

Wednesday Weekly

March 22, 2017



WHEN APPLICABLE—please ensure that the following items are in your bulletin and/or are also ANNOUNCED.

*for the city** for all parishes in THE DIOCESE

This will ensure that the same information is being heard across the diocese.

THANK YOU

ATTACHMENTS:

- Annual Appeal Update

1. **AD LIMINA VISITS** : Bishops return to the Holy See every five years for an "ad limina" visit to the pope and various officials. Bishops from the Assembly of Western Catholic Bishops will meet from **March 27 to April 2, 2017**. **Please pray for Bishop Stephen Jensen and the Western Conference of Bishops during their visit to Rome.**

PRAYER FOR THE AD LIMINA VISITS

Blessed Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – you are the source of all life, salvation and holiness. Together with the bishops of Western Canada, we pray to you as they make their pilgrimage "to the threshold" of the tombs of St. Peter and St. Paul in Rome. May this be a time of blessing for them, for our dioceses, and for our country.

Jesus, as the glorious Lord and Savior, you are the Head of your Body, the Church. As you appointed the twelve apostles to be the first shepherds of your Church, so now you have appointed the bishops of our country as our shepherds today. May their visits with the Holy Father, the chief shepherd on earth of your flock, and with the offices of the Holy See under his care, be a time of grace and blessing. Lord Jesus, renew the bond of love and strengthen the ties of unity between them and the Successor of St. Peter, so that your Church may be truly one, holy, catholic and apostolic. Together with the Holy Father may our Bishops grow in love for the truth of your Gospel and may they re-affirm their dedication to serve your Church in love.

Christ Jesus, during their visit to the See of St. Peter, confirm within them again the charge that you first gave them when they were ordained bishops – to preach and teach the truth of the Gospel in love and with conviction and courage, to shepherd their dioceses with wisdom and prudence, and to worked diligently for the sanctity of all who are under their care. Drive far from them all fear, worry and sadness. Fill them instead with your Spirit of joy, peace, patience and endurance. May they return to our dioceses refreshed to continue to guide your people with the strength and vitality of your Holy Spirit and so lead them to eternal life with you and all of the Saints.

We pray especially for our bishop, Stephen Jensen, may God the Father's love be upon him as he travels and may Mary wrap her mantle of protection around him.

Father, through the Holy Spirit, we make this prayer in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you forever and ever. Amen

2. **ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATED REPORT:** Please see attached.

3. **PLEASE SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES**



4. **BROTHER IVAN VERBA**

DIED PEACEFULLY MARCH 20, 2017 AT THE AGE OF 73 in the Willowdale Community residence. He was born on September 4, 1943 in Cleveland, Ohio, USA. Brother Ivan joined the Presentation Brothers in Longueuil, QC May of 1975. After completing his Novitiate, he faithfully served at many schools including Sacred Heart School, Prince George, BC. He was a man of great faith with many gifts and talents.

Visitation will take place on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at Blessed Trinity Parish, Toronto from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow with Fr. Edward Murphy, pastor, as celebrant. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill. May he rest in peace.

5. **SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK LITURGIES:** Thank you to those who have already submitted their dates. We would like to publish the liturgy times for **ALL parishes in the Diocese (from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday)** on the Diocesan webpage.

Please email Teresa at reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca with your schedules by Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

6. **CHRISM MASS 2017:** The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at 7:00 PM on Monday, April 10, 2017 at Sacred Heart Cathedral. In this diocesan celebration the Holy Oils and Chrism used in the Sacraments are blessed and consecrated. The priests will renew their commitment to serve the Church.

A reception will follow. Those attending are asked to bring a plate of snacks to share. Please put on the table in the lower hall before Mass. Thank you.

- a. **Chrism Mass oil sets:** To help with planning for the Chrism Mass, all parishes and missions are asked to look over the list sent two weeks ago to confirm their sets of oils for this year. Please email Jasmine at jsadiwa@pgdiocese.bc.ca or call 250-964-5646 by **Wednesday, April 5, 2017**, to confirm, or indicate required changes.

- b. **Attention ALL music ministers** you are invited to the music practice to prepare for the **Chrism Mass.**

The last practice will take place at the cathedral **Monday, April 3, at 7:00 PM**

Please enter the cathedral through the side door.

To prepare for the **practices** please listen to the ICEL setting of the **Gloria #7**

Ctrl + Click on the following link: [CCCB \(ICEL\) Chants from Celebrate in Song](#) or

Type in the following in your browser: <http://nlo.cccb.ca/index.php/documents/music/99-chants>

7. *CITY DEANERY

- **Lenten Penance Services** at 7:00 PM on Tuesday evenings during Lent
 - March 28, 2017 at Sacred Heart Cathedral
 - April 4, 2017 at St. Mary's Parish
 - April 11, 2017 at Immaculate Conception Parish
- **Preparing to enter the Mystery... Understanding the Liturgy of the Easter Triduum** on Monday, April 3, 2017 at 7:30—9:00 PM St. Mary's Parish, 1088 Gillet Street, Prince George with Very Rev. Rectorino Tolentino, Jr. (**See poster for more details**)

8. **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE DIOCESE OF PRINCE GEORGE

CISPG: Visit <http://cispg.ca/employment-opportunities/> for the recent postings and/or to apply online.

9. ***12 HOURS OF PRAYER FOR PALLIATIVE CARE:** May 4, 2017. This is designed to take place as a powerful lead-in to the National Hospice Palliative Care Week of May 7 to 13, 2017, (organized by the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association) as a profound witness to the sanctity of human life. <https://www.cwl.ca/12-hours-of-prayer-for-palliative-care/>

Call your local parish CWL representative to find out your parish schedule.

YouTube Invitation-- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hBTDDOLy7iI&feature=youtu.be>

“Let us not underestimate the power of so many voices united in prayer.”

Pope Francis

Office of Evangelization and Catechesis



1. HEARTS TRANSFORMED –

The next meeting in Prince George will be held on **April 6, 2017** from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre on the Conference Room (old library).

Everyone else will have their meetings from April 3-9, 2017, as the flexibility of the program allows in their respective communities.

We look forward to journeying with you. If you have other questions contact Angelo at asabbadin@pgdiocese.bc.ca or (250) 964-4424 ext 230

2. MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND: Living a Joy-Filled Marriage

Date: April 1-2, 2017

Cost: \$250 per couple

Includes: Workbooks, Lunches, Coffee and Snacks.

Please register online at www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/oec/

Contact Angelo in the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis for more information by phone at (250) 964-4424 (ext. 230) or email asabbadin@pgdiocese.bc.ca

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS NEWS

1. *YOUTH: ANNUAL DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE (DYC)

APRIL 21- 23, 2017

All those grades 7 to 12 can REGISTER NOW at <http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/youth/>

Registration Fees: \$70 for participants
\$20 for volunteers/chaperones

To receive a limited edition DYC T-shirt, be sure to register before April 10, 2017.

This weekend is filled with; adventure, dynamic talks, workshops, games, adoration, praise and worship, and an evening celebration showcasing artists from across our diocese. It is an opportunity to reunite with old friends and meet new ones.

In his address to young people at World Youth Day 2016, Pope Francis said:

Precisely in this world at war, we need brotherhood, we need closeness, and we need friendship. And this is the sign of hope: when there is brotherhood.



Returning back is Face2Face Ministries, and we welcome Clay Imoo, keynote speaker, who will help us unpack what it means to truly look out for one another as brothers and sisters in Christ!

Come out for this packed three-day conference April 21-23, 2017 in Prince George, BC.

2. ***STILL LOOKING FOR A FREEZER, FRIDGES AND STOVES:** The group of volunteers who prepare meals for DYC participants are looking for newer fridges and stoves. Those that are available at the Pastoral Centre, are not in great working condition. If you have a fridge or stove that is in **good working condition** and would like to donate it, please contact Angelo at 250-964-4424 ext 230 or email asabbadin@pgdiocese.bc.ca Thank you.