

Wednesday Weekly

September 17, 2014

1. Diocesan Annual Appeal

The 2014-15 Appeal is underway! The week of September 20/21 is an Educational Weekend. Parishes are asked to refer to the Appeal Manual for further information. A report on goals and pledges will be included with next week's Wednesday Weekly. Thank you for your support.

2. Diocesan Assembly Special Event: An Encounter with Jesus

Parishes are asked to continue to publish the Diocesan Assembly announcements circulated with last week's Wednesday Weekly. In addition, please add the following announcement:

An Encounter with Jesus: Deacon Ralph Poyo, the keynote speaker for the Diocesan Assembly, will host an evening of inspiration and adoration on Thursday, October 2nd at 7:30 pm, at the Diocese of Prince George Pastoral Centre, 6500 Southridge Avenue. The night will feature awesome praise and worship by our young adult community and a talk by Deacon Ralph. The event is free and open to all parishioners, though youth and young adults are especially encouraged to participate. Please come and join in this inspiring session of the Assembly!

3. Youth and Young Adult Update

Youth Event:

PRINCE GEORGE SEARCH 2014: A Retreat for High School Teens & Young People in cooperation with the Diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

What is SEARCH?

SEARCH is a peer to peer ministry! There are opportunities to meet new friends who are also trying to follow the way of Jesus in today's world. SEARCH follows the call of Jesus to the first disciples. "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19)

Who is SEARCH For?

YOUNG PEOPLE (from age 15 to early university) who are interested in experiencing the Catholic faith in a dynamic way. Youth of all faiths are welcomed. It is a Catholic weekend open to all religious denominations.

Why are SEARCH Weekends held?

To help youth enter into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. To develop a fuller understanding of God and His Church. To encourage young people to assume an active role in the Church.

When & Where is the SEARCH Weekend held?

October 17-19, 2014

Diocese of Prince George Pastoral Centre 6500 Southridge Ave, Prince George
SEARCH begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and ends with Mass on Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

How do I sign up for a SEARCH Weekend?

For registration forms and more information email: youth@pgdiocese.bc.ca

What is the Cost of a SEARCH Weekend? \$40.00

Young Adult:

- **Young Adult Fall Retreat & Summit September 27th:** Focused on Pope Francis' call in 'Being Missionary Disciples', this will be the first young adult fall retreat in Prince George! Open to all ages 18-35, the day will feature talks, praise & worship, an afternoon hike and will culminate with the first SUMMIT of the school year. \$10 gets you breakfast, lunch, dinner and soul food (priceless!). RSVP to Eunice at youth@pgdiocese.bc.ca if you are interested in coming out. You won't want to miss this!
- **RISE UP: HURRY! The early-bird deadline for RISE UP is September 15.** This dynamic conference put on by Catholic Christian Outreach December 28-January 1 is by far one of the most inspiring young adult conferences of the year. This year, Calgary will be hosting the conference and we hope to have a bus leaving Prince George. Head to www.cco.ca/riseup for more details. Contact Eunice ehii@pgdiocese.bc.ca if you have any questions.
- **Faith studies:** It's starting up again! Our 6-week faith studies were a tremendous success last year. This year, we will be offering not one but TWO faith studies (Discovery for those starting out and Source for those who have already taken Discovery). Email Eunice ehii@pgdiocese.bc.ca if you are interested in either! Studies will start late September.

4. Monthly Day of Adoration – October

Please place the following information in parish bulletins in the Central Region:

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to a Personal Date with Jesus on Tuesday, October 14 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 the month for Personal Date with Jesus days.

5. Advent Candles

The Domano Renewal Centre has an extra set of slightly used large pillar Advent candles (3 purple, 1 pink) that would be appropriate for a church or larger space. Please contact the Domano Renewal Centre at 250-964-4475 if you are interested. The set can be picked up during the Diocesan Assembly, if necessary.

6. Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada

Please find attached a document regarding the Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada on September 27/28, 2014 from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. It provides suggested bulletin announcements and Prayers of the Faithful, one for this upcoming weekend and one for the following weekend. Please insert the bulletin announcements in parish bulletins. Thank you.

7. Prayer for the Extraordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops

The Holy Father has declared the whole Church is to pray on Sunday, September 28, for the III Extraordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the pastoral challenges of the family in the context of evangelization, which begins on Sunday, October 5. Attached is a guide from the General Secretary of the Synod which includes the prayer for the Synod written by Pope Francis, along with suggestions for prayers of the faithful. All the faithful, especially families, are invited to join in these prayers.

8. French Lectionary

The French Sector Commission for Liturgy and the Sacraments advise that the revised European edition of the French-language Lectionary now on sale is not approved for use in Canada. The Bishops of the French Sector have agreed the revised Lectionary for Canada should incorporate inclusive language. This new Canadian edition of the French-language Lectionary is expected to be available in about a year, following the recognition of the Holy See. Further information about the approved lectionary will be posted on the CCCB website.