

Wednesday Weekly
January 30, 2013

1. Message from Bishop Emeritus Gerald Wiesner, OMI

Before leaving for his sabbatical, Bishop Gerald Wiesner wrote a message to the Diocese of Prince George. Please insert the attached message in parish bulletins this weekend. Thank you.

2. New receptionist at Diocesan Centre

We welcome Lisa Weber as the new receptionist at the Diocesan Centre.

3. 2013 Property Assessment Notices

The 2013 Property Assessment Notices were emailed to you last week. Please contact Lisa Weber in the Diocesan Centre (reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca or 250-964-4424) if you did not receive your Notice(s). The deadline to appeal the valuation is Thursday, January 31.

4. Monthly Day of Adoration

Please put the following notice in parish bulletins in the Central Region:

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to a Personal Date with Jesus on February 12 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 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 Date with Jesus days.

5. Knights of Columbus bursaries

Please put the following notice in parish bulletins:

The BC/Yukon Knights of Columbus is offering bursaries through its Bishop J. Lobsinger Memorial Bursary Program for the 2013 fiscal year. This program is available to all Catholic students enrolled in or entering their second year of post secondary education in BC. Applications must be received on or before the deadline of June 30, 2013. Interested and qualified students may request a bursary application by writing to: Arcie J. Lim, State Bursary Chairman, 3538 Gladstone Street, Vancouver, BC V5N 4Y7. For general information and Terms of Reference visit the BC/Yukon Knights of Columbus website, www.kofcbc.org.

6. Vatican II resource published by the CCCB

Previously available only online, the Commission for Doctrine of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has published a printed version of the pastoral resource entitled *The Second Vatican Council: What was it and why is it important today?* First published online in October 2012 as part of celebrations surrounding the 50th anniversary of the opening of Vatican II, the document is in response to requests from parishes and schools for a printed version. These can be purchased in packages of 10 by calling 1-800-769-1147 or emailing publi@cccb.ca.

7. National Pastoral Initiative for Life and Family

Each month the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) posts possible homily ideas and prayers of the faithful to help link the Sunday liturgy with the national initiative for life and family. The proposed texts for February 2013 also include suggestions for Ash Wednesday. All the suggestions can be easily adapted for family and personal prayer or for use with other groups or organizations. The texts are available on the special Life and Family webpage which can be found by following the links under Documents at www.cccb.ca. For your convenience the February 2013 suggestions are attached.

8. World Youth Day Message from Pope Benedict XVI

The Holy Father's message to the young people of the world on the occasion of the 28th World Youth Day, which will take place in Rio de Janeiro in July 2013, is now available on the Vatican website, http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/messages/youth/index_en.htm and is attached for your convenience.

9. Appeal News

Annunciation, Prince Rupert	290	29,711	23,534	79.2%	89	264	20,484
Christ Our Saviour, Prince George	185	20,077	23,345	116.3%	72	324	19,700
Christ the King, Kitimat	599	51,412	37,783	73.5%	149	254	34,067
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	6,375
Immaculate Conception, Prince George	191	26,343	23,368	88.7%	80	292	20,603
Notre Dame, Dawson Creek	262	28,328	24,534	86.6%	105	234	21,768
Our Lady of Peace, Chetwynd	66	11,942	7,981	66.8%	26	307	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	37,413
Sacred Heart, Terrace	500	52,684	52,924	100.5%	194	273	47,124
St. Andrew's, Fraser Lake	70	10,082	12,110	120.1%	45	269	11,410
St. Anthony's, Houston	41	4,776	4,890	102.4%	23	213	4,700
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	43,167
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			10,128		2	5,064	10,128
Totals	4,266		396,944		1,459	272	356,962

Diocesan Annual Appeal income tax receipts for all donations paid during the calendar year 2012 will be issued in February, 2013. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Appeal.