FORMED UPDATE

We are almost halfway to the $1000 goal, with $472 raised so far. Thanks to everyone who has supported this effort. If you cannot afford to support it right now, don't worry: you are more than welcome to use this parish service anyway!

If you have never checked out the FORMED website, please go to: st-joes.formed.org The site will prompt you to REGISTER for a new account (with your name, email, and a password). To get a quick overview of the site, check out the section “New to FORMED”? You will also see tabs such as: Study, Watch, Listen, and Read.

Here is what Jared Prins from St. Joe’s College had to say about the site:

“The growth in my faith started as a desire for me to be a better father and husband. I began to listen to the Discerning Hearts series that talked about the life and rules of St. Ignatius. After that, I was hooked. I was consuming content about the meaning of Mass, charity, fatherhood, and even a dissection of the book of Revelation. I’ve been hooked on almost any content on that site. I find I am listening to talks I NEVER would have picked off the shelf of any store. Even the 2 minute daily emails have had a profound impact on me. With this context in mind, you can see why I am so passionate about FORMED.”

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

Explore your spiritual nature more deeply: Spiritual Direction is available for everyone at SJC. Members of the worshipping community please contact Sr. Elizabeth (elizabethfcj@gmail.com). Note: meetings will likely begin sometime in September.

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SACRED HEART BUILDING APPEAL

Many of you recall that Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples sustained substantial damage in a fire on August 30, 2020. Thanks be to God, no one was hurt. However, there was major damage to the sanctuary and roof, and the whole building was gutted to remove the wet plaster.

Insurance will cover the cost to replace everything damaged by the fire. The parish has discerned that this is the opportune time to upgrade the heating system, replace the steep front stairs, repair foundation cracks, and improve the worship and gathering space. This will necessitate raising funds in addition to insurance coverage.

Sacred Heart Church is appealing to parishes and interested individuals to contribute to a campaign to raise $2 million. This will provide the Archdiocese and the Indigenous Catholic community with a sound and beautiful building, in which through worship and fellowship they shall deepen their relationship to God and one another for decades to come.

Sacred Heart Church was designated as a national Indigenous parish in 1991. Now, the First Nations, Metis, and Inuit population of the Edmonton area exceeds 85,000 people. Indigenous people are migrating to urban centres across Canada. Many of them have a Catholic background, so we need to be well situated to foster new relationships with them and the Catholic community, other churches, and the general population.

As Catholics we promote reconciliation at all times, but especially in this moment we yearn to reverse the historic harms that occurred between the Church and the First Peoples of this land. By contributing to this campaign, you are demonstrating solidarity with Indigenous Catholics and commitment to a new beginning full of hope.

Donations may be made as follows:

- Online donation: www.sacredpeoples.com/rebuild
- E-transfer: rebuildsacredheart@caedm.ca

Fr. Mitch, pastor of St. Thomas More parish, recorded a beautiful video. Check it out at stm.caedm.ca.

More information on the fundraising appeal, including details of the renovation, can be found at caedm.ca.

Your prayers for the success of this endeavour are gratefully requested.

AT A GLANCE...

Email jim.stenberg@ualberta.ca for more information.

Go to st-joes.formed.org to log in to our FORMED account (“Netflix for Catholics”)

To donate online, go to https://www.ualberta.ca/st-josephs/giving/index.html

For pre-authorized giving, email elsie.liu@ualberta.ca

To check out the website, type the following in your browser: ualberta.ca/stjosephs

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BAPTISM

Contact the SJC Chaplain at least 2 months prior to date of Baptism.

MARRIAGE

Contact the SJC Chaplain at least 1 year prior to date of Marriage.

SACRAMENTS

For other sacraments, please contact the SJC Chaplain.