

Wednesday Weekly

October 22, 2014

1. New Deans Appointed

The Church's Code of Canon law states that each diocese is to be divided into distinct parts to foster pastoral care by means of common action. Several parishes joined together constitute a vicariate forane, commonly known as a Deanery (canon 374).

On September 30, 2014 Bishop Jensen established the four regions of the diocese as Deaneries and appointed the following priests as Deans:

Western Deanery:	Rev. Terrence Brock
Midwestern Deanery:	Rev. Pier Pandolfo
Central Deanery:	Rev. Christopher Lynch
Northern Deanery:	Rev. Venerando Sabacan

A copy of the decree is attached.

2. Men's Retreat – Negotiating the Male Journey, November 21-23

Please place the following notice in parish bulletins:

Men, mark your calendars for the upcoming retreat with Archbishop Emeritus Sylvain Lavoie, OMI to be held November 21-23rd at the Domano Renewal Centre. Topics covered include Men at Prayer, Men Fully Alive, Living a Holistic Spirituality, Doing Soul Work, and Reconciliation & Moving Forward. The retreat will offer quiet time for prayer and reflection as well as one-on-one sharing, fellowship and relaxation. Participants can expect to come away renewed, with the greater ability to be fully alive in our society and Church today. For further information and to register, contact the Domano Renewal Centre at 250-964-4475 or at drc@pgdiocese.bc.ca

3. Retirement - Jo-Anne Allison

After over nine years of dedicated service, Jo-Anne Allison has resigned her position as archivist of the diocese, effective Friday, October 24. We thank Jo-Anne for her presence and service in the curia and wish her well in her retirement.

4. CIS Employment Opportunities – Notre Dame School

Notre Dame School in Dawson Creek has two Limited Duration Full-time teaching positions (Grade 2 & Grade 4) available. The positions are available immediately and will remain open until filled. Please see the attached ads for further information.

5. Employment Opportunity – Music Director, St. Mary's Parish, Prince George

Please post the attached job opportunity in parish bulletins. The deadline for applying is November 12, 2014. See the ad for further information.

6. Life Giving Love

The Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF), with the support of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, has launched a National Campaign in Favour of Palliative and Home Care, and Against Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide. This campaign of education and action, which is structured around the theme “Life-Giving Love”, is also a response to Pope Francis’ urgent call: “In imitation of our Master, we Christians are called to confront the poverty of our brothers and sisters, to touch it, to make it our own and to take practical steps to alleviate it”. Please read the attached pamphlet for further information or view the campaign website at www.lifegivinglove.com.

7. Assisted Suicide and the Supreme Court of Canada

The appeal of the Carter Case decision commenced in Ottawa at the Supreme Court of Canada this past week. The Catholic Health Alliance of Canada and the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition have intervenor status in the appeal and will be presenting intelligent and persuasive arguments for leaving our laws as they are on this issue. Attached is flyer created by CHABC giving a timeline of events in Canada over the past two decades and asking the faithful to pray that the Supreme Court judges make a just decision for all Canadians on this issue. In addition, a copy of an open letter to all Canadians from a group of physicians who oppose any change to our existing laws is attached. Parishes are asked to share this information with parishioners. The information is also available on the diocese website.

8. Annual Diocesan Appeal Update

See update next page.



2014-2015 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Building Together in faith

As of: October 22, 2014

DIOCESAN GOAL - \$400,000

Parish	Households	Appeal Goal	Total Pledged	Total % of Goal	# of Pledges	Pledges Received
Annunciation, Prince Rupert	268	26,034	6,161	23.7%	22	4,361
Christ Our Saviour, Prince George	177	20,033	14,037	70.1%	41	11,407
Christ the King, Kitimat	558	44,475	22,890	51.5%	70	12,327
Resurrection, Fort St. John	381	38,531	10,400	27.0%	24	4,700
Holy Cross, Tumbler Ridge	24	3,778	675	17.9%	3	175
Immaculata, Burns Lake	78	14,751	2,050	13.9%	5	1,050
Immaculate Conception, Prince George	200	30,654	24,955	81.4%	77	18,850
Notre Dame, Dawson Creek	241	27,612	22,846	82.7%	81	15,423
Our Lady of Peace, Chetwynd	51	12,027	2,430	20.2%	6	2,430
Our Lady of Snows, Fort St. James	88	7,600	420	5.5%	3	345
Sacred Heart, Prince George	605	47,323	18,534	39.2%	77	13,725
Sacred Heart, Terrace	472	52,537	40,890	77.8%	124	27,415
St. Andrew's, Fraser Lake	72	13,128	11,583	88.2%	32	7,333
St. Anthony's, Houston	45	5,191	2,085	40.2%	9	1,965
St. Joseph's, Vanderhoof	82	11,374	9,495	83.5%	20	8,855
St. Joseph's, Smithers	150	21,666	17,650	81.5%	49	14,075
St. Mary's, Prince George	577	44,315	19,275	43.5%	81	16,744
St. Mary's, New Hazelton	31	5,088	3,280	64.5%	8	1,385
St. Patrick's, McBride	60	3,511	3,925	111.8%	19	3,775
St. Peter's, Mackenzie	44	10,372	2,230	21.5%	20	2,120
Unaffiliated Donors			1,676		3	1,676
Totals	4,204	400,000	237,487	59.4%	774	170,136