

*Wednesday Weekly*  
*January 23, 2013*

**1. Northern Catholic News Special Edition**

A four-page special edition of the Northern Catholic News has been published to introduce Msgr. Stephen Jensen, bishop-elect of the Diocese of Prince George. It contains a brief message from him to the Diocese. Copies have been sent to parishes; please distribute these with parish bulletins on the last weekend of January or first weekend of February.

**2. Approval process for purchases or leases**

Recently the Diocesan Consultors reviewed the process for seeking approval for extraordinary expenditures, those exceeding \$5,000 for acquisition of or major repairs to land, buildings, equipment or vehicles or for any lease of equipment, vehicle, land or building. They passed a motion to maintain the current approval level of \$5,000. A copy of the approval form is attached. Parishes and schools are reminded to follow the policy, using this form, when planning to spend more than \$5,000.

**3. Sage 50 Accounting Program (previously known as Simply Accounting)**

The Diocesan Appeal has provided funding to purchase a copy of Sage 50 for each parish so that every parish in the diocese is using the same version. A copy of the program for each parish was given to the Regional Representatives for distribution in their Region (Central Region is available at the Diocesan Centre). If you have not received your copy, please contact your Representative (Fathers Rectorino Tolentino [West] Vincent James, OMI [Mid-West] Michael Anyasoro [North]). Installation instructions are in the envelope. If you need further assistance please call Lynn Monteith (250 964-5646 or [lynn-monteith@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:lynn-monteith@pgdiocese.bc.ca)).

**4. Diocesan Youth Conference 2013**

Youth in Grades 8-12 are invited to the 18<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC) April 12-14 in Prince George with keynote speaker Brad Henning of *Life Resources*, [www.bradhenning.com](http://www.bradhenning.com).

Youth from across BC attend DYC at the Diocesan Centre, 6500 Southridge Avenue in Prince George. It is a weekend of faith, friends and fun. The Opening ceremonies are Friday evening and Saturday evening includes the traditional DYC dance. We conclude with Mass on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon with everyone welcome. Youth from outside the city of Prince George are invited to their parish youth ministry coordinator or parish office for travel information. Registration forms and more details will be available in February. Updates are available on the DYC Facebook page or [www.pgdiocese.bc.ca](http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca). For further information contact Teresa Phillippe at the Diocesan Centre (250-964-4424 ext. 242).

## **5. DYC 2013 Presentation for Parents and Youth Leaders**

*What's Going On with the Kids*: Brad Henning will do a presentation for parents on Saturday evening, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:10 – 9:40 p.m. at the Diocesan Centre, 6500 Southridge Avenue in Prince George.

## **6. CCCB comment on remarks by Bishop Fellay of Society of St. Pius X**

Questions and concerns have arisen following recent media reports about a statement made in Canada by the Superior of the Society of Saint Pius X who said that “the Jews” are the “enemies of the Church”. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops notes that such remarks are not in accordance with the teaching of the Catholic Church. As the spokesperson for the Holy See, Father Federico Lombardi said, “It is absolutely unacceptable, impossible, to define the Jews as enemies of the Church.” The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops denounces all forms of anti-Semitism, and rejects assertions such as those reported to have been made by the Superior of the Society of Saint Pius X, which is a schismatic group not in communion with the Catholic Church. The Second Vatican Council Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions (*Nostra Aetate*) (no. 4) teaches that “God holds the Jews most dear for the sake of their Fathers; he does not repent of the gifts he makes or of the calls he issues – such is the witness of the Apostle [Paul].... [T]he Church, mindful of the patrimony she shares with the Jews and moved not by political reasons but by the Gospel's spiritual love, decries hatred, persecutions, displays of anti-Semitism, directed against Jews at any time and by anyone.” This teaching has been reiterated time and time again by Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI.

## 7. Appeal News

Parish	Households	Appeal Goal	Total Pledged	Total % of Goal	# of Pledges	Average Pledge	Pledges Received
Annunciation, Prince Rupert	290	29,711	21,254	71.5%	89	239	17,914
Christ Our Saviour, Prince George	185	20,077	23,345	116.3%	72	324	19,700
Christ the King, Kitimat	599	51,412	38,533	74.9%	149	259	33,847
Resurrection, Fort St. John	317	35,584	25,130	70.6%	92	273	20,863
Holy Cross, Tumbler Ridge	27	4,163	2,380	57.2%	12	198	2,180
Immaculata, Burns Lake	85	13,098	7,635	58.3%	26	294	6,275
Immaculate Conception, Prince George	191	26,343	23,268	88.3%	80	291	20,103
Notre Dame, Dawson Creek	262	28,328	23,384	82.5%	102	229	21,688
Our Lady of Peace, Chetwynd	66	11,942	8,496	71.1%	26	327	7,891
Our Lady of Snows, Fort St. James	99	8,774	2,630	30.0%	21	125	2,380
Sacred Heart, Prince George	610	48,285	40,953	84.8%	189	217	37,213
Sacred Heart, Terrace	500	52,684	52,924	100.5%	194	273	46,834
St. Andrew's, Fraser Lake	70	10,082	12,010	119.1%	44	273	11,410
St. Anthony's, Houston	41	4,776	4,890	102.4%	23	213	4,680
St. Joseph's, Vanderhoof	91	12,125	15,230	125.6%	38	401	13,970
St. Joseph's, Smithers	165	22,029	15,920	72.3%	59	270	14,810
St. Mary's, Prince George	527	42,110	47,449	112.7%	173	274	43,017
St. Mary's, New Hazelton	34	5,278	4,355	82.5%	13	335	3,910
St. Patrick's, McBride	62	3,576	6,060	169.5%	26	233	5,710
St. Peter's, Mackenzie	45	7,983	8,605	107.8%	25	344	8,310
Unaffiliated Donors			9,128		2	4,564	9,128
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4,266</b>		<b>393,579</b>		<b>1,455</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>351,833</b>

As of January 23, 2013 the Appeal has received pledges of \$393,579, of which \$17,100 is rebates to parishes that are over their parish goal; \$376,479 has been pledged toward the Diocesan Goal of \$400,000.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported the 2012 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Please remember our Appeal year runs until August 31. Another option for making a pledge added this year can be found online through Canada Helps; use the "Donate Now" button on the bottom of the home page of the Diocesan website <http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca>.