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Our Lady of Victory Camp

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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

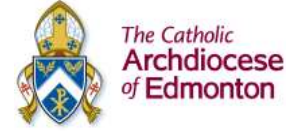
We are thrilled to welcome campers back to Our Lady of Victory Camp in a few short months!

The announcement that camp ministry would return to OLVC this summer set in motion a flurry of activity. Over the past few months, countless hours have been spent spreading the word about camp, recruiting volunteers, seeking donations, and [working at the camp itself](#) in preparation for our relaunch in July. I am excited to report that we currently have 135 young people registered to attend the camp and 40 volunteers signed up to work with the camp program, to serve as a cook, or to serve as a nurse for at least one week over the summer.

As we approach our July relaunch, there remains much to be done at Our Lady of Victory Camp. We would appreciate your continuing to pray for all of us who are working towards the summer. We are also on the lookout for further help:

1. ***You can help as we get the camp facility ready for the summer.*** We are hosting two work bees on Saturday, May 6 and Saturday, June 10 and need people with all sorts of abilities to spend the day [cleaning, sorting, and repairing various things](#). We also need volunteers who can offer a day (or more) throughout the spring to help us tackle [a series of maintenance projects](#). If you'd like to volunteer, or if you have a particular trade or skill to offer to the camp, please contact Deacon Claude Baril by phone at 403-896-3745 or by email at cbaril53@gmail.com.
2. ***You can offer your financial support.*** Our preparations for the summer have benefitted from funds previously raised and donations from parishes, the Catholic Women's League, the Knights of Columbus, and *Together We Serve* campaign. However, the long-term sustainability of Our Lady of Victory Camp will require many new benefactors. **Between one-time and monthly donations, we need to raise \$40,000 in 2023.** We are hoping to find 125 supporters willing to give \$50 each month and currently have the equivalent of 26 such donors signed up. If you'd like to financially support the camp, you can [download a printable donation form](#) (which you would mail in to us) or you could [make an online donation to camp](#).
3. ***You can volunteer during the summer for a week (or more).*** While we have 40 volunteers signed up, we still have some gaps people could fill by helping with the camp program, as a cook, or as a nurse. You can apply to help through this link: <https://olvc.campbrainstaff.com/>

I would also like to invite you to join us for two upcoming celebrations (whether you are sending a child to camp this summer or not):



- The first is a celebration, reunion, and farewell to Camp Encounter on Saturday, May 27th, 2023 at Camp Encounter. You can RSVP to this event at rowdylunch.com.
- The second is a grand re-opening barbecue at Our Lady of Victory Camp on Saturday, July 8 at OLVC. You can RSVP to this event at camps.flocknote.com/signup/119708.

For more information on either event or in relation to any other question you might have about the relaunch of camp ministry at Our Lady of Victory Camp this summer, please email camps@caedm.ca or call 587-447-2837.

Beginning in May, we will be using Flocknote to send out a monthly newsletter. If you would like to sign up to receive future updates, please sign up at <https://caedm.flocknote.com/CAMPS>, and sign up in the small box to the left of your screen. You can also sign up via text **by texting CAMP to 514-900-0130**.

We are immensely grateful for your support and for your prayers as we resume the mission of helping our young people *Encounter Christ, Encounter Community, and Encounter Creation* at Our Lady of Victory Camp this summer.

Yours in Christ,

Mike Landry
Camp Coordinator