

Encounters in Ecumenism

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Awake, be ready ... to share

Advent calls Christians to prepare for the coming of Christ. Reaching out to one another readies us to welcome Christ. May this advent be a season to sing together, pray together, and celebrate together as a Christian family.

Ideas – include Christian unity in your Prayers of the Faithful (samples below), invite neighboring churches to hymn and chorale festivals, Christmas pageants – consider planning an event that can showcase each other's talents and/or join each other in collecting items for those less fortunate in the community...caroling for cans, angel tree etc.



The Lord is coming soon...

Scripture to Ponder ...

"...for nothing is impossible with God." (Luke 1:37)

Reflection: Take time away from the bustle of the season to reflect on all that is possible "with God". Invite God into your "busyness" in the midst of this season of preparation. Observe the changes and the ecumenical spirit which is evident throughout this season.

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 23 St. Mary's University College Speakers Series - Dr. Anthony Parel **Gandhi, Peace and Nonviolence** 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 24-25 Marriage Preparation Workshop – Friday evening: Bishop Henry; Saturday morning session on interchurch and interfaith marriage. Call Life & Family Resource Centre @ 218-5504
- Nov. 28 & 30 Ahmadiyya Muslims sponsor interfaith forums on *Religion and Social Peace* in Airdrie and Chestermere
- Nov. 29 Ahmadiyya Muslims sponsor interfaith forum on *Why I Believe in my Faith* in Irricana at the Lions' Community Centre
- Dec. 2,3,4 Knox-CBC Carol Festival – Knox United Church, Calgary at 7:00 p.m. each evening
- Dec. 9 Catechetical Certificate program, level 3 – session on RC teaching on other religions
- Invitation: Calgary Council of Churches meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at Knox Presbyterian Church, 37th St. & Richmond Rd. SW from 4:00-6:00. The RC Diocese is under-represented on this body. If you are interested, contact Anna at 218-5521.

Share ecumenical/interfaith activities happening in your parish: Call 218-5521. Deadline: 10th of each month.

Sample

Prayers of the Faithful

Lord God of heaven and earth, help us to listen to the call of your Holy Spirit, calling all churches to unity in Christ.

May Christians continue in dialogue with one another, celebrating our common faith and seeking to understand our differences.

For all interchurch families: may they be living witnesses of personal communion in the love of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Did you know?

"Ecumenical dialogue...makes surprising discoveries possible"

and that "unity stands at the very heart of Christ's mission."

- Ut Unum Sint , Pope John Paul II -

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