

# Wednesday Weekly

February 29, 2012

## 1. Retirement celebration for Bishop

Please put the following notice in parish bulletins:

On June 23, 2012 our Diocesan community will celebrate Bishop Gerald Wiesner's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday in anticipation of his Retirement, beginning with Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 4:30 p.m. followed by a banquet at the Prince George Civic Centre. Banquet tickets are \$35 per person and may be purchased through the Diocesan Centre or by contacting Mary-Anne Lewis Jamin at 250-964-4424 or [majamin@netbistro.com](mailto:majamin@netbistro.com). Tickets will also be available for sale at the reception following the Chrism Mass on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Those who have reserved tickets can pay for and pick up their tickets at that time. People are encouraged act soon as tickets are going fast.

## 2. Retirement/Birthday gifts for Bishop

A number of individuals and organizations have asked what they can give to show their appreciation for Bishop Gerry in light of his upcoming Birthday and anticipated retirement. The Diocese will be giving him a gift and if people also wish to give, the following are some ideas:

1. The prayers and support of the people of this Diocese have always meant a great deal to Bishop Gerry. Cards, letters and prayer cards expressing this will be a cherished gift.
2. Soon after his retirement becomes effective, Bishop Gerry plans to participate in a sabbatical renewal program; a monetary gift to him for this would certainly be appreciated.

If people want to make a donation in Bishop Gerry's name, he has identified two particular needs. Donations to these two funds are eligible for income tax receipts:

3. The Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate (MAMI) supports Oblate ministry nationally and internationally including their missions in Peru and Kenya. A donation to MAMI in Bishop Gerry's name would be appreciated (601 Taylor Street West, Saskatoon, SK S7M 0C9).
4. The Bunozy Fund of the Diocese of Prince George pays for the formation of seminarians and the ongoing education of diocesan priests. A donation here in Bishop Gerry's name affirms his commitment to formation, renewal and education of priests (Box 7000, Prince George, BC V2N 3Z2).

For any other gifts that some may be considering, please note that Bishop Gerry is downsizing in a big way. When he leaves the diocese he will move from a five-bedroom home (and classroom sized office at the Diocesan Centre!) to a two-room suite.

## 3. Holy Land Collection

Attached is a notice regarding the upcoming Collection for the Holy Land. Bishop Wiesner encourages pastors and pastoral life directors to promote this collection in parishes in the Diocese of Prince George.

#### 4. Diocesan Youth Conference

Circumstances are such that it is not possible to host the Diocesan Youth Conference this year. The DYC is a long-standing event in the diocese and this decision was difficult to make. Joe Glaab booked the speaker last year before he left and he tried to find someone to coordinate this event, but he was unsuccessful. Many people have expressed an interest in helping out, but indicated they were also very busy and could only give limited time to it. As a result, the event will be canceled for this year. When a new Diocesan Youth Coordinator is hired, planning can begin on the next DYC.

#### 5. Monthly Day of Adoration

Please put the following notice in parish bulletins:

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to a Personal Date with Jesus on March 13 in the Domano Chapel (at the Domano Renewal Centre, 6500 Southridge Ave.). Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m. and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. for a day of silent prayer and adoration. We will pray especially for the people and needs of our Diocese, the universal Church, and the world. In particular we will pray 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.

#### 6. First Nations Retreat at Domano Renewal Centre

A Retreat weekend for First Nations will be held April 20-22, 2012, facilitated by Father Vince LaPlante, OMI. Please insert the attached notice in parish bulletins.

#### 7. Appeal News

Parish	Households	Appeal Goal	Total Pledged	Total % of Goal	# of Pledges	Average Pledge	Pledges Received
Annunciation, Prince Rupert	298	29,552	22,255	75.3%	101	220	19,145
Christ Our Saviour, Prince George	195	21,179	27,805	131.3%	82	339	25,565
Christ the King, Kitimat	649	52,118	36,343	69.7%	147	247	32,918
Resurrection, Fort St. John	354	37,151	37,002	99.6%	110	336	33,431
Holy Cross, Tumbler Ridge	33	4,165	4,305	103.4%	22	196	4,145
Immaculata, Burns Lake	90	12,737	9,005	70.7%	37	243	7,455
Immaculate Conception, Prince George	196	25,291	27,500	108.7%	80	344	24,080
Notre Dame, Dawson Creek	298	30,434	27,811	91.4%	138	202	23,155
Our Lady of Peace, Chetwynd	63	10,872	11,472	105.5%	37	310	9,222
Our Lady of Snows, Fort St. James	101	8,599	3,197	37.2%	19	168	3,197
Sacred Heart, Prince George	643	47,981	47,768	99.6%	210	227	38,929
Sacred Heart, Terrace	519	51,739	60,553	117.0%	209	290	52,618
St. Andrew's, Fraser Lake	77	9,557	11,655	122.0%	46	253	11,035
St. Anthony's, Houston	43	4,967	4,620	93.0%	19	243	4,495
St. Joseph's, Vanderhoof	99	11,338	17,580	155.1%	49	359	16,185
St. Joseph's, Smithers	183	19,850	17,090	86.1%	61	280	16,530
St. Mary's, Prince George	537	40,765	52,533	128.9%	181	290	47,870
St. Mary's, New Hazelton	34	4,955	5,015	101.2%	17	295	4,445
St. Patrick's, McBride	58	3,245	5,590	172.3%	31	180	5,350
St. Peter's, Mackenzie	48	7,023	8,410	119.7%	28	300	7,630
Unaffiliated Donors			6,770		5	1,354	6,770
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4,518</b>	<b>400,000</b>	<b>444,279</b>	<b>111.1%</b>	<b>1,629</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>394,169</b>