

## Wednesday Weekly

November 5, 2014

### 1. Norms for Parish Finance and Pastoral Councils

On October 28th, 2014 Bishop Jensen issued two decrees that define the scope and responsibilities of the Parish Finance and Parish Pastoral Councils. Each parish is to have a Parish Finance Council and a Parish Pastoral Council in place within six months of this decree. The Norms are attached and are also available on the diocese website at: <http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/our-policies/>

### 2. Northern Catholic News

The Northern Catholic News is looking for articles from our parishes and schools to publish in its upcoming Winter edition. Did your parish or school celebrate a special occasion or event? Please let us know about it! Did you have a guest speaker or presentation that would be of interest to other parishioners? Please let us hear about it! Contact Mary-Anne Lewis Jamin at [majamin@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:majamin@pgdiocese.bc.ca) or 250-964-4424 extension 234 with your stories and pictures. The deadline for this edition is Monday, November 17, 2014.

### 3. A Night with Therese:

Parishes are asked to post the following notice in parish bulletins:

A visiting priest from Louisiana, Fr. Basil Burns PhD, will present an evening of lessons from the spirituality of St. Therese of Lisieux. **It will take place at Christ Our Savior Parish, Prince George on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30 pm.** Co-sponsored by the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, this event is open to all ages. Please take advantage of this gifted speaker from the land of crawfish and jambalaya who will also be teaching at the November Lay Formation Program. Mark your calendars and help spread the word!

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

Please continue to place the notice for the Men's Retreat in parish bulletins for the next two weeks :

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](mailto:drc@pgdiocese.bc.ca)

### 5. Employment Opportunity – Domano Renewal Centre

Please place the following job opportunity in parish bulletins (deadline date for applications added):

The Domano Renewal Centre is seeking a part-time Secretary/Receptionist. This role requires a person comfortable with change, the ability to multi-task and interact well with clients and guests. Proficient computer skills are required in Microsoft Office (Outlook, Excel, Word & Publisher). Areas of responsibility include receptionist/secretary, bookkeeping, scheduling and group bookings. The position is for 4 hours per day, 5 days a week with some flexibility for evenings and weekends. Expected start

date is November 24th. Deadline for applications is November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014. For more information and to apply, contact Sr. Irene Baker, 250-964-4475 or email: [ibaker@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:ibaker@pgdiocese.bc.ca)

## **6. RETURNING TO SPIRIT – Aboriginal Workshop November 17-21, 2014**

Parishes are asked to post the following notice in parish bulletins:

An Aboriginal Returning to Spirit (RTS) workshop is being held November 17- 21 at the Domano Renewal Centre, Prince George. Each workshop is unique and cutting edge in its approach to healing and reconciliation. The workshop is designed for Aboriginal people who continue to experience the legacy of residential schools. The workshop benefits survivors, families of survivors, and anyone who wants to move beyond healing to reconciliation and discover the spirit of who they are. Please call the Domano Renewal Centre at 250-964-4475 to register. More information on RTS can be found at <http://www.returningtospirit.org/>.

## **7. CIS Employment Opportunities**

Parishes are asked to place the following notice in parish bulletins:

Three teaching positions are currently available with CISPG: a 1.0 FTE Grade 3 maternity leave at Sacred Heart School, Prince George; a 1.0 FTE Grade 2 limited duration at Notre Dame School, Dawson Creek; and a 1.0 FTE Grade 4 limited duration also at Notre Dame School. Please advise any qualified teachers that may be interested in these opportunities. To view the postings and to submit an application, candidates should visit the CISPG website at: <http://cispg.ca/employment-opportunities/>. We look forward to hearing from you!

## **8. Camp Morice Annual General Meeting**

Please post the attached notice in parish bulletins:

Everyone is welcome to attend the Camp Morice Society Annual General Meeting being held Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Sacred Heart Cathedral basement. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to be involved with the Society, please contact Fr. Pier Pandolfo at [president@campmorice.com](mailto:president@campmorice.com) or Nadine Encinas, Office Manager at [info@campmorice.com](mailto:info@campmorice.com).

## **9. Restorative Justice**

The Week of Restorative Justice takes place Sunday, November 16 through Sunday, November 23, 2014. Restorative Justice proposes non-violence, making amends for harm done, and restoring harmony and peace by facing squarely the effects of crime for the victims, communities and offenders. It seeks a way forward to a restored peace for all. Bishop Gary Gordon writes “Restorative Justice is multifaceted in its application and dynamism but fundamentally has its origins in a principal that unity is greater than conflict.” “This principal, drawn from the Gospel, reminds us that Christ has made all things one in Himself: heaven and earth, God and man, time and eternity, flesh and spirit, person and society. Christ is our peace (Eph 2:14).” (Evangelii Gaudium 229). Attached are Homiletic Notes for Sundays November 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 provided as a resource from The Church Council on Justice and Corrections. Further information can be obtained from their website at: [www.ccjc.ca](http://www.ccjc.ca).

## **10. A Church in Dialogue: Towards the Restoration of Unity Among Christians**

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's Decree on Ecumenism, *Unitatis Redintegratio* in November 2014, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has published, "A Church in Dialogue: Towards the Restoration of Unity Among Christians". This publication provides an in-depth presentation of the Church's commitment to ecumenical dialogue and complements the August 2014 publication, "A Church in Dialogue: Catholic Ecumenical Commitment". The most recent document can be found as a downloadable PDF on the CCCB website at [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca). Both documents also can be ordered by telephone (1-800-769-1147) or online at [www.cccbpublications.ca](http://www.cccbpublications.ca).

The document will be officially launched Sunday, November 9, at St. James Anglican Cathedral, Toronto. The celebration, involving a prayer service and lectures, will start at 7:00 pm (Eastern Time) and is being coordinated by the Anglican-Roman Catholic dialogue (ARC) and the Anglican - Roman Catholic Bishops' dialogue (ARC-B). Salt + Light will cover the event with live streaming and rebroadcasting on its television network.

## **11. Annual Diocesan Appeal Update**

**Please see next page.**



## 2014-2015 Annual Diocesan Appeal

*Building Together in faith*

As of: November 5, 2014

**DIOCESAN GOAL - \$400,000**

Parish	House-holds	Appeal Goal	Total Pledged	Total % of Goal	# of Pledges	Pledges Received
Annunciation, Prince Rupert	268	26,034	8,446	32.4%	31	5,906
Christ Our Saviour, Prince George	177	20,033	15,614	77.9%	45	13,074
Christ the King, Kitimat	558	44,475	27,720	62.3%	110	19,640
Resurrection, Fort St. John	381	38,531	17,745	46.1%	62	13,290
Holy Cross, Tumbler Ridge	24	3,778	1,275	33.7%	6	600
Immaculata, Burns Lake	78	14,751	3,260	22.1%	10	2,360
Immaculate Conception, Prince George	200	30,654	26,250	85.6%	83	20,915
Notre Dame, Dawson Creek	241	27,612	25,956	94.0%	118	20,273
Our Lady of Peace, Chetwynd	51	12,027	3,180	26.4%	9	2,680
Our Lady of Snows, Fort St. James	88	7,600	620	8.2%	4	570
Sacred Heart, Prince George	605	47,323	22,204	46.9%	106	17,945
Sacred Heart, Terrace	472	52,537	48,004	91.4%	163	35,230
St. Andrew's, Fraser Lake	72	13,128	11,658	88.8%	38	8,418
St. Anthony's, Houston	45	5,191	2,675	51.5%	14	2,555
St. Joseph's, Vanderhoof	82	11,374	10,095	88.8%	22	8,975
St. Joseph's, Smithers	150	21,666	18,485	85.3%	77	17,965
St. Mary's, Prince George	577	44,315	24,040	54.2%	95	21,176
St. Mary's, New Hazelton	31	5,088	3,280	64.5%	12	2,310
St. Patrick's, McBride	60	3,511	3,975	113.2%	17	3,975
St. Peter's, Mackenzie	44	10,372	4,600	44.4%	17	4,350
Unaffiliated Donors			1,876		4	1,676
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4,204</b>	<b>400,000</b>	<b>280,958</b>	<b>70.2%</b>	<b>1,043</b>	<b>223,883</b>