

*Wednesday Weekly*  
**May 1, 2013**

**1. Mass in the Park: June 6, 2013**

Please put the following notice in parish bulletins in the Central Region during the month of May:

You are welcome! The annual School Mass in Fort George Park is scheduled for June 6, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. The theme is “Open Wide the Door of Faith”; priests in the city will concelebrate with Bishop Stephen Jensen. Come and celebrate our city’s three Catholic schools.

**2. Truth and Reconciliation Commission in Prince George**

Share Youth Truth: The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Community Hearing will take place on May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 a.m. (registration) to 5 p.m. at the Prince George Civic Centre. The hearing will provide an opportunity for Residential School survivors and anyone affected by the Residential Schools legacy to share with the Commission and Canada the unique experiences of children who attended these schools. It is also an opportunity for all Canadians, both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, to learn more about and bear witness to the legacy of the Residential School system. Private statement gathering will be available and health support workers will also be on site. For a complete listing of the Truth and Reconciliation Hearings, visit [www.trc.ca](http://www.trc.ca) and for more information contact Crystal Millard at 250-562-6279 or [cmillard@cstc.bc.ca](mailto:cmillard@cstc.bc.ca). Please post the attached poster on parish bulletins and draw it to the attention of the appropriate people.

**3. MaterCare International**

Please put the following notice in parish bulletins:

The Knights of Columbus of St Mary's Parish have invited Simon Walley of *MaterCare International* to speak at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8th in St Mary's School Gym (1088 Gillett Street). *MaterCare International* provides lifesaving help to mothers and their babies in Africa, Asia and beyond and Simon Walley is very knowledgeable about their work. Mark your calendar for this important event. There will be coffee and dessert after this presentation. For more information about *MaterCare International*, visit [www.matercare.org](http://www.matercare.org); for further information about the Prince George presentation contact Joe Haddock at 250-563-0159.

**4. Northern Catholic News**

The Northern Catholic News is looking for articles from our parishes and schools to publish in its Summer edition. Do you have pictures and stories from your school events? Please send them along. Did your parish celebrate a special occasion or give an award? Please let us know about it. Contact Mary-Anne Lewis Jamin at [majamin@netbistro.com](mailto:majamin@netbistro.com) or 250-964-5644 with your stories and pictures. The deadline for this edition is May 15<sup>th</sup>.

## 5. Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

In response to the government of Quebec's plan to decriminalize euthanasia, a practice that goes hand in hand with assisted suicide, the Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF) has published a revised version of *Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide: Urgent Questions!* A copy of the 12-page leaflet is attached here for your convenience. Further copies are available and may be ordered from COLF (telephone 613-241-9461 or email [colf@colf.ca](mailto:colf@colf.ca)). A Springtime March is planned for May 18<sup>th</sup> in Quebec City with the message "Euthanasia in our province, NO THANKS!" For more information about the march, visit [www.lamarcheprintaniere.org/en](http://www.lamarcheprintaniere.org/en) or [www.colf.ca](http://www.colf.ca).

## 6. Pilgrimages in the Year of Faith

When there is space during May and June, please put the following notice in parish bulletins:

The Catholic Biblical Association of Canada has a number of pilgrimages planned for the Year of Faith. These include:

- France: Sacred Shrines and Art Treasures, September 2-13 (includes flight from Paris to Lourdes)
- Greece, Greek Islands and Turkey: September 16-29 (includes flight from Istanbul to Athens and a 4-day cruise)
- Italy: October 2-11 (includes flight from Rome to Venice)
- Holy Land: Walking with Jesus and witnessing to Christ, November 6-15 or November 20-29

Participation is limited. More information is available at <http://catholicbiblical.com> or contact Sr. Jocelyn Monet, nds, at 905-272-3374 or [jocmon@sympatico.ca](mailto:jocmon@sympatico.ca). Mary-Anne Lewis Jamin in the Bishop's Office (250-964-4424 or [majamin@netbistro.com](mailto:majamin@netbistro.com)) has made two pilgrimages with CBAC and would be pleased to respond to inquiries about her experience.