

Wednesday Weekly

October 9, 2013

1. Appeal News

A financial update from the Appeal is provided below. Please place the following notice in parish bulletins:

A heartfelt and sincere thank you to all who responded to the Appeal during Commitment Weekend. While this weekend marks the end of the active, promotional phase of the appeal, this year's appeal continues until August 31, 2014. This gives contributors the opportunity to fulfill their pledges over a period of time rather than all at once. It is also an opportunity for those who were not able to contribute in September/October, or for those who might wish to make a further contribution later in the year. About mid-November, there will be a second letter sent from the appeal office to all members on our list who did respond to the first invitation to participate in the appeal. If you have not made a pledge yet, but are planning to, please contact your parish (even if you cannot fulfill it immediately) and the information will be sent into the appeal office and we will not send a second letter to you.



2013-2014 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Building Together in faith

As of: **October 9, 2013**

| Parish | House-holds | Appeal Goal | Total Pledged | Total % of Goal | # of Pledges | Average Pledge | Pledges Received |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|
| Annunciation, Prince Rupert | 269 | 27,541 | 4,990 | 18.1% | 21 | 238 | 3,710 |
| Christ Our Saviour, Prince George | 176 | 19,480 | 4,875 | 25.0% | 14 | 348 | 3,700 |
| Christ the King, Kitimat | 571 | 48,432 | 8,620 | 17.8% | 36 | 239 | 6,290 |
| Resurrection, Fort St. John | 312 | 37,139 | 8,340 | 22.5% | 25 | 334 | 6,605 |
| Holy Cross, Tumbler Ridge | 26 | 3,773 | 890 | 23.6% | 3 | 297 | 190 |
| Immaculata, Burns Lake | 83 | 13,651 | 1,470 | 10.8% | 4 | 368 | 1,470 |
| Immaculate Conception, Prince George | 199 | 28,693 | 13,135 | 45.8% | 47 | 279 | 11,100 |
| Notre Dame, Dawson Creek | 244 | 27,203 | 17,285 | 63.5% | 79 | 219 | 5,995 |
| Our Lady of Peace, Chetwynd | 53 | 11,954 | 2,550 | 21.3% | 3 | 850 | 2,550 |
| Our Lady of Snows, Fort St. James | 88 | 7,580 | 170 | 2.2% | 2 | 85 | 170 |
| Sacred Heart, Prince George | 594 | 47,009 | 13,590 | 28.9% | 55 | 247 | 12,220 |
| Sacred Heart, Terrace | 479 | 53,374 | 39,396 | 73.8% | 141 | 279 | 19,330 |
| St. Andrew's, Fraser Lake | 67 | 11,691 | 10,470 | 89.6% | 33 | 317 | 3,800 |
| St. Anthony's, Houston | 47 | 4,691 | 990 | 21.1% | 3 | 330 | 390 |
| St. Joseph's, Vanderhoof | 89 | 12,099 | 5,300 | 43.8% | 9 | 589 | 5,200 |
| St. Joseph's, Smithers | 151 | 24,934 | 4,655 | 18.7% | 16 | 291 | 4,290 |
| St. Mary's, Prince George | 609 | 44,258 | 20,825 | 47.1% | 72 | 289 | 16,875 |
| St. Mary's, New Hazelton | 31 | 4,839 | 2,570 | 53.1% | 12 | 214 | 2,220 |
| St. Patrick's, McBride | 59 | 3,924 | 2,190 | 55.8% | 12 | 183 | 2,190 |
| St. Peter's, Mackenzie | 47 | 7,735 | 3,975 | 51.4% | 16 | 248 | 3,975 |
| Unaffiliated Donors | | | 3,550 | | 5 | 710 | 200 |
| Totals | 4,194 | 400,000 | 169,836 | 42.5% | 608 | 279 | 112,470 |

2. Diocesan Study Days

Thank you to all who attended Diocesan Study Days. Please contact Susan Campbell at (250)964-4424 or at smcampbell@pgdiocese.bc.ca if you would like a copy of Bishop Brian Dunns's PowerPoint presentation on Evangelization.

3. WCB

Please report your 3rd quarter WorkSafeBC (WCB) payments made to individuals and to contractors who are not registered with WCB to Payroll Services by October 15, 2013.

4. Organ for Sale

The Immaculata Parish in Burns Lake has a Two Deck Electone Organ for sale; asking price \$100.00 or obo. For more details, please phone the parish office at (250)692-3568. Photos can be emailed to those who are interested.

5. Vocation Live-In

Please place the following notice in parish bulletins. Posters and registration forms were distributed during Diocesan Study Days.

On the weekend of November 15-17, there will be a Vocation Live-In for young men Grades 10 and up who may be interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more information call 604.826.8715 or Fr. Terry Brock at 250-635-2313.

6. Development and Peace

During the Annual General Meeting of Development and Peace in September, the members elected a new chair, Annie Kearns and vice chair, Catherine Nolin. Both are very involved in social justice and will bring much vitality to Development and Peace. Congratulations to both and thank you for your commitment.

7. Defensora

Please put the attached poster on parish bulletin boards and the following notice in parish bulletins in the Central Region:

Prince George Development and Peace, along with the UNBC Geography Program, Guatemala Research Group and Department of First Nations Studies, presents a free screening of Defensora, a film which captures the voice and spirit of a community working together to reclaim their ancestral lands and to seek justice in Canada for crimes committed by Canadian mining companies in Guatemala. The screening takes place on Monday, October 28 at 7 p.m. in the Canfor Theatre (6-213) at UNBC. Donations will be accepted at the door.

8. A Voice for Justice

The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace launched its 2013 fall education and action campaign, entitled "A voice for justice". The campaign is in solidarity with the concerns of the Church and its Bishops in the Global South over international mining operations, many of which involve Canadian mining interests. Background information on the campaign is available on the Development and Peace website at:
<http://www.devp.org/en/blog/launch-voice-justice-highly-mobilized-and-ready-action>

9. Resources for 2014 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Resources for the 2014 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity can now be ordered from the Canadian Council of Churches (CCC), using the attached form or by emailing order@councilofchurches.ca. Resources may also be freely downloaded online; but a donation to help support its work and mission would be greatly appreciated. The resources were drafted by a Canadian Writing Committee under the chairmanship of Most Rev. Donald Bolen, Bishop of Saskatoon.