



# and now...your "Local" news!

September 22, 2011

## SCHOOL OPENING MASS

Beginning the school year by celebrating Mass with our colleagues, as we did on August 31st at the Winspear, is a rich tradition begun some 30 years ago by the Edmonton Catholic Teachers' Local. This year we were honoured by the presence of our presider, His Grace, Archbishop Emeritus Joseph MacNeil, and 27 members of the clergy. In addition to the fine work carried out by the planning committee, chaired by Floriana Bruni-Bossio of Ecole Frere Antoine, there were 120 staff members who volunteered as singers, instrumentalists, leaders of song, acolytes, candle bearers, cross and incense bearers, readers, gift bearers, ushers, and parking attendants. The Local is pleased to announce that a record \$8101 in donations was presented at our September 20<sup>th</sup> Council meeting to Development and Peace and Riseup ministries. Thank you all for your generosity and for your continued support of this wonderful Catholic community-building event.



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## Message from our President

Greetings everyone,  
Welcome back to a wonderful school year and the promise of all things good! Your local has had a very successful year because of every teacher's support and the numerous new faces at Council last night speaks well of this school year. Even with one hundred and thirty five teachers in attendance (!!), we still have room for reps

from a couple of our high schools so please encourage each other to share the load. We need every school represented as much as possible.  
The strategic planning group of our Alberta Teachers' Association met last weekend and continued our discussions for the preferred future of Alberta in 2030. We are one of the very few organizations engaged in this activity and the timeliness of this venture is perfect. Transformational meetings are beginning throughout the province with school boards, government and our association, the ATA. These discussions have the potential of providing new direction and opportunities for our educational system and we should all think seriously about the effects on our classrooms as we move forward. As a Catholic local, I believe we should begin our own strategic planning in line with our Association's and map out *our* preferred future for 2030. Please stay tuned for more information in the next couple of months.  
I urge us all to make our staffrooms and classrooms places of joyful interaction as we continue to care deeply for each other and those we serve.  
On behalf of our Executive, I wish you blessings for health and success. Happy New Year. ☺ ~ Sandy

## DO YOU NEED \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ FOR PD?

Your ECT Local will distribute \$20,000 in professional development grants to teachers this year. To apply, visit [www.local54.teachers.ab.ca](http://www.local54.teachers.ab.ca), email your completed application form to [jan.bossm@ecteachers.ca](mailto:jan.bossm@ecteachers.ca) by October 4, 2011. The 133 lucky recipients will be notified by email. Also available are 100 sub days granted through the Collective Agreement to attend an ATA Specialist Council Conference.

## ARE YOU A TEACHER NEW TO THE PROFESSION?

The ATA's Beginning  
Teachers' Conference is  
coming up!

- Sept 29(eve)-Oct 1
- Fantasyland Hotel
- NO registration fee!

Sessions include:

- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning
- Beginning Teacher Wellness
- Classroom Management
- Differentiated Instruction
- Meeting Special Needs
- Working with Parents
- Collaborative Learning
- Dealing with Bullying

Talk to your principal  
about being released  
from your teaching  
duties on Sept 30 to take  
in this very valuable PD  
opportunity. For info, call  
(780) 447 9470 or visit:  
[www.teachers.ab.ca](http://www.teachers.ab.ca)

## NEW TEACHER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Stay tuned to your email for  
information about our New  
Teacher Mentorship  
Program, supported by  
ESCD. Committee co-chairs,  
Azza Ghali and Joe Dumont,  
will soon be contacting first  
and second year teachers  
about becoming part of this  
year-long professional  
development program.

## NEW TEACHER INDUCTION CEREMONY

Watch for an invitation  
to join us as we officially  
welcome new teachers  
to the profession.  
Barnett House. October  
20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

# Thanks to Opening Mass Volunteers

## Committee

Sandy Gillis –President ECT, Kathy MacIsaac- Executive Director ECT, Floriana Bruni-Bossio-Chairperson, Dan Alba, Jan Bossmin, Azza Ghali, Norma Jani, Kristina Kastelan-Sikora, Karen Filewych, Brett Mackey, Sandra Palazzo, Francine Perri, Debbie Pierozinski, Kyle Porter, Sandra Talarico, Ron Zacharko

## Other Ministries

David Seaton-Cross Bearer, James McFarlane, Candle Bearer, Francine Perri-Candle Bearer, Kevin McGoey-Incense Bearer, Patrina Chan-Gift Bearer, Phillip Campbell-Gift Bearer, Sean McGuinness-Gift Bearer, Shannon Souray-Gift Bearer

## Parking Lot Attendees

Tim Cusack, Sandra Palazzo, Kyle Porter, Ron Zacharko

## Music Ministry

Angela Anderson, Melita Bagaric, Aaron Ball, Elise Barber, Mary Biamonte, Sheldon Biamonte, Jeannie Cetinski, Nicole Chapelsky, Louise Croome, Louise Dawson, Gregory Dewing, Onkee Dewing, Julia Dytyniak, Larisa Eliuk, Cecilia Fenrich, Anna Filipowski, Paul Gaudet, Caroline Gravel, Monique Gravel, Jodi Harding, Patricia Hobden, Susanna Kaup, Christopher Koper, Kathleen Korner, Marcelle Labossiere, Michelle Lacoursiere, Theresa Lema, Mackenzie Tamara-Lynn, Rachel MacLeod, Corey Mahood, Patrice Maltais, Malgorzata Marciniak, Rose-Marie McGee, Raymond McLellan, Annette Mendiuk, Erlene Monteith, Monica Murphy, Anne-Marie Paquin, Bethsaida Pecson, Maria Peet, Beryl Radulski, Stephanie Reyes, Nelson Roy, Renelle Roy, Sherryl Sewepagaham, Jennifer Smadis, Shelley Smith, Anne Ward, Ashley Wright, Sandra Young

## Ushers

Anna Alves, Stella Beaudoin, Emilia Borruso, Christine Bowers, Diane Bowers-O'Neill, Daryl Chichak, Karen Craig, Kristy Desmarais, Julie-Ann Dron, Alicia Fenton, Chris Ferguson, Karen Filewych, Jackie Flynn, Barbara Forbes, Julie Francois, Andrea Grieder, Pina Hackman, Tisa Haesch, Derek Hatch, Felicia Iacchelli, Joan Kabotoff, Guitta Kodershah, Suzanne LeGars, Tamara Leslie, Darrell Marko, Lori McDonough, Krista MacGregor, Alexandra Mannarino, Jacinthe Moquin, Kathleen Nguyen, Chris Pardell, Karen Polard, Isabella Pierce, Sarah Platero, Fernando Runco, Marc Sanscartier, Wendy Sweetland, David Warawa, Leslie Zydek

## EDMONTON CATHOLIC LOCAL WINS 2 AWARDS AT THE ATA SUMMER CONFERENCE!!

We are proud to announce that our Edmonton Catholic Teachers Local was recognized by the Alberta Teachers' Association with a Local Public Relations Award of Excellence (Best Program) for our submission entitled "ECT: Version 2.0" (Congratulations to Project Leader, Chris Ferguson, of St. Francis Xavier High School) as well as the Local Political Engagement Award for our school trustee forum and "Why I teach in a Catholic School" campaign. (Congratulations to Mark Martin, our Communications Liaison, from St John Bosco School)

### PD for Newly-Appointed Administrators!

Leadership Essentials for Administrators is a conference designed for administrators in the first 2 years of their appointment.

November 14-15, 2011

Sheraton Cavalier in Calgary

Network with colleagues, attend break-out sessions. No registration fee!

Find out more by visiting [www.teachers.ab.ca](http://www.teachers.ab.ca)

The Local will offer **\$250** each to **four** new administrators to help cover meals and accommodation costs. Interested? Email [kathy.macisaac@ecteachers.ca](mailto:kathy.macisaac@ecteachers.ca)

### Expecting a baby or thinking about it?

MATERNITY LEAVE INFO SESSION  
Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm  
Barnett House Room 213  
Email [jan.bossmin@ecteachers.ca](mailto:jan.bossmin@ecteachers.ca) to register.

### THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA CONTEST

The Local awards \$10,000 in scholarships to children of Edmonton Catholic teachers. How many applications did we receive by the September 9<sup>th</sup> deadline? First correct answer in Kathy's inbox will win a \$25 gift card! Email [kathv.macisaac@ecteachers.ca](mailto:kathv.macisaac@ecteachers.ca)