

## THE INTERCOM

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**BARGAINING SURVEYS STILL BEING ACCEPTED:** The Local office will still accept your survey results. Please send to the Local office via IMC.

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings everyone

As we begin our Advent season, we are once again reminded of the drastic conditions that confront the poor and marginalized of our city. At the same time, we get to hear about the many organizations and volunteers who work tirelessly to meet some of the needs of our poor and outcast. Our schools and **you teachers** pull out all the stops with numerous activities in aiding the efforts of Catholic Social Services, Hope Mission, Bissell Centre, Marian Centre, Food Bank, women's shelters, the Youth Emergency Centre and so many others. Additionally, many if not all, schools prepare their own hampers for families they work with and assist many parishes with the increased outreach work at this time of the year. It is so sad that as we prepare for the happy event of Christmas, the needs of so many are highlighted so dramatically. As a Catholic community of teachers, we enjoy the privilege of identifying the work we do in religious terms such as vocation and mission, and just as our Christ Child came to alleviate suffering and went to the margins of society, we are asked to do the same. From our ECS classes all the way through to our outreach centres, teachers automatically extend an outpouring of compassion accompanied by outstanding works of service. All this is done every year amidst all the other daily demands of the classroom. Find time to celebrate and congratulate each other. Take especially good care of each other ☺

Sandy

### PRE-RETIREMENT WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED!

Heather Johnson, pension consultant, will be presenting a two-part Pre-Retirement Workshop in January for interested teaching staff. The sessions will include dinner and will run from 6-9pm on Monday, January 24 (Part 1), and Monday, January 31 (Part 2). Both sessions will be offered in the auditorium at Barnett House. The workshops are free of charge, sponsored by the Local, and are limited to 75 participants. Email Jan to register: [jan.bossmmin@ecteachers.ca](mailto:jan.bossmmin@ecteachers.ca)

### MESSAGE ABOUT HEALTH SPENDING ACCOUNTS

If you have not yet filled out your Direct Deposit Form for ASEBP, please go either to MyECSD, HR Documents, or to the ASEBP website to find the form, fill it out and return it to ASEBP. They can NOT reimburse your Health Spending Account Credits without your banking information. If you have any questions, please phone ASEBP directly: 780-431-4786.

### LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

At the December 14<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting the following scholarship recipients will be honoured: The \$1000 Archbishop Joseph MacNeil Scholarship for Outstanding Christian Service will be awarded to:

**Victoria Nickel (Archbishop O'Leary HS)**- parent: Maria Nickel (Archbishop MacDonald HS) and

**Mark Craig (Archbishop O'Leary HS)**- parent: Karen Craig (St. Maria Goretti School)

The (\$1000) MacNeil/Quinlan Scholarship will be awarded to:

**Mirelle Boivin (École Maurice Lavallee)** – parent: Ronald Boivin (St. Teresa School) and  
**Jennifer Walsh (Archbishop O'Leary HS)** –parent Deb Walsh (St. Mark Jr HS)

The (\$1000) Bishop Greschuk Scholarship will be awarded to:

**Tanis Riske (Louis St. Laurent HS)** – parent: Patricia Riske (St. Elizabeth School)

There were no applicants for the Donna Swiniarski and Bernie Lemay Scholarships.

If you are a teacher in Edmonton Catholic and have a child graduating from high school this year, watch the Intercom next spring for application information. Your Local has \$10,000 to award!!!!

### Meetings & Events

**Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2010**

Executive Mtg. #4, 5pm,  
Barnett House, Boardroom

**Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2010**

Council mtg., 6pm,  
Christmas social to follow

**December 18 – January 2**

Local office closed for the  
Holidays

**Monday, January 3, 2010**

Local office reopens at  
8:30am. Happy New Year!

**Tuesday, January 4, 2010**

Executive Mtg. #05, 5pm,  
Boardroom, Barnett House

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### LIFE'S HANDBOOK OF WISDOM:

"A truly happy person  
is one who can enjoy  
the scenery on a  
detour."