

Wednesday Weekly

September 25, 2013

1. Appeal News

An Appeal financial update and message from Fr. Richard is attached. Appeal Tip: Parish offices can process online donations for parishioners by using the CanadaHelps link located on the diocese website. Click the “Donate Now through CanadaHelps” button and follow the steps. A credit card number and email address are required. The donor may need to be reminded that CanadaHelps produces the income tax receipt, not the Appeal office.

2. Ordos

We will be placing an order for the Ordo next week. Listed below is the number of copies each parish ordered last year. If there are any changes to your order, please contact Lisa Weber before **Wednesday, October 2, 2013**. Thank you.

PARISHES

Burns Lake – 1
Chetwynd/Tumbler – 2
Dawson Creek – 4
Fort St. James – 1
Fort St. John – 6
Fraser Lake – 1
Houston – 2
Kitimat – 2
Mackenzie – 1
McBride – 2
New Hazelton – 2
PG, Cathedral – 6
PG, Christ Our Savior – 4
PG, Imm. Conception – 3
PG, St. Mary’s – 6
Prince Rupert – 3
Smithers - 4
St. Theresa’s Missions - 2
Terrace – 4
Vanderhoof - 1

OTHER

Chancery – 1
Pastoral Centre – 4
Prison Ministry – 1
Sr. Maria – 1
Sr. Gerarda Slanina – 1
Dominican Sisters - 1
Domano Renewal Centre - 2
Fr. Andy - 1

3. Religious Education Trust

The Religious Education Trust provides funding to support and encourage initiatives for religious education in our diocese. The closing date for submission of applications for the next distribution of funds is October 1st, 2013. A copy of the Application Form is attached. Forms can be sent to Lynn Monteith via email: lynn-monteith@pgdiocese.bc.ca or fax: (250)964-2101 or mailed to the address on the form.

4. Anointing of the Sick

Please place the following notice in Prince George parish bulletins:

Bishop Jensen will celebrate Mass and Anointing of the Sick for all the city parishes at 2:00 pm Wednesday, November 6th at St. Mary’s Church. Everyone is welcome.

5. Safe Parish Communities

A review of the Criminal Record Checks and Safe Parish Communities Pledges indicates there are a number of parishes in the Diocese that have not followed the required protocols. It may be that the documents have been obtained but not sent in to this office. If that is the case, parishes are asked to please send in all completed Criminal Record Checks and Safe Parish Communities Pledges as soon as possible to:

Mary-Anne Lewis Jamin
Box 7000
Prince George, BC V2N 3Z2

Parishes are reminded that all employees (including priests and religious) and volunteers are required to undergo a Criminal Record Check and sign a Safe Parish Communities Pledge if they are categorized at a high risk or simply to sign a Safe Parish Communities Pledge if they are categorized as general risk. Information and Pledge forms can be found on the Diocesan website at www.pgdiocese.bc.ca. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mary-Anne Lewis Jamin at 250-964-4424 ext. 234 or majamin@pgdiocese.bc.ca.

Instructions and Criminal Record Check Consent Forms will be sent today in a separate email.

6. Silent Live-In Retreat for Women

Please place the following notice in parish bulletins:

The Sisters of the Child Jesus, North Vancouver, are holding a silent Live-In Retreat for women interested in discerning a call to Religious Life from 7:00 pm Friday, November 8, 2013 to 3:00 pm Sunday, November 10, 2013. For further information or to register contact Sister Denece at (604) 985-4872 (dbillesberger@shaw.ca) or Sister Linda at (604) 936-2875 (bechardlinda@gmail.com).

7. Ocean Falls and Bella Coola Reunion

Please place the following information in parish bulletins:

Former Pastor Jim Fagan is pleased to announce the celebration of the Centenary of St. Margaret's Parish in Ocean Falls, and the 60th Anniversaries of St. Margaret's School in Ocean Falls and Holy Name of Mary Parish in Bella Coola. A tea will be held at the Star of the Sea School auditorium (**15024-24th Ave., South Surrey**) from 3-5 p.m. on **Saturday, October 26**, followed by Mass at the adjacent Good Shepherd Church at 5 p.m. Former parishioners and friends from Ocean Falls and Bella Coola are invited to attend the tea, bringing photos, mementos and stories to share. Please register for the St. Margaret's Centenary by contacting Janice Boots at 604-535-7097. Questions may be directed to Fr. Jim at jimfagan@cox.net.