Wednesday Weekly October 18, 2017

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017 Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Mission Sunday



Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. Matthew 22.15.21

 WHEN APPLICABLE—please ensure that the following items
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 are in your bulletin and/or are also ANNOUNCED.
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 This will ensure that the same information is being heard across the diocese.

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Please note the Diocesan Pastoral Centre has recently had a new phone system installed. All of the phone numbers remain the same but extensions have changed. Our main line 250-964-4424 is working, if you are having problems calling any of our direct lines please call Teresa at reception 250-964-4424, she will direct your calls. The company installing is working hard at working out the few glitches we are having. Thank you for your patience.

ATTACHMENTS:

• Called Together – Giving, Sharing, Serving--Weekly Update for Oct 18, 2017



1. ****RECEIVE ALL DIOCESAN NEWS DIRECTLY IN YOUR INBOX OR ON YOUR PHONE:** Email Teresa at <u>reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca</u> **OR TEXT** pgd **TO** 514-900-0130 to join Flocknote – it is an email and text messaging tool created for churches, ministries, teams and other community organizations. It helps to communicate with the people by sending a simple text message. Please join us in keeping up with all the diocesan news.

 **UPDATE: CALLED TOGETHER –GIVING, SHARING, SERVING –As of today, Called Together – Giving, Sharing, Serving has reached 58.09% of the Diocesan goal in pledges, for a total of \$232,362. It is good news that all parishes have remitted their pledge reports to date.

One parish, St. Patrick's in McBride, has reached and surpassed its goal at 103.53%: Congratulations and thanks to Fr. John Garden, Detta Smith and parishioners of St. Patrick's.

In addition, two parishes that have reached 80% or more of their parish goal:

- St. Andrew's Parish, Fraser Lake 83.76%
- St. Mary's Parish, Prince George 80.13%

Five parishes that have reached 50% or more of their parish goal:

- Christ Our Savior Parish, Prince George 73.20%
- Immaculate Conception Parish, Prince George 69.84%
- Notre Dame Parish, Dawson Creek 68.51%

- Sacred Heart Parish, Terrace 65.43%
- Annunciation Parish, Prince Rupert 55.70%

The continued success of *Called Together* is dependent upon the participation of parishioners across the diocese. Our thanks to all who have already sent in their pledges. We look forward to receiving a commitment of those who have not yet responded.

3. **REMINDER OF MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT:** Parishes are reminded that we will have the diocesanwide attendance count at Sunday Mass on the last Sunday of October, the 29th of October and the first Sunday of November the 5th of November. This will take place on at all Masses. The form to record attendance was sent to pastors and parishes last week, if you do not have it, please contact Jasmin at jsadiwa@pgdiocese.bc.ca

4. *SACRED HEART CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL) NECROLOGY MASS

The Sacred Heart CWL invites all relatives of our deceased Sacred Heart CWL members to the Necrology Mass on Thursday, November 2, at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Please join us in this Mass of remembrance for all those members who have passed away since the inception of the CWL in Sacred Heart Parish. A reception will be held in the lower meeting room immediately following.

Please share this information with everyone you know who is related to one of our departed members. Thank you!

- 5. **THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION (CWLF): As a Catholic woman are you interested in becoming a transformational and influential leader where you live and work? CWLF is accepting applications for its initial Leadership Program for Canadian Catholic women. The Program will be facilitated by the Providence School of Transformative Leadership and Spirituality, Saint Paul University, Ottawa. For more information about CWLF, the Leadership Program and to complete an application form visit <u>https://cwlfcanada.ca/</u>. The Sisters of Service and the Catholic Women's League of Canada founded CWLF in 2015.
- 6. ***Dinner and Discernment/Pizza and Prayer:** The diocesan Vocations Advisory Committee is sponsoring a series of evenings for those who would like to learn more about the vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. Over a couple of hours, we will share a simple meal and talk and pray about discerning God's call in your life.

This month men are invited to join the Bishop at the cathedral rectory to explore the call to the Priesthood. We meet at 6:00 PM on Friday, October 27, 2017.

Please RSVP by 12 NOON on October 26, 2017 to <u>bishop@pgdiocese.bc.ca</u> or call 250.564.5225.

7. **AIR MILE/AEROPLAN DONATION/VOCATION LIVE-IN: The Seminary of Christ the King sponsors a "live-in" for young men interested in seeing the seminary and meeting seminarians, it is meant for those interested in the life of a priest and open to a calling to serve as a priest. A "Call" is mysterious indeed, God is the one who puts in the heart a desire to serve as a priest. Presently there are a few young men interested in traveling to Vancouver to experience a weekend at the seminary. Would you consider donating some of your air or Aeroplan miles for their travel? If so, contact Fr. Terry Brock, Vocation Director, tbrock@telus.net or 250 624 3035.

VOCATION LIVE-IN The weekend of **November 3 - 5**,2017 there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more information call 604-826-8715.

8. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

• THERE ARE A COUPLE OF TEACHING POSITIONS AVAILABLE WITH CISPG go to: http://cispg.ca/employment-opportunities/

Evangelization and Formation

****RETREAT AT THE DRC:** "*The Kingdom of Heaven: Uncovering God's Plan for Us*" with Rev. Basil Burns PhD., Spiritual Director. Friday, November 3 at 7:30 PM through to Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the Domano Renewal Centre.

Jesus preached about the "Kingdom of God" or "The Kingdom of Heaven" throughout his ministry. There is hardly a more central theme in the whole Gospel message. At the beginning of his ministry, we hear, "*The time is fulfilled and the Kingdom of God is at hand! Repent and believe in the Gospel*!" (Mark 1:15). At the end of his earthly ministry we read, "*After he had suffered…he appeared to them for forty days speaking about the Kingdom of God*" (Acts 1:3).

What did Jesus mean? Might there be a key to open up our spiritual lives within this "Kingdom teaching"? You are invited to spend a weekend **in respectful silence** praying with, and learning about this beautiful mystery. This is an adult event.

Cost is \$150 for 2 nights of live in (accommodations and meals), or \$90 for meals (with no accommodations). There will be no supper provided on Friday evening.

Register at: <u>http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/retreats-and-programs/</u> or call Teresa at 250-964-4424 by NOON October 31, 2017.

SPACE IS LIMITED. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. There are 16 single rooms available and 3 double rooms. *No more than 40 people will be accommodated to keep the retreat meditative and small enough to take place at the Domano Renewal Centre*. Look forward to seeing you there!

YOUNG ADULTS

- 1. **UNBC CAMPUS MASS**: Campus Masses are starting up again and will regularly be held Thursdays at 12:15 PM in the Interfaith Chaplaincy.
- 2. Make sure you are connected to the young adult group on Facebook "Catholic Young Adults Diocese of PG"

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- 3. IGNITE BC REUNION: MARK YOUR CALENDARS! <u>We will be LIVE streaming</u> <u>Face2face's United Conference November 18-19 in Prince George</u>. Location & details to come! Last year was the first year we tried this live stream and it worked tremendously well. This is open to all those who have attended IGNITE BC in the last 3 years as well as any newcomers ages 14-19. For more details about the conference: <u>https://f2f.ca/united/</u>
- 4. **DATE FOR DYC 2018 April 20-22, 2018** in Prince George, BC. Details to come over the next several months but for now, mark those calendars!