



Wednesday Weekly -May 03, 2017

4th

Week of Easter

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:

- **NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITH CISPG:**
 - CIS Finance Officer Job Description
 - Principal – St. Mary's School
 - Principal—Immaculate Conception School
- Or go to: <http://cispg.ca/employment-opportunities/>
- Discernment Weekend Poster
- *Love Is Music Tour - Joe Zambon* Poster

1. **CHANGES IN THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL CENTRE:

For the last few years, the diocese has incurred large operating deficits, due mainly to significantly-reduced income from investments. These losses are unsustainable and led the Diocesan Finance Council and College of Consultors, a group of priests that advises the bishop, to closely examine the cost of operating the Diocesan Pastoral Centre.

This process led to the decision to discontinue the position of Director of Evangelization and Catechesis, which has been shared by Fr. Jack Michalchuk and Mr. John Connelly, effective at the end of June.

There is no question of turning away from our responsibility to evangelize and catechize in service of the Church's mission. Instead, we need to adopt new ways to continue the work. To that end, the bishop will establish a commission of clergy and lay leaders from parishes and schools to coordinate and promote initiatives in evangelization and catechesis in parishes and schools. This will be similar to the Liturgy and Stewardship Commissions which have already begun to serve the diocese.

Our thanks go to Fr. Michalchuk and Mr. Connelly for their fruitful labours, as we continue efforts to help our parishes become more effective as evangelizing communities.

2. LEADERSHIP CHANGE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN PRINCE GEORGE:

For the past 13 years, Immaculate Conception and St. Mary's Schools have been blessed with the outstanding Catholic leadership of Donncha O'Callaghan and Brent Arsenault. Collectively, their faith and witness have been an inspiration to students, staff, parents, and parish communities. They have developed lead schools that provide dynamic, relevant, and faith-filled education.

Mr. O'Callaghan and Mr. Arsenault have prayerfully discerned a change in their career. This leaves a vacancy in both schools for a principal.

Mr. Arsenault and his family are moving away and Mr. O'Callaghan is returning to the classroom at Immaculate Conception.

In my twenty-six years of education, I can confidently and proudly say that these two principals are among the very best Catholic Principals in the province. Our schools, communities and Diocese have been served by these pillars in an exemplary manner. I am most grateful for their "yes" and commitment to Catholic education and hope we can collectively express our gratitude to them as they prepare for this change in their careers.

In gratitude,
Mr. Chris Dugdale
Superintendent, CISPG

3. ****WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: May 7, 2017.** The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way. On this day, all are invited to pray with the intention of an increase in vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life.



The Vocations Advisory Committee invites all those 19 years or older to a weekend of discernment to be held on May 19- 21, 2017 at Camp Morice.

Come and discover God's will for you
a weekend for those who are discerning vocations.
(see poster for more details)

4. ***GOOD NEIGHBOUR FOOD DRIVE:**

On April 5, 2017 a fire destroyed a cedar mill, one of the main employers in McBride, causing hardship for many in the community. Parishioners of the four city parishes are invited to participate in the food drive to help **St Patrick's Parish and the community of McBride.**

We are inviting all parishioners to **bring non-perishable food items to your parish** before or after Mass on the weekend of **May 21, 2017 and place in the designated boxes.**



St Vincent de Paul volunteers are collecting the food from the parishes on Monday, the 22nd of May and will be delivering the food to McBride that day. In addition to the food items, St. Vincent de Paul is seeking volunteers from each parish to help load the truck at their parish.

Please call **Bernie** at 250-564-3416 or **Fran** at 250-613-1440 if you have any questions.

"Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."

Mark 25:40

5. **HONOURING OUR LADY OF FATIMA:** You are invited to join Bishop Jensen and parishioners from throughout the city to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Fatima on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 11:00 a.m. In this centennial year of the appearance of Our Blessed Mother to the three children, we come together to honour her and implore God's mercy, as she taught us.

6. **MONTHLY DAY OF EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to a Personal Date with Jesus **on Tuesday, May 9, 2017** in the Domano Chapel, 6500 Southridge Ave. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 AM and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM for a day of silent prayer and adoration. We will pray for the universal Church and the world, and the people and needs of our Diocese. In particular we will pray for the protection of all human life, for vocations, and for the intentions of those participating in the day. Please mark your calendar on the **second Tuesday** of each month for Personal Dates with Jesus days.

Office of Evangelization and Catechesis



Dear Hearts Transformed Participants,

Please register for the final retreat at www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/htfr/

The retreat is the closing of this year's **Hearts Transformed Program**, and to look to the future at the local parish level.

The retreat, **The Journey Ahead**, is *Our on-going mission to evangelize and grow together as communities of intentional disciples.*

The challenge we all face is summed up in the question:

**How can we evangelize, continue to grow as intentional disciples,
and build deeper communities today?**

We will offer practical ways to move forward personally and as parishes. Our intention is to inspire, motivate, and for each person to have a clearer sense of direction of possibilities for the future.

Please pray that all of us will continue to grow and experience the love of Jesus as we prepare for this important retreat together. We continue to pray for all of you and your intentions.

Items to bring: a notebook, Bible, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Sincerely,

The Hearts Transformed Team

Fr. Basil

Fr. Jack

John Connelly

Angelo Sabbadin

RETREAT DATES:

- Saturday, May 6, 2017 **Prince George** at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre
- Saturday, May 13, 2017 **Terrace** at Sacred Heart Parish
- Saturday, May 20, 2017 **Dawson Creek** at Notre Dame Parish

GENERAL SCHEDULE:

8:30 AM	Gathering
9:00 AM	Workshop 1

10:30 AM	Break
10:45 AM	Workshop 2
12:15 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM	Workshop 3
3:00 PM	Small group sharing
3:45 PM	Testimonials /evaluations
4:30 PM	Certificates and Final Prayer

FOR ALL AGES:

We are excited to welcome Canadian, Catholic, singer and songwriter, **Joe Zambon**, to Prince George (see poster).

As part of his Canada wide tour, Joe will be sharing music from his 6th album, *Love Is* for the first time in Prince George.

Join us **Wednesday, May 17, at 7:00 PM at Christ Our Saviour Parish**
(4514 Austin Road, Prince George).

Admission is by donation and all are welcome! For more details, head to www.joezambonmusic.com.