

ALBERTA DEANERY REPORT July 2007

The deanery of Alberta has existed for long time, first mentioned in history in 1916, and will continue to meet the organizational needs of this group of parishes. In December 2006 the deanery clergy met for a meeting and election of a dean for Alberta. The new dean elected and to be appointed as of July 2007 is Fr. Vasyl Kolega Rector of Smoky Lake Parishes. We met in May both cleric and lay representative to elect a lay nominee to the Archdiocesan Council, and Peter Ewanchuk is our elected nominee. The meetings of the deanery are held to discuss Archdiocese directives, programming in the deanery and common goals and visions like our youth camp, mission strategy, and parish growth.

Edmonton:

St. Herman's Sobor: Holy Trinity Church, St. Athanasius in Sherwood Park continues to grow as communities and co-operate with each other in our missionary effort. All three communities work well together serving different needs. St. Nektarios Mission in Red Deer is working with the Ukrainian Orthodox mission in Red Deer to co-ordinate priests coming to the community. They presently are using the same facilities for both missions. St. Phillip's Mission in Grande Prairie is dormant.

Calgary:

St. Peter the Aleut Parish has been looking for a new building and trying to sell the present building the deal they had fell apart. St. Aiden's Mission in Cranbrooke, BC in the process of organizing their community life a being served from Calgary once a month.

Rural Parishes:

Thirteen communities located within 1hr to the NE of Edmonton are served by two priest who reside in Edmonton. These rural parishes are divided into two groups that meet in different churches each week to form a community. They share one newsletter for all the parishes yet function administratively individually, but as communities with one choir all attending each other's church.

Radio Program: In Edmonton under the auspices of the Archdiocese a half hour weekly radio program under the direction of Deacon Gregory Kopchuk, as well by website throughout the world. This program has been financially administered through the Bishops West office.

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Dean