism; and the Canadian Council of Churches.

The Eparchy of Edmonton supports and participates in several annual ecumenical events:

- ▶ Week of Prayer for Christian Unity;
- ▶ Panakhyda (Memorial) Service for Victims of the 1932-1933 Holdomor-Famine in Ukraine, City Hall, City of Edmonton;
- ▶ Feast of Jordan Water-Blessing, Ukrainian Village;
- ▶ Ukrainian Day, Ukrainian Village;
- ▶ Festival of Carols, Ukrainian Catholic Music Society of Alberta;

- ▶ Meetings of the Ukrainian Catholic and Ukrainian Orthodox Bishops of North America;
- ▶ Edmonton Ecumenical and Church Leaders meetings.

A Return to Christian Stewardship

In February 2010, Bishop David issued two Pastoral Letters:

- ▶ **Stewardship – A Way of Christian Life**, introducing the stewardship of time, talent and treasure into the Eparchy of Edmonton.
- ▶ **A Return to Christian Stewardship**, a response to the issue of gambling revenues and parishes in the Eparchy of Edmonton.

Campaign to End Homelessness

On March 17, 2011, the Eparchy of Edmonton became a signatory to the Capital Region Interfaith Statement on Homelessness and Affordable Housing. On that day, 23 faith communities in the Edmonton area gathered to sign the Shared Interfaith Statement to work towards the elimination of homelessness. The various communities committed to support the challenging goals of *A Place to Call Home: Edmonton's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness*.

Holodomor and Edmonton Catholic Schools

In July 2011, Edmonton Catholic Schools declared the last Friday of November as Holodomor (Ukrainian Famine Genocide) Memorial Day. The declaration follows a request by Bishop David and Senior School Administration to educate students in the recognition of the tragic importance of the Holodomor and the devastation this caused to the Ukrainian people.

GriefShare

The Eparchial Catechetical Commission in January 2012 launched *GriefShare*, an 11-session weekly meeting and support group to help people as they grieve the death of a family member or friend. *GriefShare* has been offered several times over the past several years.

25 Year Pastoral Plan on the New Evangelization

In May 2012, the Eparchial Pastoral Council launched its 25 Year Pastoral Plan on the New Evangelization. The 35-page document, entitled *Evangelization, A New Springtime – Encountering the Person of Christ*, serves as a blueprint for long-term future pastoral planning and programming within the Eparchy of Edmonton.

Bishop David called for the pastoral plan in a desire to discern where the Holy Spirit is calling us to be as Church twenty-five years in the future, and how will we get there. The pastoral plan was launched on the Feast of the Annunciation, the Feast of the Good News. The pastoral plan is Good News.

iWitness, a Youth Initiative

In October 2012, the Eparchial Youth Ministry launched *iWitness*, an on-line contest to engage the youth (from kindergarten to grade 12) and help them encounter Christ – youth evangelizing youth. Youth from parishes across the Eparchy of Edmonton showcased how they bear witness to the Lord in their lives through drawings, pictures, written works (including poetry, short stories, narratives, etc.), videos or combinations of these. The submissions were posted on the eparchial website, where the faithful voted for their favourite. Prizes were awarded to the student's school as well as a personal prize.

Holodomor and Residential Schools

The Eparchy of Edmonton and Edmonton Catholic Schools sponsored joint education days, where in song, dance and drama the Ukrainian Bilingual Schools told the story of the Ukrainian Famine-Holodomor and Ben Calf Robe Elementary/Junior High School and Saint Joseph High School told the story of Residential Schools. The presentations were followed by a join Borscht and Bannock meal.

Three such exchanges have occurred to date:

- ▶ Saint Matthew Catholic Elementary School and Ben Calf Robe Catholic Elementary/Junior High School, November 30, 2012
- ▶ Saint Kevin Catholic Junior High School and Ben Calf Robe Catholic Elementary/Junior High School, November 15, 2013
- ▶ Austin O'Brien Catholic High School and Saint Joseph Catholic High School, November 28, 2014

Youth and Young Family Grants

In November 2014, the Eparchial Youth Ministry Office, as part of the implementation of the Eparchy's 25 Year Pastoral Plan, announced a new initiative "Investing in Our Future Today," whereby parishes within the Eparchy of Edmonton can apply for grants to help youth and young families in their faith journey. \$100,000 will be made available from the newly established Evangelization Fund every year for the next 10 years totaling \$1,000,000.

Together we can make a difference in the faith of our youth and young families.



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