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**Ukrainian Catholic
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EPARCHIAL NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

The collection supports Holy Spirit Seminary, Edmonton; the Basilian House of Studies, Edmonton; the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate Novitiate, Winnipeg; Clergy Study Days; and the Eparchial Diaconal and Lay Ministry Formation Programs;

The collection also assists the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies, Toronto, which serves the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada by providing academic and spiritual formation for our future Church leaders.

Studying at Holy Spirit Seminary this year are:

- **Subdeacon Cyril Kennedy** (Doctoral Studies in Sacred Scripture, Catholic University, Washington, DC);
- **Roman Kobyletskyy** (Theology Studies, Saint Paul University, Ottawa);
- **Julian Savaryn** (Theology Studies, Newman Theological College, Edmonton)
- **Orion Wiebe** (Philosophy/Theology Studies, Newman Theological College, Edmonton)

The suggested donation amount is \$25.00 per family.

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

All are invited to the official **Opening and Blessing of Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Seminary** with the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of Canada on Saturday, **October 13**. Divine Liturgy will be at 10:00 am followed by a small reception. All are invited.

Seminary location: 12909 113 Avenue NW, Edmonton.

Please RSVP to 587-460-6031 before October.

Contact information for **Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Seminary**:

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Presbyteral Council Meetings:

- **October 29** (2:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Providence Renewal Centre)

Clergy Conferences:

- **November 2** (9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Providence Renewal Centre)

Annual Clergy Study Days: October 29-November 1 (Providence Renewal Centre, Edmonton). The 2018 Synod of Bishops has chosen for its main theme, “The Word of God and Catechesis.” Building upon this, Rev. Stephen Wojcichowsky will lead this year’s Clergy Study Days: “Delving More Deeply into *Christ Our Pascha: the Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church*.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW In 2015, Pope Francis instituted in the Catholic Church the “**World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**”, which is celebrated on 1 September annually.

In that letter His Holiness reminds us that “We need always to keep in mind that, for believers in Jesus Christ, the Word of God who became man for our sake, “the life of the spirit is not dissociated from the body or from nature or from worldly realities, but lived in and with them, in communion with all that surrounds us.”

Attached is the **2018 Papal Message** for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

NEW The annual **Synod of Bishops** of the Ukrainian Catholic Church took place from **September 2-11** in **Lviv** (Briukhovychi). This year’s theme was “The Word of God and Catechesis,” which builds upon Vision 2020 and the Vibrant Parish Spiritual Renewal Program.

Attached are the **resolutions** resulting from the 2018 Synod of Bishops (English translation to follow when available).

NEW The **Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB)** issued a **Message** to the present and past members of the **Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council**, marking its 20th anniversary (attached).

NEW The **Canadian Council of Churches (CCC)** adopted by consensus a **document** entitled **“Principles of Peace,”** which expresses the various theological principles and views of its member Churches and ecclesial communities on peace.

The text is available on the CCC website at https://www.councilofchurches.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/CCC_PrinciplesOfPeace_English.pdf.

Central to the document is the biblical image of Shalom: right relationships between God, humanity and all of creation.

NEW The **Alberta-NWT Catholic Bishops** issued a **Pastoral Message** for **Catholic Education Sunday** on the theme of “Rejoice and Be Glad.”

NEW Earlier this year, a **Ukrainian Catholic TV crew from Ukraine** “Zhyve telebachennja” visited several of our parishes to record the vibrancy of Church life in the Eparchy of Edmonton.

Here are the first two clips they filmed:

“Parish and Monastery of Saint Basil the Great, Edmonton: A Vibrant Parish.”

<https://zhyve.tv/video/1436-parafiya-i-monastyr-sv-vasyliya-velykogo-m-edmonton-zhyva-parafiya/>

“Saint George Parish, Edmonton: A Vibrant Parish”

<https://Zhyve.tv/videos/616289988767974/UzpfSTE4MzcwNDE3MTE6MTAyMTAxNTI4MzgwMTc1NjU/>

NEW At the request of Very Rev. Gabriel Haber, osbm, Provincial Superior, Bishop David granted **priestly faculties** to **Rev. Matthew Drury, osbm**, who provide pastoral support at Holy Trinity Parish, Vegreville, and Basilian Parishes throughout the Eparchy of Edmonton.

NEW Bishop David made the following appointments:

Presbyteral Council

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 Presbyteral Council membership consists of:

- Rev. Stephen Wojcichowsky, Protosyncellus (Vicar General) and Chancellor, ex-officio
- Rev. Janko Herbut, Protopresbyter – Edmonton Deanery
- Rev. Danylo Bodnar, Protopresbyter – Mundare Deanery
- Rev. Greg Faryna, Protopresbyter – Calgary Deanery
- Rev. Peter Babej
- Rev. Julian Bilyj
- Rev. Slavko Dumec
- Rev. Bill Hupalo
- Rev. Danylo Kuc
- Rev. Mihajlo Planchak
- Rev. Josaphat Tyrkalo, osbm
- Rev. Rendy Yackimec

College of Consultors

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.

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