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## Artist in residence

FRASER LAKE – A gifted artist makes his home here and generously shares his talents with St. Andrew's Parish.

As a member of the Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Francis of Assisi, Brother Roy Joseph, CMSF, is well known for his loving missionary work. He may even be well known for his magic tricks. But in Fraser Lake he is also well known for his beautiful artwork.

As each liturgical season arrives, Brother Roy's artwork graces the walls of St. Andrew's Church. Working with whatever materials are available, he has done paintings for Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter.

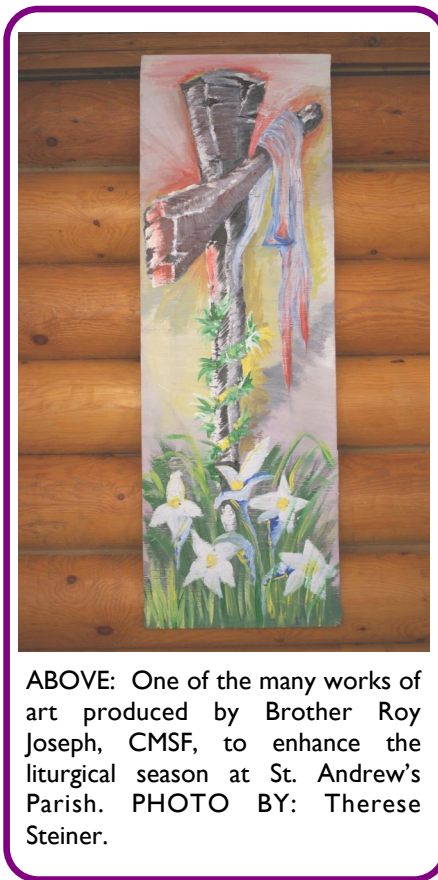
For the past few years at Christmas, Brother Roy has painted a beautiful and unique backdrop for the nativity scene. This past Christmas, he prepared something a little

different. Using crumpled paper he built a 3-D scene for the nativity display, incorporating plants, animals and birds in the backdrop.

At times Brother Roy combines his artistic talents with his sense of humour, producing countless cartoon-style posters for parish functions, often roasting the local parishioners in a way only he can.

He has also tried his hand at wood carving. His work can be seen on the front of the votive candle rack at the Rose Prince Pilgrimage. His ideas are always unique as he often notices things in a slightly different way, with his artistic eye.

Brother Roy's perspective is always an enlightening and refreshing way of seeing things. His artwork adds a beautiful touch as it prepares the church to celebrate the various seasons.



ABOVE: One of the many works of art produced by Brother Roy Joseph, CMSF, to enhance the liturgical season at St. Andrew's Parish. PHOTO BY: Therese Steiner.

## What Does the Passion of Christ Say to Us Today?

**Bishop Emeritus Gerald Wiesner, OMI**  
**Domano Renewal Centre, Emmaus House**  
**March 27-29, 2015**



How do we enter into Holy Week? Bishop Gerry will reflect on the Passion of Christ and what this is saying to us today. This retreat is open to everyone.

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Ends Sunday, March 29th following lunch

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## *Religious honored by Diocese*

By: Mary-Anne Lewis Jamin

PRINCE GEORGE - The Diocesan Church gathered at Sacred Heart Cathedral on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord to acknowledge the gifts and contribution of those among us who have dedicated their lives to God as consecrated women and men.

Many times over the years, Religious men and women in this Diocese have gathered at the Cathedral on February 2nd, World Day of Consecrated Life, to renew their vows. In this Year of Consecrated Life the celebration was an opportunity to honor them in a special way.

Each Christian is called to a particular vocation, to respond to the call of Jesus to "Come and follow me". At the celebration the Diocesan Church was able to express gratitude to those who responded to that call by dedicating their lives through the vocation to the consecrated life and to do so, for a time, in our Diocese.

Since the beginning of the 20th century, many different Religious orders came to minister in this northern part of BC which eventually became the Diocese of Prince George. From the Oblates and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto, first to arrive, to the Dominican Sisters, the Pallottine Fathers and the Carmelites who are the latest, the Diocese has been enriched by their dedication and service.

Today there are 15 religious brothers and sisters living and ministering among us. And as well as the six remaining Oblate priests, there

are three priests from two other religious orders.

In his Apostolic Letter inaugurating the Year of Consecrated Life, Pope Francis said, "to tell our story is to praise God and to thank him for all his gifts."

The evening was an opportunity to praise and thank God while listening to stories of representatives from some of the Religious orders gathered. They spoke of their history in the Diocese, their charism and ministries.

Pope Francis' letter was not only for Religious women and men. "The Year for Consecrated Life concerns not only consecrated persons, but the entire Church. Consequently I ask the whole Christian people to be increasingly aware of the gift which is the presence of our many consecrated men and women ..."

The Holy Father goes on to "... invite every Christian community to experience this Year above all as a moment of thanksgiving to the Lord and grateful remembrance for all the gifts we continue to receive, thanks to the sanctity of founders and foundresses, and from the fidelity to their charism shown by so many consecrated men and women.

"I ask all of you," the Pope continues, "to draw close to these men and women, to rejoice with them, to share their difficulties and to assist them, to whatever degree possible, in their ministries and works, for the latter are, in the end, those of the entire Church. Let them know the affection and the warmth which the entire Christian people feel for them."



Sr. Connie Harkin, SSND, and Father John Garden at the reception following the Year of Consecrated Life celebration.

Joe Fowlie shows affection and warmth to Sr. Dorothy Ryan, CSJ.



PHOTOS BY:  
Valerie Giles

Priests from throughout the Diocese concelebrated with Bishop Stephen Jensen at the Mass.



## 68th Annual BC & Yukon Provincial CWL Convention

By: Jennifer Foster

PRINCE GEORGE – Joyfully Serving the Lord is the title of the 68th Annual BC and Yukon Provincial Convention of the Catholic Women's League of Canada, which will take place at Sacred Heart Cathedral and the Coast Inn of the North, June 11-13, 2015.

Hundreds of women from throughout the province and territory will travel to our vibrant city to experience wonderful hospitality and community.

Bishop Stephen Jensen will join us for both the opening and closing Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral and BC & Yukon Provincial President Pat Deppiesse will guide us on this action packed weekend filled with discussions, spiritual programs, workshops and entertainment.

The convention will include many special presentations including one from our National President Barbara Dowding who, with Sr. Irene Baker, CSJ will discuss

the exciting national and provincial themes of One Heart, One Voice, One Mission and Joyfully Serving the Lord.

Father Vincent James, OMI, pastor of St. Andrew's Parish in Fraser Lake, will introduce members to Rose Prince and the Annual Pilgrimage. There will also be a challenging presentation by Development & Peace.

The CWL is excited to jointly host, with the Diocese of Prince George, keynote speaker, Dr. Moira McQueen. Her timely presentation will give a Catholic perspective on the topics of End of Life Issues, Euthanasia and Assisted Dying.

Dr. Moira is the current Executive Director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute. She teaches moral theology in the Faculty of Theology at the University of St. Michael's College, University of Toronto and provides courses and workshops for parishes,

school boards, health care institutions and priests' seminars.

She recently received the Order of St. Gregory the Great from Pope Francis and is the author of Bioethics Matters: A Guide for Concerned Catholics.

Dr. Moira's McQueen's presentation is open to everyone in the Diocese of Prince George. The CWL looks forward to sharing their good fortune in having this renowned speaker at the convention.

CWL conventions are a great opportunity for members to renew their passion for the League, reconnect with friends and strengthen their minds with knowledge as well as building faith community.

We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information on the Catholic Women's League and what it can offer you or to learn more about upcoming conventions please check out the websites for National [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca) or for Provincial [www.bcukoncwl.com](http://www.bcukoncwl.com).

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Sr. Irene Baker, CSJ  
Father Vincent James, OMI  
Dr. Moira McQueen, LL.B, M.Div., Ph.D.

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End of Life Issues  
Euthanasia & Assisted Dying**

Saturday, June 13th, 2015, Time TBA  
The Coast Inn of the North

Dr. McQueen is the Executive Director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute and a moral theologian in the Faculty of Theology at the University of St. Michael's College. She is a recent recipient of the Order of St. Gregory and author of the book, Bioethics Matters: A Guide for Concerned Catholics.

**Registration required. Watch parish bulletins for details.**

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## League members present Symbols of Solidarity

By: Lorraine Thibeault

VANDERHOOF – Using the Symbols of Solidarity from Development and Peace, members of the Infant Jesus Catholic Women’s League Council reflected on the contributions of generations at their February 3rd meeting.

The first symbol was presented by Barb Wallace, the oldest member in attendance who represented grandparents of the generation. She presented a bowl of earth which symbolizes the labor of her years. The labor of our grandparents returns to the soil and enriches it for future harvests, for future generations.

Maggie Saito, the youngest member in attendance, represented children of the generation. She placed seeds in the bowl of earth. These seeds and



ABOVE: Earth, seeds, tools and paper dolls call CWL members to solidarity. PHOTO BY: Lorraine

Maggie signify the harvests of the future, a harvest that will feed our families. Our behavior and example are seeds for the future behavior of our children.

Julie Kulchar, who is a rancher, presented on behalf of parents of the generation. She placed two tools on the soil in the bowl. She and the tools represent our living and laborious care for our planted seeds.

Laurie Wallace, also representing children of the generation, placed a string of paper dolls around the bowl to symbolize the communal spirit of this generation. Together we can build a brighter future for all.

Father Rene Antonio, pastor of St. Joseph’s Parish and Spiritual Advisor of the Infant Jesus CWL Council, concluded the presentation with prayer.



Live- Streamed to  
Sacred Heart Parish in Terrace and  
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April 24, 7:00 pm-9:15pm; April 25, 9:15am-4:45pm

*“Invite everyone to be bold and creative in this task of rethinking the goals, structures, style and methods of evangelization in their respective communities.”(Pope Francis)*

St. Mary’s Parish in Prince George and Sacred Heart Parish in Terrace are host sites for the webcast of the New Evangelization Summit on Friday, April 24th from 7 - 9:15 p.m. and Saturday, April 25th from 9:15 a.m.-4:45 p.m.

The purpose of the New Evangelization Summit is to inspire, form and connect Catholics for the purpose of igniting our hearts to make Christ known through exciting new methods of evangelization while connecting with other parishes throughout Canada and the US for support in living out our missionary call.

Registration Fee: \$50 Registration must be paid in advance. Call the parish office to register or register online at [newevangelization.ca](http://newevangelization.ca).

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## Postures that make a difference

Pope Francis proclaimed this year as a time to remember and celebrate the countless men and women who have given of themselves to the world and to the Church in the service of the Gospel through their commitment to consecrated life.

I am sure if you look around your parish the evidence of the hard work and prayer of Religious sisters, brothers and priests abounds. The Diocese of Prince George was founded by and flourishes today because of the generosity of consecrated men and women.

While some memories may be negative, it can certainly be said that the good memories take up more space than the others.

In his message to consecrated men and women Pope Francis suggests that during this year we Religious assume three postures:

- look back with gratitude
- look to the present with passion
- look forward with hope

These are postures that are life giving for all.

By inviting us to look back on our history with a spirit of gratitude the Holy Father invites us to recognize what we have accomplished together – God and us.

Looking back on what we have done often causes us to break into songs of praise. We are grateful for God who provided us with grace upon grace as we turned our hands to ministry.

Filled with good intentions we did the best we could and while it was not always 'spot on,' our desire to please God did in fact

please God and many good things flowed from our efforts.

But for the Holy Father, looking back with gratitude is not enough. He recognizes that despite our aging members and our diminished energy we can still live this moment with passion.

He invites us to engage the world with energy and zeal. Sitting back and resting on our accomplishments does not witness to a missionary heart, which is the hallmark of consecrated men and women. Pope Francis invites us to continue to proclaim the Gospel with zeal wherever we may find ourselves and despite obstacles we encounter.

Pope Francis invites us to join him in looking to the future with hope. He calls us to be prophets of hope, peering into the future with hopeful words and loving gestures for those on the edge of Church and society.

He suggests that we not be a people of doom and gloom, lamenting our present situation. Rather, he invites us to be witnesses of Gospel joy that comes from knowing that no matter what happens, God will write a wonderful story and create life and love from all that is.

In the end it is God who guides this project and it is God who will see it take its proper shape.

We know that many people have just cause to look upon their history with a heavy heart, with the attitude that 'I gave

everything and look what happened.'

We could look at this present moment and say, 'it is too much for me, I want out' or 'I quit!' And when things are difficult it is easy for us to look towards the rising sun and say, 'where is our God?' or 'is this another day without hope or possibility?'

Despite our history, despite our present situation and its many difficulties, we know that God restores to life that which is broken or dead. The Risen Christ can transform all things.

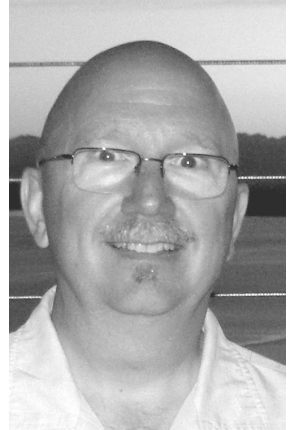
In the midst of our daily struggles and confusion the lives of countless consecrated men and women, the voice of the Holy Father and the Gospel of Jesus Christ call us (all Christians) to these three life-giving postures.

When we look back with longing and a sense of loss or sadness, when we wish for a different story we are invited to become a person of gratitude.

When we look at this present moment and ask why me and lament our lack of energy we are invited to access the power of God at work in us and we are invited to engage this moment with passion.

When we see all that is not as we would like, we are called to allow grace to transform our discouragement into hope.

Today with countless Religious men and women we are to rise up with the Risen Lord and be a voice of hope and joy. As this Lenten season unfolds and as the grace of Easter grows in us we are invited to live with gratitude, passion and hope.



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# A priest's sabbatical journey

By: Rev. Rectorino Tolentino Jr.

**MANILA** - After seven years serving the communities of St. Joseph Parish in Smithers and St. Anthony Parish in Houston, I decided to apply for a sabbatical leave. Bishop Stephen Jensen responded positively and now it is my joy to share with you my sabbatical journey so far.

**Chicago, USA, August 25, 2014** : The Fall semester at The Liturgical Institute, University of St. Mary of the Lake began. I was one of four new students in the Masters in Liturgy program. It was really exciting to be back in the classroom after a few years of parish ministry. I believe my ministry experience enriched my participation during class discussions.



While enrolled at the Liturgical Institute in Chicago, Father Rector had the opportunity to concelebrate with the new Archbishop.

novena in honor of Our Lady and in preparation for the Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord. This was also an opportunity to celebrate Christmas with my mother and the rest of the family.

During this second phase of my sabbatical, my goals - to experience Christmas in the Philippines as a priest and to reunite with family - were accomplished. I even had a special bonding moment alone with my mother.

It is worth mentioning that during the visit of Pope Francis to the Philippines I was able to participate in several gatherings, including a general audience with him at the President's Palace (Malacanang) and concelebrating during the Papal Mass at the Quirino Grandstand (Luneta Park).

It was indeed a very special and privileged moment to see the Holy Father. This experience certainly added strength, enthusiasm and inspiration in my journey as a priest.

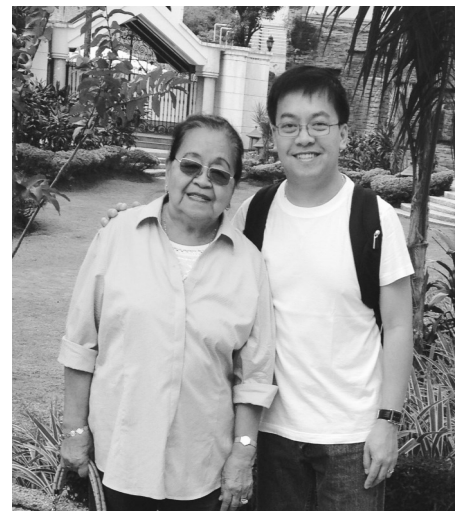
Father Rector poses in front of the Mundelein Seminary, his home during his sabbatical studies in Chicago.



My first semester at the Institute awakened in me the beauty and richness of the traditions and liturgy of the Church. At the same time, it brought to my attention some future challenges; I realize there are things learned in the classroom that are not easily implemented in the parish.

Reading materials introduced me to several people in the liturgical movement, including Prosper Guéranger, Romano Guardini, Odo Casel, Lambert Beauduin and Virgil Michel.

Two important insights worth sharing: 1) Liturgy has two goals: glorification of God and sanctification of people and, 2) in order to achieve these goals we need to realize we are all part of the Mystical Body of Christ called to "full, conscious and active participation in the liturgy." Further, I realized that the more I study the more I come to know that I only knew a little. On-going studies are needed. On December 13th the semester ended but I will return for the Summer semester!



Father Rector's visit in the Philippines was an opportunity for him to spend quality time with his mother.

**Manila, Philippines:** I immediately flew to Manila to observe the traditional Filipino "Simbang Gabi," a nine-day

His visit to the Philippines provided Father Rector the opportunity to reconnect with his Franciscan friends. Here they are pictured prior to the Papal Mass.



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**HOLY LAND, January 18, 2015:**  
 From seeing the Holy Father to travelling the Holy Land – this should make me a holy priest!

Hours after the Papal Mass, I flew to Tel Aviv, Israel. I attended a spiritual renewal program for priests facilitated by the Congregation of Legionaries of Christ. The 16 priests in the program stayed at the Pontifical Institute, Notre Dame Jerusalem Center.

I came, I saw, I prayed and I was spiritually renewed! Briefly this describes my journey in the Holy Land. I was so grateful for this opportunity to see and kiss the birthplace of Jesus and his tomb, touch and walk the places he did during his life on earth.

As I travelled these places, I carried with me and whispered a prayer for all of you. I am aware of having received God's bountiful blessing and I pray you will receive the same.

**MANILA, PHILLIPPINES, Present:** I returned to Manila to observe the season of Lent and Easter. During my time here I also intend to study basic web design and programming. In the middle of May I will return to Chicago to continue my liturgical studies. In August I return to active ministry in the Diocese of Prince George.

Please continue to pray for me.



ABOVE: Qumran archeological site in the Westbank was one of the places Father Rector was able to visit while in the Holy Land.

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## Parish celebrates life-long love

By Therese Steiner

FRASER LAKE - St. Andrew's Parish recently enjoyed their annual celebration of major wedding anniversaries.

Originally, the parish gathered for a pot luck dinner each year on the Feast of St. Andrew, the parish's patron saint. Over the years, the focus came to centre more on the celebration of the wedding anniversaries.

Father Vince James, pastor of St. Andrew's, said he always felt it very important to celebrate these beautiful achievements of many years of marriage, especially at this time in history when marriage is often considered an outdated institution.

This year, 13 couples celebrated anniversaries ranging from 25 - 55 years of marriage.

At this celebration, couples in the parish receive a beautiful papal blessing on their marriage. Up until now these papal blessings were from St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI. This year, Gerald and Dianna Loranger were the first couple to receive a papal blessing from Pope Francis as this, their 50th anniversary, is the first time they celebrated with the parish community.

Because of the number of friends and families, the gathering was too large to hold in the church



Couples from St. Andrew's Parish pose with their pastor, Father Vince James, at the parish celebration of their anniversaries. PHOTO BY: Therese Steiner

hall and so, following Mass in the church, the celebration relocated to the hall in the neighboring community of Fort Fraser.

Everyone enjoyed a potluck dinner and the beautiful anniversary cake. Emcee Tom Thalheimer took the anniversary couples down memory lane to the year they were married, quoting

history and playing clips of popular songs, challenging them to remember the title and artist of the old hits.

Each couple gave a short speech recounting the early days of their relationship or expressing gratitude to friends and loved ones. The evening concluded with some local entertainment.



## "Give them something to eat"

Kitimat Knights of Columbus Council 5148 serve up their annual Christmas dinner for Knights and widows of former Knights at Christ the King Parish hall in December. All the food was prepared by the Knights with Grand Knight Frank Mauro, far right, in charge. Over 75 people participated and everyone had plenty to eat! PHOTO BY: Max Patzelt



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## Sixty years serving God and each other

By Lorraine Thibeault

VANDERHOOF – Edward and Julie Brown of St. Joseph’s Parish celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, July 6th.

They met in Austria in the late 1940s. Ed moved to Canada to the small train siding of Penny where he worked in the local mill. Julie followed in 1954 and that year they were married. Julie and Ed have two children, Maria and Gary.

When asked what has kept them together for over 60 years, Ed said that it was because they liked each other. Julie responded that it was patience that allowed them to stay together all those years.

Their daughter Maria describes her mom and dad as hardworking people who have

always been there for family and friends and who enjoy the simple life.

Former pastor, Father Douglas Jeffrey, OMI, initiated the request for a Papal Blessing for Ed and Julie but was unable to be present for the presentation. He had left for his new assignment and was in France when the Papal Blessing arrived.

Father Rene Antonio, the new pastor at St. Joseph’s Parish, presented the Papal Blessing to the deserving couple in the fall of 2014.

The parish and their many friends extend sincere congratulations to Ed and Julie and wish them many more happy years together.



Julie and Ed Brown display the Papal Blessing they received from St. Joseph’s Parish in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary. PHOTO BY: Lorraine Thibeault

## Churches celebrate true meaning of Christmas

By Lorraine Thibeault

VANDERHOOF – Parishioners of St. Joseph’s Parish joined with members of other churches in the community for an ecumenical Christmas in the Park celebration, December 21, 2014.

With their focus on the real meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus, each congregation chose a vignette to perform starting with the Old Testament announcement of the coming Saviour to the arrival of the Magi.

St. Joseph parishioners presented the birth of Jesus. A youth parishioner played the part of Mary and a doll played the part of Jesus. The actor playing Joseph led a miniature pony which entertained the actors and spectators during the two-hour celebration as it brayed and neighed to the other horses at the other vignette locations.

A parishioner narrated the story of the birth of Jesus from the Bible while shepherds gathered around the manger.

Our pastor, Father Rene Antonio, joined the ranks of the shepherds. Hymns were sung and spectators moved on to the next station.

Other stations portrayed the journey to Bethlehem, finding no room at the inn and the arrival of the Magi along with other parts of the Christmas story. Donkeys and sheep were located throughout the vignette locations to make the celebration a more realistic portrayal of the birth of Christ.

This was the second year of the ecumenical event. Last year it was bitterly cold and we appreciated the fire that was set up beside each station. The cold this year was of a different nature as it rained on actors and spectators alike.



St. Joseph parishioners act out the story of Jesus’ birth at an ecumenical celebration of Christmas in the Park. PHOTO BY: Lorraine Thibeault



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## Young adults rise up in Calgary!



Young adults from the Diocese of Prince George celebrate God's work at Rise Up in Calgary. PHOTO BY: Eunice Hii

By Eunice Hii

PRINCE GEORGE - During the Christmas break, 25 young adults from this Diocese traveled to Calgary to participate in Rise Up, a Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) event.

We spent five days listening to great speakers, participating in worship and celebrating the fullness of our Catholic faith alongside 700 other young Catholics from across Canada. It was a major turning point for many of our young people and reinvigorated them to live their faith more fervently.

This is but one of the many exciting things happening through the Young Adult Ministry of the Diocese.

Rather than offering the CCO small faith group studies, this

semester we decided to begin a Campus ALPHA program. Each Thursday, over 20 university students gather for a meal, short video and a time of small-group discussion.

Our Young Adult Ministry is also active on the UNBC campus with weekly Mass and monthly adoration (called SUMMIT).

March 13-15 will also see a group of young adults participating in a ski retreat in Smithers. SUMMIT will be hosted this month by Father Pier Pandolfo and St. Joseph's Parish in Smithers.

Interested in joining this ski retreat or finding out more about young adult happenings? Contact Eunice Hii at ehii@pgdiocese.bc.ca or join Catholic Young Adults – Prince George on Facebook.

## Students help spread the "Joy of the Gospel"

TERRACE - Veritas Catholic School celebrated Catholic Education Week this year with joy!

Beginning the week of February 2nd, students and teachers followed the theme: Living the Joy of the Gospel. Each day was dedicated to living joyfully in Jesus' message of love.

**Monday:** Focussed on Jesus, teachers and senior students performed for an assembly to kick-off the week. Each class made bookmarks that were given to parishioners at Mass the following weekend.

**Tuesday:** Focussed on others, each class expressed gratitude to each other by creating "joy jars" or "positive placemats".

**Wednesday:** Focussed on you; an afternoon praise and worship sing-a-long in the gym saw students learning

a few songs and dance moves to show their love to God.

**Thursday:** Focussed on joy, students gathered in the gym to watch a wholesome Christian movie.

The proposed Millennium Trail Joy Walk to culminate the week had to be rescheduled due to the weather. Townspeople can be on the lookout

sometime this spring for the students' marching through town with signs spreading love, kindness and joy in the community.

Students and staff at Veritas Catholic School had a wonderful Catholic Education week together. They learned about how to continue to be joyful all year long and look forward to growing in the love of Christ and living by His example each day.

On World Day of the Sick, Kindergarten and Grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 classes passed out "joy jars" to everyone following Mass and the Anointing of the Sick at Sacred Heart Parish. Father Terry Brock is pictured here with some of the students and their jars that contain a joyful Scripture verse and a few goodies.





## Youth: Mark your calendars!

By Eunice Hii

PRINCE GEORGE - The Diocese of Prince George Youth and Young Adult Ministry is excited to announce the 20th annual Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC) will take place May 1-3, 2015.

This year's DYC will boast a really awesome worship band and a few new surprises. Our theme – Fix My Eyes - is an invitation to all of us to step out of the boat and walk on water as Peter did in the Gospel.

We are blessed to welcome Chris Padgett, a well-travelled speaker and musician to be our keynote speaker.

Chris is an adjunct professor at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, and is a regular speaker at Steubenville conferences and on EWTN. You might also recognize him from his involvement with Lifeteen and the new Chosen confirmation program that is now offered in many of our Catholic schools and youth ministries.

I look forward to seeing you all at this 20th DYC! Let us not be afraid to step out and keep our eyes fixed on Christ.

For more information or to register online visit [www.pgdiocese.bc.ca](http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca) or find us on Facebook: PG – Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry.



## Catholic Education Week at Sacred Heart School



Nanguz, the official mascot for the Canada Winters Games held in Prince George in February, visited Sacred Heart School to help students and staff celebrate Catholic Education Week.

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Skating is a part of daily physical activity at Sacred Heart School.

The Grade 2 class at Sacred Heart School is learning about worms. Students loved digging through dirt and exploring the living environment and the life cycle of worms.



Chris Dugdale, Superintendent of the Diocese of Prince George Catholic Independent Schools, gives out ribbons after a day of Panther Pride at Sacred Heart School.



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