

Wednesday Weekly

October 26, 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 - October 26, 2016**
- **Dates for Hearts Transformed**

1. REACHING OUT IN MERCY, DIOCESAN APPEAL 2016-17-OCTOBER 26, 2016

The Appeal Office is very excited to report that **Immaculate Conception Parish**, under the leadership of **Fr. Chris Lynch**, has surpassed their parish goal. To date, the pledged amount from the parishioners of IC is **103.2%**.

Just a reminder that any amount collected over the parish goal will be returned 100% to the parish and can be used for any parish project.

Overall, *Reaching out in Mercy, Diocesan Appeal 2016-17* is doing well **and we have reached 64.4% of our Diocesan Goal**. To date every parish has sent in a report. (*Please see attached.*) Thank you.

Interesting to note, the pledges we have received are from **860** households throughout our Diocese. We continue to invite those who have not yet made a commitment to consider supporting our Diocese through the Appeal.

To parishioners across the Diocese of Prince George, you are our partners in fulfilling the mission of the Church. Indeed, when we form this unique partnership, our parishes and our Diocese are the beneficiaries. You may not necessarily see those who are affected by your generosity, but through your support to *Reaching out in Mercy*, you are making a difference. **THANK YOU** for your support!

2. LITURGY AND SACRED MUSIC WORKSHOP- October 28 7:00 PM – October 29, 2016--9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

For those who are unable to attend the workshop in Prince George, we have an alternative way to attend. Please use the following link to join us by livestream:

- <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/cis-prince-george>.
- Or go to diocesan webpage at <http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/> and click on the **LINKS** tab.
- Email Jasmin at jsadiwa@pgdiocese.bc.ca to let her know if you are attending by Livestream.

3. **REMINDER OF MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT:** Parishes are reminded that we will have the first diocesan-wide count of attendance at Sunday Mass on the last Sunday of October and the first Sunday of November. The form to record attendance was sent to pastors and parishes earlier this month.



4. **EMERGENCY**

RELIEF

<https://www.devp.org/en/pressroom/2016/comm2016-10-07>

More than 1,000 people have been killed by Hurricane Matthew in Haiti and the UN's Office

for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs estimates that more than 350,000 need immediate humanitarian assistance. The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, part of the international network of Catholic development agencies known as Caritas, has launched an emergency appeal to respond. You can also donate directly right now by visiting <http://www.devp.org> or by calling 1-844-480-DEVP (3387).

5. **WESTERN DEANERY -**

Please include the following announcement in your Sunday Bulletin:

Liturgy Workshop at Sacred Heart Parish, Terrace

Parishioners in the Western Deanery (Annunciation, Sacred Heart, and Christ the King parishes) are invited to attend this workshop:

- **Liturgy Workshop on November 2 – 3 , 2016**

7:00 – 8:30 PM at Sacred Heart Parish, Terrace.

This is specifically intended for those who are serving various ministries at Mass: Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, greeters, musicians, choir members, and altar servers.

The workshop will be led by Very Reverend Rectorino M. Tolentino, Jr., Vicar General, and Liturgy Commission Chairperson of the Diocese of Prince George. Please contact Gorette Pires at 250-635-2313.

6. **CLOSING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY IN THE DIOCESE OF PRINCE GEORGE:** November 20, 2016 the Door of Mercy in Rome will close, concluding the Year.

Closing of the Door(s) of Mercy in the Diocese of Prince George will take place on November 13, 2016, the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time. We gather together with Bishop Stephen Jensen, priests, religious, and lay people for Mass of thanksgiving at Sacred Heart Cathedral on the 13th of November, 3:00 PM. Reception will follow.

All parishioners in the city and in nearby parishes are invited to join in this celebration.

The Jubilee Doors at Annunciation Parish, Prince Rupert and Church of Resurrection, Ft. St. John will also be closed on the same day. For those from those parishes check out their bulletins.

Each city parish is asked to invite two of their altar servers to serve at this celebration. Please forward the names of the altar servers to Fr. Rector at vicargeneral@pgdiocese.bc.ca
The practice for the servers will take place on Saturday, November 12, @ 3:00 PM.

Music practice times for November 13, 2016 Mass will be on Wednesday, November 9 at 7:00 PM and Sunday, November 13, 2016 at 2:00 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Everyone is invited to come and join this special celebration!

- 7. 200 YEARS OF OBLATES IN CANADA – DECEMBER 8, 2016** - The missionary adventure of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate began with Saint Eugene de Mazenod who, on 25 January 1816, gathered in the former Carmelite convent of Aix a group of priests to evangelize Provence. Today, Oblates count nearly 3800 men and are present in sixty-five countries.

Prince George Diocese is one of the many dioceses that the Oblates continue to serve. **To celebrate the Oblate bicentennial in our diocese there will be Mass on December 8, 2016 on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral.** Bishop Jensen will be the main celebrant along with Oblate priests and other clergy in the diocese.

City parishes are asked not to schedule an evening Mass on that day, but invite parishioners to come to the celebration at the cathedral. A reception will follow the Mass.

For more information on the Oblate Celebration go to <http://www.centremazenod.org/jubilee-of-the-oblates?lang=en>

- 8. RETURNING TO SPIRIT** is hosting a Non-Aboriginal workshop in Prince George, starting Sunday November 27-Wednesday November 30, 2016. This is an exciting step towards Reconciliation in the local PG area! We would be pleased if you could attend or share this with your friends and family who may show some interest.

Please see attached information and registration in a fillable pdf format. Or the option to register online at: <https://goo.gl/forms/NVWzrNUlbrzyDbCm1>

OR copy and paste the following: <http://www.returningtospirit.org/Portals/1/Info%20page%20-%20NA%20PG%20Nov%202016.pdf>

If you are travelling to Prince George to participate in the workshop there are various hotels in the downtown core that are quite nice to stay at and within walking distance to the FAMILIES Facility. Returning to Spirit does not have a special rate for hotels, these are hotels that have good reviews and are close by.

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| Coast Hotel (250) 563-0121 | Ramada (250) 563-0055 |
| 770 Brunswick Street | 444 George Street |

For more information please contact Janine Luggi
BC Partnerships & Trainer
Returning to Spirit
Direct: [1-855-244-3963 ext. 107](tel:18552443963)

- 9. LOOKING FOR GREEN GLORY & PRAISE SONGBOOKS:** Teresa Fuergutz from Corpus Christi Parish in Kelowna is in search of green Glory and Praise edition for their combined parish. They do not have enough books. She can be reached at 250-717-6872 (cell phone) if you have any extra copies.

Office of Evangelization and Catechesis



HEARTS TRANSFORMED: Had over 180 people from across the diocese complete the Opening Retreat portion of the program!

Our next meeting in Prince George will have been held on October 27 from 6:30PM to 9:00 PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre.

Everyone else will have their meetings from October 24-30, as the flexibility of the program allows.

Please see attachment for dates in your deanery.

We look forward to journeying with you. If you have other questions contact Angelo at asabbadin@pgdiocese.bc.ca or (250) 964-4424 ext 230

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS NEWS:

- 1. RISE UP VANCOUVER – CONFIRM YOUR SPOT ON THE RISE UP BUS** – Calling all young adults 18-35! We are inviting all young adults to join us for a fantastic opportunity. RISE UP is an annual national conference put on by Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) taking place from December 28 – January 1. It is the largest young adult gathering for Catholics in Canada. This year, RISE UP will be taking place in Vancouver at the stunning Westin Bayshore hotel. We have been privileged to receive funding towards a charter bus leaving from Prince George for this conference from the provincial Knights of Columbus. Head to www.cco.ca/riseup for all information of email ehii@pgdiocese.bc.ca if you would like to secure your seat on the bus! Spots are limited. Don't miss this amazing opportunity.
- 2. SMALL GROUP FAITH STUDIES** – Our small group faith studies have launched and we are now halfway through our studies. Please keep all the young adults at UNBC in your prayers as we continue especially the young people serving on the exec team for our JP2 Catholic Club at UNBC! For more information contact Eunice at ehii@pgdiocese.bc.ca
- 3. ON CAMPUS MASS** – We have once again started up UNBC Campus Mass with Fr. Jack Michalchuk. Campus Mass will be Wednesdays at 12:30 PM on the 3rd floor of the library in the ERC room.
- 4. IGNITE BC CAMP Alumni Reunion** – We will be hosting a reunion for all those participants who attended IGNITE BC in 2015/16 November 19-20 in Prince George. If you're interested in attending, message youth@pgdiocese.bc.ca for more details!