

## Wednesday Weekly

**August 14, 2013**

### **1. Please pray for ...**

Please put the following notice in parish bulletins:

We have received notice from the Oblates that Father Thomas Magusin, OMI, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Father Tom originally entered the Oblates from this diocese and served here for many years, even after retirement when he came back to the diocese to provide replacement ministry. Please keep him in your prayers.

### **2. Northern Catholic News**

The Northern Catholic News is looking for articles from our parishes and schools to publish in its Fall edition. Did your parish celebrate a special occasion or give an award over the summer? Please let us know about it! Did you have a guest speaker or presentation that would be of interest to other parishioners? Please let us hear about it! Contact Mary-Anne Lewis Jamin at [majamin@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:majamin@pgdiocese.bc.ca) or 250-964-4424 extension 234 with your stories and pictures. The deadline for this edition is **August 23, 2013**.

### **3. Farewell**

After six years of ministry to the people of Fort St. James and area, Sr. Patricia Macaulay left the Diocese of Prince George on July 31, 2013. We are very grateful for her years of dedicated service and wish her well on her sabbatical year and as she continues to respond to God's call to love and serve.

### **4. Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator**

Parishes are asked to put the following notice in bulletins:

We welcome Eunice Hii as the new Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator, effective September 3rd. Eunice is from Vancouver and was involved in parish youth ministry, Catholic Christian Outreach ([www.cco.ca](http://www.cco.ca)) and various campus initiatives. She is the co-founder of "The Passion Project," a non-profit organization that inspires students to pursue their passions by linking them with community needs (<http://thepassionproj.org>). She served most recently as the Administrative Assistant to the Permanent Diaconate Program in Vancouver. Eunice will bring to the diocese a strong faith, tremendous enthusiasm and a willingness to serve. Welcome, Eunice!



## **5. 40 Days for Life – September 25 – November 3**

Central Region Parishes are asked to put the following notice in bulletins:

Did you want to participate in a powerful campaign that makes a difference in the lives of others? 40 Days for Life is a peaceful, prayerful – and proven effective – pro-life campaign that has already been embraced by more than half a million people worldwide, saved 7,536 lives from abortion, led to the conversion of 83 abortion workers, and seen 39 abortion facilities close (<http://40daysforlife.com>). Recognizing that “with God, all things are possible,” from September 25<sup>th</sup> to November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Prince George community is joining with hundreds of other cities for this fall’s global 40 Days for Life – the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history. We are currently looking for people to comprise a local campaign team. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Tony Donovan at [tdonovan@gmail.com](mailto:tdonovan@gmail.com) or leave a message at 250-612-0397.

## **6. The Okanagan Fall Live-In - "Getting to Know Jesus"**

Parishes are asked to put the following notice in bulletins:

The Okanagan Fall Live-In weekend will be held at Immaculata Regional High School in Kelowna B.C. the weekend of October 25-27, 2013. The Live-In is an experience of God's love through Jesus and the Live-In faith community. If you would like more information or would like to register please contact Darlene Heaney at 250-542-8690 or [darleneheaney@gmail.com](mailto:darleneheaney@gmail.com).

## **7. First Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis**

The first encyclical letter of Pope Francis, *Lumen Fidei* (The Light of Faith), is addressed to bishops, priests, deacons, consecrated persons and the lay faithful. In the introduction, the Holy Father explains: “In God’s gift of faith, a supernatural infused virtue, we realize that a great love has been offered us, a good word has been spoken to us, and that when we welcome that word, Jesus Christ the Word made flesh, the Holy Spirit transforms us, lights up our way to the future and enables us joyfully to advance along that way on wings of hope.” The preliminary draft of this encyclical had almost been completed by Benedict XVI when he was still pope, but Pope Francis has added his own “further contributions” to the initial draft. Printed copies of the Encyclical Letter will be available from CCCB Publications in early September and can be pre-ordered by mail (2500 Don Reid Drive, Ottawa, ON NK1H 2J2), electronically at <https://esubmitit.sjpg.com/cccb/index.aspx?component=ProductDetails&id=184-855> or by telephone (613-241-9461 ext. 225). This encyclical can also be found on the Vatican website, [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va); click on “Pope Francis” and then “Encyclicals”.