

Wednesday Weekly

July 6, 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 Update July 6, 2017**

1. **ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2015-16 UPDATE** St. Mary's Parish, Prince George has met and surpassed its parish goal at 104.2%. Thank you to Pastor, Fr. Gilbert Bertrand, OMI, and the parishioners for their determination. Special thanks to St. Mary's Parish Knights of Columbus Council 5246 for their initiative of matching the parishioners' donations to the Appeal from April to June, 2016, in order that St. Mary's Parish was able to meet their parish goal.

Over-all, the Diocese has reached 94.6% of its goal. There are less than two months for the conclusion of this year's Appeal. We hope that we can reach our Diocesan Goal of \$400,000. For those parishes that have not yet met their Parish Goal, please continue to promote the Appeal and encourage parishioners to support the diocese through the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Thank you very much for your continued support and generosity.

2. **SAVE THE DATE: Blessing and Dedication of Vianney House**

This year, on the Memorial of Saint John Vianney, August 4, 2016, Vianney House will be blessed and dedicated by Bishop Stephen Jensen.

Fr. Rectorino Tolentino, Jr. invites you to save the date for an early evening celebration beginning at 5:00 PM with Vespers. Invitation with times and details will follow.

Vianney House is located at 6700 Southridge Avenue, Prince George. It will be a place of discernment for men considering the vocation to priesthood and/or religious life. It is also the residence of the Vicar General of the Diocese, and a place of hospitality for priests.

3. **CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION:** You are invited to celebrate with us on Saturday, August 13, 2016 the Feast of the Assumption, in the Rosary procession at 7:00 PM at Camp Morice. Fr. Frank Salmon, OMI, Pastor of Our Lady of the Snows will celebrate Holy Mass at Priests' Point after the procession. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

4. 2016 SUMMER CLOSURE:

THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL CENTRE will be closed from Monday, July 18 to Friday, August 12, 2016 inclusive. Regular working hours will resume on Monday, August 15, 2016. However, the Finance Office will have adjusted working hours during the closure. If pastors and principals, parishes and schools have concerns that need immediate attention, please e-mail, Fr. Rector at vicargeneral@pgdiocese.bc.ca.

If you require assistance from the Finance Office, you may contact them directly and leave a message to any of the following personnel from the Finance Office: Armand Rey Sadiwa, Catherine Cosh, Lynn Monteith or John Philips. Telephone and e-mail messages will be checked regularly.

DOMANO RENEWAL CENTER-- (DRC) will be closed for the summer as of June 30 and will re-open for the new term on August 15.

As previously announced, Sister Elizabeth Poilievre, FCJ, DRC Co-Director, was asked by her Superior to return and live with her religious community in Edmonton beginning July 2016. An Open House and farewell celebration were held June 2 at the DRC for Sister Elizabeth.

Sister Irene Baker, CSJ, DRC Co-Director, will undertake full-time ministry at “Rainbows” beginning August 2016.

We are very grateful for the ministry that Sisters Elizabeth and Irene provided to the Domano Renewal Centre over the past years.

Fr. Rectorino Tolentino, our Vicar General will be overseeing the administration of DRC *pro tem* while the search for a new director continues.

Meanwhile, DRC will continue to accommodate guests, visitors, parish groups and individual priests or lay persons who need a place of hospitality for meetings, retreats, workshops and seminars. To book the facilities, please call Tamara Monai, DRC Administrative Assistant at 250-964-4475 or email her at drc@pgdiocese.bc.ca

SHEPHERD’S CORNER—During the month of July, “Shepherd’s Corner” will be opened from Monday to Thursday only. It will be closed on Fridays. The service will also be closed for the month of August.

5. MONTHLY DAY OF EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT: Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to prayer and adoration on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 in the Domano Chapel, 6500 Southridge Ave. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 AM and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM for a day of silent prayer and adoration. We will pray for the universal Church, the world, and the people and needs of our Diocese. 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 for each second Tuesday of the month for adoration and prayer.

Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

OEC

6. DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY –Embraced by Our Father’s Mercy

- Who:** Adults 18+
When: September 21-23, 2016
Where: Diocesan Pastoral Centre 6500 Southridge Ave, Prince George
Fee: \$60

Office of Evangelization and Our keynote speakers, Jake and Heather Khym, are the founders of Life-Restoration, a Catholic counselling and ministry centre in Vancouver

Participants can look forward to:

- A time of spiritual growth, learning and networking.
- An opportunity for fellowship and discussion; keynote addresses, practical workshops and a shared meal.
- An essential place of connection for all principals, clergy, teachers, and others working in schools, parishes, and ministry in the diocese.

Please register online at www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/oec/da

Posters for the event have been mailed to every parish and school.

For more information, please contact Angelo at (250) 964-4424 (ext. 230) or asabbadin@pgdiocese.bc.ca

7. **DIOCESAN FORMATION PROGRAM: Hearts Transformed (HT)



- Do you have a desire to go deeper in your personal life of faith?
- Do you long for transformation in your life, family, parish, school and world?
- Do you wish to become the ‘Missionary Disciple’ that Pope Francis is talking about?

HEARTS TRANSFORMED is a new nine month personal and parish formation program beginning this October 2016 in the diocese of Prince George.

This program focuses on developing a Christ-like heart by:

LIVING the Eucharist as a way of life.

INTEGRATING the treasures of our faith.

DEEPENING our life of prayer and discernment.

ACTIVATING our gifts as Missionary Disciples

HT is an interactive opportunity for personal renewal and spiritual growth, which fosters stronger faith communities in union with local pastors and parishes. It is rooted in Scripture, the teaching of the Church and the wisdom of the Saints. **HT** uses a methodology currently bearing fruit in many faith communities throughout the world.

Practically, **HT** consists of:

- An opening Saturday retreat (either in PG, Terrace, or Dawson Creek)
- 12 learning modules (that are viewed and reflected on in your own parish community/group, daily personal study and prayer guides to internalize the material more deeply)
- A closing Saturday retreat in Prince George for graduation.

For detailed information please check our diocesan website www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/oec, click the icon **HEARTS TRANSFORMED**.

Please, prayerfully consider joining us as we all seek hearts transformed!

Youth & Young Adults

- 8. WORLD YOUTH DAY IN KRAKOW:** In just 2 weeks, 20 young people from our diocese will travel to World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland. Please keep our pilgrim group in your prayers as they journey with millions of other young people and meet with Pope Francis. There will be a pilgrim send-off Mass on Sunday, July 17 at 9:30 AM at Christ Our Saviour in the Hart. If you are interested in meeting our pilgrims and joining them in prayer, please come worship with us!
- 9. IGNITE BC:** Register today for the camp that will change your life. Early-bird registration ends August 9, 2016 . All are invited to the IGNITE BC Camp right here in our diocese! What is IGNITE BC you ask? Ignite is a week long summer camp for teens (going into grade 9 through graduating grade 12) 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. Register today [at www.f2f.ca/ignite](http://www.f2f.ca/ignite) DYC16 participants get \$25 off registration for this year's camp. After August 9, price goes up to \$390