December 17, 2014

1. Vocations Weekend – February 20-22, 2015

Please put the following notice in parish bulletins until February:

Christ the King Seminary Live-In February 20-22, 2015: A Vocation Live-In is an opportunity for young men to spend a weekend at the seminary. It provides a chance to meet other young men searching for God's will. During the weekend there are times for community prayer, daily Mass and rosary, sports, discussion groups, a tour of the seminary and monastery property and a talent show. Participants also learn the way the monks pray and work. The next Vocation Live-in for the Seminary is February 20-22, 2015. Please contact Fr. Terry Brock, our Diocesan Vocation's Director, at 250-635-2313 if you are interested in attending the live-in.

2. Diocese of Prince George Pastoral Centre Christmas Schedule

The Pastoral Centre will be closed for the holidays from noon on December 24th to January 2nd. We will reopen at 8:30 am on Monday, January 5th, 2015. Merry Christmas!

3. Christmas Message from CCCB

Please find attached the Christmas Message from Most Rev. Paul-André Durocher, President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

4. World Day of Peace – Message from Pope Francis

Please find attached a message from the Holy Father, Pope Francis for the World Day of Peace, January 1, 2015, entitled "No Longer Slaves, But Brothers And Sisters". A note from the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace provides details about why the theme is relevant today: Many people think that slavery is a thing of the past. In fact, this social plague remains all too real in today's world. Last year's Message for January 1st was dedicated to brotherhood - being children of God gives all human beings equal dignity as brothers and sisters. Slavery deals a murderous blow to this fundamental fraternity, and so to peace as well. Peace can only exist when each human being recognizes every other person as a brother or sister with the same dignity.

5. Annual Diocesan Appeal Update (see next page)



2014-2015 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Building Together in Faith

As of December 17th, 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	13,526	52.0%	50	10,736
Christ Our Saviour, Prince George	177	20,033	20,751	103.6%	60	16,768
Christ the King, Kitimat	558	44,475	30,690	69.0%	123	25,270
Resurrection, Fort St. John	381	38,531	21,355	55.4%	79	17,070
Holy Cross, Tumbler Ridge	24	3,778	1,375	36.4%	7	925
Immaculata, Burns Lake	78	14,751	8,887	60.2%	21	7,947
Immaculate Conception, Prince George	200	30,654	29,316	95.6%	97	24,035
Notre Dame, Dawson Creek	241	27,612	26,796	97.0%	123	22,171
Our Lady of Peace, Chetwynd	51	12,027	3,205	26.6%	10	3,205
Our Lady of Snows, Fort St. James	88	7,600	1,340	17.6%	8	1,015
Sacred Heart, Prince George	605	47,323	26,579	56.2%	122	21,945
Sacred Heart, Terrace	472	52,537	52,398	99.7%	179	44,083
St. Andrew's, Fraser Lake	72	13,128	13,368	101.8%	46	10,698
St. Anthony's, Houston	45	5,191	3,545	68.3%	19	3,525
St. Joseph's, Vanderhoof	82	11,374	13,395	117.8%	28	12,525
St. Joseph's, Smithers	150	21,666	19,135	88.3%	80	19,115
St. Mary's, Prince George	577	44,315	33,190	74.9%	114	30,393
St. Mary's, New Hazelton	31	5,088	3,580	70.4%	13	2,685
St. Patrick's, McBride	60	3,511	4,655	132.6%	19	4,535
St. Peter's, Mackenzie	44	10,372	6,200	59.8%	23	5,810
Unaffiliated Donors			1,926		5	1,926
Totals	4,204	400,000	335,212	83.8%	1,226	286,382