

EPARCHIAL NEWSLETTER



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UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW 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.

NEW 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);
- **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 annual **Synod of Bishops** of the Ukrainian Catholic Church will be held from **September 3-13** in Rome.

New! **Annual Clergy Study Days:** September 19-21, 2023 (**starting 2:00 pm Tuesday; ending 3:00 pm Thursday**, Providence Renewal Centre. Deacon Daniel Galadza, Special Topics in Liturgy and the Ukrainian Catholic Church. (A reminder: please bring your icons from our annual clergy retreat: Fr Bo Nahachewsky will seal them now that they are dry.)

New! The **Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' Annual Assembly** will take place from **September 25-28**, in Toronto, ON.

New! **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! **Patriarch Sviatoslav** in a **Pastoral Letter** entitled [The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near \(Mark 1:15\)](#), has decreed that the **Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ukraine** will **move to the modified Julian Calendar as of September 1, 2023**, whereby movable feasts (for example, Christmas and Theophany, will be celebrated according to the Gregorian Calendar, while retaining the Julian Calendar for Easter and other immovable feasts.

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 **seventh reflection** in the series focuses on [Holy Communion: The Quest](#)

[for the Cup](#) A new video reflection will be posted each month in the hopes that it may inspire us in our faith journey.

NOTEWORTHY

New! Now available in ebook! [We Walk with Christ: Youth Catechism](#). Written by young adults for young adults, but a great catechetical treasure suitable for families and seniors. Over 200 pages in length, full of vibrant and dynamic colour, text, and icons. Divided into 3 parts: On the Faith of the Church, On the Prayer of the Church, and On the Life of the Church. CA \$12.99 plus GST.

New! The Eparchy of Edmonton launched a new liturgical app called [iPraises](#), available in Android and Apple platforms. The app is free and hosts the liturgical propers in English for the Divine Liturgy each day during the year, including the troparion, kondak, Epistle, Gospel, and everything else you need to follow along during the Divine Liturgy. The app can also be used at home, school, or work to take a few moments in prayer with the Lord each day.

Bishop David introduces the app in an [iPraises short video](#).

Watch for the website version soon to be launched.

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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, or contact Andrea Leader andrea.leader@eeparchy.com or Bernie Mandrusiak 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)

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- 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)