

# EPARCHIAL NEWSLETTER



Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton  
Українська Католицька Едмонтонська Єпархія

October 2023



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**The people of Ukraine need your help. A delegation from the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) recently visited the many humanitarian works carried out by the Ukrainian Catholic Church, supported by CNEWA and funded by countless donors across North America.**

Thanks to the generosity and prayers of Canadian donors, the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA Canada) and its partners in the field continue to offer emergency services and humanitarian and pastoral support to Ukrainians of all horizons by providing the displaced, the elderly and the sick with care, medical supplies, food, clothing and shelter, as well as educational programs and support for local priests.

In June CNEWA visited Ukraine. The delegation included Mons. Peter Vaccari, Dr. Adriana Bara and Anna Dombrowska. Read about the highlights of [CNEWA's journey to Lviv](#). One of the emergency projects CNEWA visited was the **Food Boxes logistics centre in Lviv**. Also, since the [Kakhovka Dam explosion](#) disaster that happened during our trip, the Food Boxes project have been providing aid to people in the affected regions. More insights are provided in CNEWA's September edition of [Connections](#) with Mons. Peter livestreamed via YouTube.

May God bless you and your family for your generosity.  
We pray for peace in Ukraine.

During the **month of September**, the Eparchy of Edmonton conducts its annual **Vocations and Seminary Collection**.

“It takes a whole village to raise a child.” It likewise takes the support of the whole Church to form a deacon, priest, religious, monastic and lay member for ministry in the Church. It also takes our

support to offer on-going education and formation for those already in sacred orders or involved in lay ministry.

The faithful can acknowledge the role they play in nurturing vocations by offering their financial support to help defray such expenses as formation programs, retreats, conferences, seminars, tuition, books, and room and board.

Studying for the priesthood this year, on behalf of the Eparchy Edmonton are:

- **Volodymyr Babiak** (Bachelor of Theology, Master of Theology, Neman Theological College, Edmonton);
- **Jacob Kociuba** (Bachelor of Arts in Catholic Studies, Newman Theological College, Edmonton);
- **John Lukey** (Diaconate Formation, Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, Edmonton);
- **Brian O'Neill** (Diaconate Formation, Saint Stephen Parish, Calgary);
- **Peter Pitchko** (Post-Master of Divinity, Newman Theological College);
- **Orion Wiebe** (Pastoral Internship, Saint Stephen Parish, Calgary);
- **John Vizza** (Pastoral Internship, Saint Sophia Parish, Sherwood Park); and
- **Adam Yurkow** (Master of Divinity, Newman Theological College, Edmonton).

The suggested donation amount is \$30.00 per family.

Thank you for your generosity! May God bless you and your families!

**New!** The Ukrainian Catholic Council (Centralia) – Eparchy of Edmonton will hold its annual **Bishop's Name Day Celebration** on **Sunday, October 15**, at Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, Edmonton. The Celebration starts with a 10:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by a 12:30 pm luncheon. Donations will be accepted at the doors for food packages for the people of Ukraine affected by the war.

**New!** **Pope Francis** blessed the decision of the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in **appointing Very Rev. Michael Kwiatkowski as Bishop of the Eparchy of New Westminster**. Bishop-Elect currently serves as the Chancellor of the Archeparchy of Winnipeg and Pastor of Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God Parish, Winnipeg.

Bishop-Elect Michael will be ordained to the episcopacy on November 8 at Saints Volodymyr and Olga Cathedral, Winnipeg. He will be enthroned (installed) on November 18 at Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God Parish, Vancouver, followed by his First Solemn Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Holy Eucharist Cathedral, New Westminster, on November 19.

**Annual Clergy Retreat: May 6-10, 2024**, Sanctum Retreat Centre, Caroline. Please note that the retreat will take place during Bright Week on the Julian Calendar. The dates were chosen based on availability at the Retreat Centre.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New!** **The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis** – Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has released latest issue of its **digital newsletter “Encounter.”** The goal of the newsletter is to provide parishes with resources to support faith formation and to promote evangelization.

The Fall 2023 Newsletter can be found on the CCCB website [here](#).

**New!** The Office for Family and Life – Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has released its latest issue of [All Things News](#) (Quarterly Publication • Fifth Edition • Fall 2023). This issue includes a welcome message, reflection, tools for parishes and families, and other helpful resources.

Several important upcoming dates celebrating Family and Life include:

**October 4-29, 2023: "Synod on Synodality" (Session 1) 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops**

December 3, 2023: International Day of Persons with Disabilities

December 31, 2023: Feast of the Holy Family

February 4-10, 2024: National Catholic Health Care Week

February 11, 2024: World Day of the Sick

May 13-19, 2024: National Family & Life Week 2024

July 18, 2024: World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

**New!** Initially at the request of the Knights of Columbus – Alberta/NWT as part of their Faith Formation Program, Bishop David, who serves as State Chaplain, produced a monthly series of reflections on **“We are People of the Eucharist: towards a renewed love for Holy Communion.”** After a summer recess, the **8th Reflection** in the series focuses on [Thanksgiving, a Celebration of the Family](#). A new video reflection will be posted each month in the hopes that it may inspire us in our faith journey.

\*\*\*\*\*

**Interested in learning more about God, your faith, and the Church?** The Eparchy of Edmonton is pleased to announce Year I (of a two-year program) of our **Lay Leadership and Diaconate Formation Program** in collaboration with Newman Theological College starting in September 2023.

Each course consists of 10 online sessions, spanning 5 weeks, requiring some 4 hours of work per week (2 hours per lesson). No exams. Cost of registration per course \$90.00 plus the cost of books.

Sign up for an online course (or two or three) or even work towards a Certificate in Eastern Christian Traditions at Newman Theological College (Edmonton).

**To register and for more information**, visit [Newman.edu/CCS](http://Newman.edu/CCS), or contact Andrea Leader [andrea.leader@eeparchy.com](mailto:andrea.leader@eeparchy.com) or Bernie Mandrusiak [bernadette.mandrusiak@eeparchy.com](mailto:bernadette.mandrusiak@eeparchy.com) or call the Pastoral Centre (780) 424-5496.

### **Certificate in Eastern Christian Traditions I**

The Certificate in Eastern Christian Traditions I provides an introduction to the rich tradition of the Eastern Christian faith. Participants will explore their faith through the study of the Theology of Eastern Christianity, Worship and Spirituality of the Eastern Catholic Churches, and the Holy Mysteries, the terminology for what the West calls the Sacraments.

#### **Courses**

- **CCS-002 Scripture (Cycle 1 (Sept. 18 – Oct. 22, 2023) - CCS-002)**
- **CCS-046 The Theology of Eastern Christianity Part I(Cycle 2 (Oct. 30 – Dec. 3, 2023) - CCS-046)**

- CCS-047 The Theology of Eastern Christianity Part II(Cycle 3 (Jan. 8 – Feb. 11, 2024) - CCS-047)
- CCS-048 Worship and Spirituality of Eastern Catholic Churches Part I(Cycle 4 (Feb. 19 – Mar. 24, 2024) - CCS-048)
- CCS-090 Worship and Spirituality of Eastern Catholic Churches Part II(Cycle 5 (Apr. 1 – May 5, 2024) - CCS-090)
- CCS-050 The Holy Mysteries: An Introduction (Cycle 6 (May 13 – June 16, 2024) - CCS-050)

Additional courses of interest:

- CCS-049 Praying with Icons - Cycle 6 (May 13 – June 16, 2024)