Wednesday Weekly August 17, 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
- Parish Friendly Workshop Save the date poster
- REAL Women Petition

1. PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

Bishop Jensen is pleased to announce the following appointments effective September 1, 2016:

Very Rev. Rectorino Tolentino, Jr. as Chancellor pro tem;

Mrs. Martha Primus as Vice-chancellor. In addition, Martha will oversee the diocesan Safe Parish program and the diocese's communications media, including the Northern Catholic News and our website.

Rev. Miguel Rabino began a medical leave on August 1, 2016.

Rev. Rene Antonio has been assigned as temporary administrator of St. Mary's, New Hazelton during Rev. Rabino's absence. During this time, St. Joseph's in Vanderhoof is being served by replacement priests from Prince George and elsewhere.

2. **SAVE THE DATES:**

a. PARISH FRIENDLY WORKSHOP —In the comfort of your own office with Jacinthe Green, from SiteScapers via GoTo

When: Friday, September 16, 2016 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM PST See attached for further details.

b. LITURGY AND SACRED MUSIC WORKSHOP

ATTENTION TO ALL:

Pastors, pastoral life directors, musicians, choir members, and parish liturgy committee members

Presenters: Fr. Rector Tolentino and Miss Elizabeth Black (from the Liturgical Institute)

When: October 28 7:00 PM — October 29, 2016--9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Location: Pastoral Centre--6500 Southridge Ave

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

More information to follow next week.

3. DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

a. SECRETARY TO THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

The Diocese of Prince George is seeking applications for the position of "Secretary to the Office of the Bishop."

The successful candidate will work as part of a team in the diocesan curia, providing secretarial support to the Bishop; assist the Vicar General, the Chancellor and Vice-chancellor as needed.

The successful candidate will be competent computer skills (MS Word); excellent written and verbal communication and interpersonal skills; familiarity with Church structures and personnel; ability to work independently and collaboratively; discretion and confidentiality essential.

The position is 35 hours per week.

A resume and covering letter should be sent to Very Reverend Rectorino Tolentino, Jr., <u>vicargeneral@pgdiocese.bc.ca</u> . Applications will be accepted until September 9, 2016.

Please note that only successful candidates will be contacted.

b. EDUCATION ASSISTANT AD FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

Immaculate Conception School, Prince George has an opening for a part time (16 hours per week, mornings from 9.00am to 1pm Monday through Thursday) EDUCATION ASSISTANT (EA) for the 2016-2017 school year. Preferred qualifications include relevant certification for working in an elementary school setting, and strong experience working with children with special needs. Apply in writing to the Principal, Immaculate Conception School, 3285 Cathedral Avenue, Prince George V2N 5R2 or email to icsprincipal@cispg.ca

4. **ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE:** Once again congratulations to all parishes who have achieved their 2015-16 goal. Well done Fr. Louis Kwena, and Parish Appeal Committee of Notre Dame on recently achieving your goal.

The overall diocesan goal has reached 95.5% or \$382,016 of \$400, 000. Thank you to all who have made the 2015-16 successful.

Please see attached report.

5. PETITION TO PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS IN CANADA

REAL Women of Canada (www.realwomenofcanada.ca) invites us to join in a petition to the House of Commons to protect the conscience rights of health care personnel and institutions to refuse to participate in assisted suicide. There is a huge gap in the current law that exposes people of conscience to unjust discrimination Please sign the petition to ask for justice. See attached.

Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

OEC

1. 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@pgdicoese.bc.ca

2. **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 <u>www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/oec</u>, click the icon **HEARTS TRANSFORMED**.

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