

Wednesday Weekly

June 1, 2016

WHEN APPLICABLE—PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE IN YOUR BULLETIN AND/OR ARE ALSO ANNOUNCED.

* FOR THE CITY

** FOR ALL PARISHES IN THE DIOCESE

THIS WILL ENSURE THAT THE SAME INFORMATION IS BEING HEARD ACROSS THE DIOCESE.

THANK YOU

ATTACHMENTS:

- **Annual Diocesan Appeal May 2016 Report**

1. ** APPEAL UPDATE:

Thank you to Fr. Pier Pandolfo and to the parishioners of St. Joseph's Parish, Smithers for reaching their goal. As of last week, St. Joseph's Parish reached 101.7% of their parish goal. There are five parishes that have met and exceeded their goal. Please keep in mind, we only need 7.3% to reach our Diocesan Goal. We continue to encourage parishioners to support the Annual Diocesan Appeal in any way that they can.

The Appeal Director and the Appeal Committee would like to remind parishes that any amount raised beyond the parish goal will be returned 100% to the parishes for any parish project. The first disbursement of funds was last January 2016. Upon reaching our Diocesan Goal, the funds will be disbursed accordingly from the Appeal 2015-16 allocations.

Also, a word of thanks to those who have completed the Appeal Survey which concluded Tuesday, May 24, 2016. Your responses to the survey and other suggestions will be given due consideration by the Appeal Committee. Any changes that will be implemented resulting from the survey will be communicated before the 2016-17 Annual Diocesan Appeal kick-off.

Again, thank you very much for your continued support to our Diocese through the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

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- Please note that your Insurance documents and decals have been sent to your parish. When you receive please confirm with Teresa that you have received these at reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca – The decal must be on the plate by midnight on June 30, 2016.

3. * **ANNUAL MASS FOR THE CITY SCHOOLS**

Please join the
Three City Catholic Schools

**In the Celebration of the Eucharist
In Lheidli T'enneh Memorial Park Celebration**

On Thursday, the 9th of June at 12:00 PM

Bishop Jensen presiding

All are welcome to share in this annual event
that holds a long standing tradition in our community.

(If it rains the celebration will be held in the Cathedral at 12:10pm)

4. **BILL C-14:** Medical Assistance in Dying, passed third reading in the House of Commons yesterday, and we are continuing to urge the Senate to further protect the conscience rights for physicians and facilities in the legislation.

We are pleased to see MPs approved two suggested amendments to the Bill, affirming the protection of freedom of conscience and of religion in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and stating that a doctor cannot be compelled to perform euthanasia or physician-assisted suicide.

While we oppose any form of assisted suicide/euthanasia, we recognize that Bill C-14 is imminent and that the inclusion of conscience rights is an important first step to protect those who object to hastening death for their patients.

With Senators acknowledging that they do not feel bound by the June 6 deadline imposed by the Supreme Court of Canada and expecting to further study the legislation, there is more time for us to engage the Senate and push for further enhancements to protect our conscience rights.

[If you have not done so already, please click here to send a letter to the Senate.](#)
[There is still time to make an impact.](#)

The Senate needs to be sent a clear signal that this Bill must provide clear conscience protection from coast to coast, thereby preventing a patchwork of policies and regulations from province to province.

We need a clear statement from the Senate that conscience protection extends to healthcare institutions like hospitals, nursing homes and hospice facilities. It needs to be clearly stated that conscientious objections include direct and indirect participation, such as referrals.

And we remain concerned about discrimination, that a palliative care physician will be required to perform physician assisted death to get a job, whether or not they believe it is right or wrong. That is discrimination, and discrimination on the basis of personal characteristics like gender, skin colour, religious belief or creed is illegal in Canada. We urge the Senate to recognize, and address, these shortcomings in the government's legislation.

Thank you for your ongoing support for the conscience rights of Canadians.

5. **IGNITE BC:** Register today for the camp that will change your life. Everyone in our diocese are invited! What is IGNITE BC you ask? It is a week long summer camp for teens (going into grade 9 through graduating grade 12) who serious about growing in holiness. It is an incredible week with excellent talks, amazing people, daily Mass, epic large group activities, Reconciliation, Adoration, praise and worship, and much more! You will grow in knowledge of Christ and the Church, and be empowered to go forward striving to be a modern saint.

Check out this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b5ZCqWLoTf0>

Register today at www.f2f.ca/ignite DYC16 participants get \$25 off registration for this year's camp.

6. **CAMP MORICE:** Online camp registration for Camp Morice is open! There are camps for all ages.

Register at www.campmorice.com or email info@campmorice.com

- July 3-8 : Teen Camp (all who have completed grades. 7 to 12)
- July 10-15 : Leadership Training (ages 15 who want to be volunteers)
- July 17-22 : Tween Camp #1 (all who have completed grades 4 to 6)
- July 24-29 : Kids camp (all who have completed grades 1 to 3)
- Aug 7-12: Tween Camp #2 (all who have completed grades 4 to 6)
- Aug 14-19 : Cana Camp (For all families)
- Aug 21-26: Ignite Camp (all who have completed grades 9 to 12)

The theme for the camps is Star Wars: **The Faith Awakens!**

Join us for an unforgettable summer of Jedi training to become a saint!