

Wednesday Weekly

March 19, 2014

1. DYC 2014, Catching Fire

Schools and Parishes are asked to place the following information in parish bulletins:

The 19TH ANNUAL DYC: CATCHING FIRE is happening April 25-27 and REGISTRATION is now open! DYC is a weekend diocesan youth conference for Grades 7-12 held at the Diocesan Center in Prince George. For travellers, participants will be offered accommodation with homestays. Secure your place at this dynamic conference by registering today. EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ends April 1, 2014 and costs \$35/participant. After April 1, registration costs \$50.

2. Billets needed for DYC

Please repeat the following notice in parish bulletins in the city of Prince George each weekend up to and including April 20th:

Billets are needed for youth participating in the Annual Diocesan Youth Conference, April 25-27. If you are able to welcome two or more young people into your home for that weekend, please contact Teresa Phillippe at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre (250-964-4424 ext. 242 or teresa@pgdiocese.bc.ca).

3. Easter Schedules

Parish secretaries are asked to forward their parish Easter schedule to Lisa Weber at lisa@pgdiocese.bc.ca. This information will be placed on the Diocesan website.

4. Monthly Day of Adoration

Please put the following notice in Central Region parish bulletins:

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to a Personal Date with Jesus on April 8 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 Dates with Jesus days.

5. Chrism Mass

Please post the attached poster in parishes.

The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at 7 pm on Monday, April 7th at Sacred Heart Cathedral. In this diocesan celebration, the Holy Oils and Chrism used in the Sacraments are blessed and consecrated and the priests renew their commitment to serve the Church.

Parishes are invited to send two representatives to accompany their pastor to the Mass of Chrism and to a dinner beforehand at 5:00 pm in Sacred Heart cathedral's lower hall. Please contact Jennifer Foster, the cathedral secretary, before April 4th by telephone at (250)564-5225 or by email at shcath@shawcable.com to confirm your parish's attendees.

6. Library Resources at the Diocesan Centre

Please place the following information in parish bulletins:

Parishioners are welcome to stop by the Diocesan Resource Centre to check out the audio tapes, books, and DVDs that are available for loan or as reference. One example is the Catholicism series by Fr. Robert Barron – parishioners can access the DVD series, Faith Clips, Book, prayer card and Study Guide to enhance their knowledge of our great faith. Out of town parishioners can see what's available on the diocesan website under the "Resource Catalog" link and the resource can be sent to your parish. For further information on our resources, please contact Teresa Philippe at (250)964-4424 extension 242 or at teresa@pgdiocese.bc.ca.

7. Annual Diocesan Appeal Update

Parishes are invited to place the following update from Fr. Richard in bulletins as space allows:

We have just passed the halfway mark in our Appeal year, and there is good news and not so great news. To date the statistics are:

Pledges:	\$405,414
Less Rebates:	\$ 16,283
Diocesan Goal to Date:	\$389,131
Goal Shortage:	\$10,869

The good news is that 8 parishes out of 20 have surpassed their goals and will receive rebates of \$16,283. Congratulations to the members of those parishes and thank you for your quick and generous response to the invitation to participate in the mission of the Diocese through the Appeal. Five out of the eight parishes who have surpassed their goals are among the smallest parishes in the Diocese, some of which also receive assistance from the Appeal and Catholic Missions in Canada.

Of the 12 remaining parishes who have not yet met their goals, the total percentage pledged ranges from 36.4% to 96.9%. A sincere thank you to all who have contributed so generously so far. Your support of the Appeal is vital in your parish. The challenge now is for others in these parishes to respond as well. Those parishes that do not reach their goal are relying on the smaller parishes to subsidize them as the contingency amount in the goals is used to make up the shortfall.

All parishioners are urged to participate in the Annual Diocesan Appeal. If you have not yet responded, please take the time now to prayerfully consider your response to the invitation to share some of your blessings with your sisters and brothers throughout the Diocese. Thank you!



2013-2014 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Building Together in faith

As of: **March 19, 2014**

DIOCESAN GOAL - \$400,000

Parish	Households	Appeal Goal	Total Pledged	Total % of Goal	# of Pledges	Average Pledge	Pledges Received
Annunciation, Prince Rupert	269	27,541	16,260	59.0%	76	214	15,405
Christ Our Saviour, Prince George	176	19,480	21,842	112.1%	69	317	20,342
Christ the King, Kitimat	571	48,432	37,743	77.9%	137	275	33,282
Resurrection, Fort St. John	312	37,139	35,980	96.9%	95	379	34,245
Holy Cross, Tumbler Ridge	26	3,773	3,053	80.9%	9	339	2,643
Immaculata, Burns Lake	83	13,651	10,010	73.3%	28	358	9,610
Immaculate Conception, Prince George	199	28,693	26,905	93.8%	90	299	23,945
Notre Dame, Dawson Creek	244	27,203	23,539	86.5%	108	218	22,547
Our Lady of Peace, Chetwynd	53	11,954	5,175	43.3%	15	345	5,175
Our Lady of Snows, Fort St. James	88	7,580	2,760	36.4%	15	184	1,545
Sacred Heart, Prince George	594	47,009	44,386	94.4%	216	205	36,911
Sacred Heart, Terrace	479	53,374	54,221	101.6%	190	285	50,251
St. Andrew's, Fraser Lake	67	11,691	13,825	118.3%	53	261	13,425
St. Anthony's, Houston	47	4,691	4,185	89.2%	20	209	4,120
St. Joseph's, Vanderhoof	89	12,099	14,875	122.9%	36	413	14,445
St. Joseph's, Smithers	151	24,934	16,965	68.0%	60	283	16,975
St. Mary's, Prince George	609	44,258	50,615	114.4%	173	293	47,543
St. Mary's, New Hazelton	31	4,839	4,970	102.7%	17	292	4,500
St. Patrick's, McBride	59	3,924	5,575	142.1%	28	199	5,575
St. Peter's, Mackenzie	47	7,735	7,760	100.3%	28	277	7,250
Unaffiliated Donors			4,770		4	1,193	4,470
Totals	4,194	400,000	405,414	101.4%	1,467	276	374,204

Pledged Parish Rebates 16,283

Diocesan Goal to Date: 389,131