

Wednesday Weekly

November 2, 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- November 2, 2016
- HT Schedule

1. REACHING OUT IN MERCY, DIOCESAN APPEAL 2016-17-NOVEMBER 2, 2016 UPDATE

Great news from the Appeal Office!

Reaching out in Mercy has reached **75.8%** or **\$303,022.00** of its total in pledges, coming from **1022** donors across our Diocese.

In addition to **Immaculate Conception Parish**, that surpassed its goal last week, three other parishes have met and surpassed their goal this week, namely: **St. Mary's Parish (103%)**, **St. Patrick's Parish (109.1%)**, and **St. Andrew's Parish (107.7%)**.

Thank you to Fr. Gilbert Bertrand OMI, Fr. John Garden and Detta Smith, Fr. Vince James OMI, and their respective Parish Leadership Teams and Appeal Coordinators for working hard to promote the Appeal.

Our dear parishioners, when you support the Diocesan Appeal you are exercising works of mercy in our communities. As Bishop Stephen Jensen mentioned in the Appeal promotional material "The Year of Mercy tells us that faith should be expressed in corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Please join me in this year's Diocesan Appeal to better serve the material and spiritual needs of our faith community near and far."

We are truly grateful for the generosity of the parishioners across our Diocese as they respond to *Reaching out in Mercy*. Let us continue to work together to meet our Diocesan goal.

2. **LITURGY AND SACRED MUSIC WORKSHOP**- Thank you to all who attended the workshop. It was a fruitful experience. The video will be available soon on the diocesan website, as well as a CD for distribution. All participants with an email address will receive an evaluation form. If you did not provide an email address or would like a CD please call Jasmin at 964-4424 ext. 235 or email her at jsadiwa@pgdiocese.bc.ca.

3. **REMINDER OF MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT:** Parishes are reminded that we will have the second diocesan-wide count of attendance at Sunday Mass this Sunday November 6, 2016. The form to record attendance was sent to pastors and parishes earlier this month.
4. **MONTHLY DAY OF EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to a Personal Date with Jesus on Tuesday, November 7, 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 and 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 on the **second Tuesday** of each month for Personal Dates with Jesus days.



5. 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](http://www.devp.org), 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).

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– 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.

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](tel:18552443963) ext. 107

Office of Evangelization and Catechesis



HEARTS TRANSFORMED UPDATE: Over 10 groups across the diocese are meeting bi-weekly for faith formation and fellowship!

The next meeting in Prince George will be held on November 10, 2016 from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre on the Conference Room (old library).

Everyone else will have their meetings from November 21-25, as the flexibility of the program allows in their respective communities.

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!