

Wednesday Weekly December 21, 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:

- **Appeal Update – December 21, 2016**

Posters:

1. **An Evening of Reflection on Christian Funerals and Burials**
2. **Notre Dame Employment Opportunity**
3. **Fatima and Lourdes Pilgrimage**



Bishop Stephen Jensen and the staff at the Pastoral Centre would like to wish you and your families a very blessed Christmas and a joy-filled New Year in 2017.

1. **WEDNESDAY WEEKLY** – Next publication will be January 4, 2017.
2. **NORTHERN CATHOLIC NEWS** – All parishes have been sent the NCN this last week, if you did not receive, please call the Pastoral Centre. You will also find the NCN on the Diocesan website <http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/2016-12-Winter-2017-Edition-com-pic-2.pdf>
3. **2016 DONATION TAX RECEIPTS:** Donations eligible for a 2016 donation tax receipt must be received by the parish on or before December 31, 2016 and dated for 2016. The cheques do not have to be deposited in the bank in December.

Appeal Donations received by the Parish - Please contact Armand Sadiwa by Friday, January 6, 2016 at 250-964-4424 ext 225 or email asadiwa@pgdiocese.bc.ca to let him know if you have received any 2016 donations for the Appeal during the Octave of Christmas. He also needs to know if there were **no** donations during that period of time. Please send 2016 Appeal donations as soon as possible. Donations will be processed and tax receipts printed as soon as we have received all of the donations from the parishes.

Appeal Tax Receipts – Tax receipts will be enveloped and sent to the parishes for distribution along with your parish tax receipts.

4. **REACHING OUT IN MERCY; DIOCESAN APPEAL 2016-17-DECEMBER 21, 2016 UPDATE.**
We have reached **93.7%** or **\$374,886** of its total in pledges, coming from **1364** donors across our Diocese. Thank you. Please see attached report for further details.

5. *****LITURGY AND SACRED MUSIC WORKSHOP FOLLOW-UP AND CLARIFICATION-** The musical settings presented by Miss Elizabeth Black at the workshop October 28 – 29, 2016 were chants that **may be used**, both common and proper.

The proper of the Mass includes the scriptural texts and the chants that change daily, such as the entrance and communion antiphons. The common parts include the Kyrie, Gloria, Creed, Holy, holy and Lamb of God.

The ICEL setting for the common in the English edition of the *Roman Missal* is what we have been asked to learn in the diocese. The settings are found in the *Roman Missal* and on pages 70-91 in the *Celebrate in Song* hymnal published by The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB).

Canada and the United States use different translations for the Lectionary. The CCCB chose the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops chose The New American Bible Revised Edition (NABRE). As the texts differ, so will the musical settings in each country.

The following is the CCCB website that provides an audio aid for learning the ICEL chants for the Common parts of the Mass. <http://nlo.cccb.ca/index.php/documents/music/99-chants>

6. **AN EVENING OF REFLECTION ON CHRISTIAN FUNERALS AND BURIALS** with Very Rev. Rectorino Tolentino, Jr. at the Diocesan Pastoral Center Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM

This evening is intended for:

- funeral directors and anyone involved with arranging funerals, burials, and burial of the ashes in cases of cremation
- those whose funeral plans are included in their Last Will and Testament
- anyone interested in this topic

Important information will be shared based on the recently published instructions given by the Congregation of the Doctrine of Faith and guidelines given by the Bishops of British Columbia and Yukon. The session will be available Live Stream, more details to follow.

Very Rev. Rectorino Tolentino, Jr. is the Vicar General and Chairman of the Liturgy Commission for the Diocese of Prince George..

To register: email Jasmin Sadiwa at jsadiwa@pgdiocese.bc.ca or

Go to our website at: <http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/liturgy-2/>

Fee: by donation for materials

7. **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY- NOTRE DAME SCHOOL:** Please attached poster for details.
Position begins April 3, 2017.
8. **FATIMA AND LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**--May 30 to June 10, 2017. The cost of the pilgrimage which includes the flight from Vancouver is \$4193.00 per person. The tour includes most meals and is fully guided.

Bernadette Parrott, Owner of Quesnel Escapes Travel Services, will be acting as the tour coordinator and Father Peter from St. Ann's Quesnel will be our spiritual leader. Please see poster for detailed information or contact Bernadette at www.quesnelescapes.com or call (778) 414-2260.

Office of Evangelization and Catechesis



HEARTS TRANSFORMED UPDATE: Please remember that Hearts Transformed will start back up the second week of January!

The next meeting in Prince George will be held on January 12, 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 January 9-13, as the flexibility of the program allows in their respective communities.

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 Bus Trip:** Our Christmas Coffeehouse was a success! Thank you to everyone who came out last weekend to share their gifts and talents and support the young adult community. We raised just under \$950 which will all go directly to the students attending Catholic Christian Outreach's RISE UP Conference in Vancouver. Please keep the 25 young adults in your prayers as they travel to Vancouver over the Christmas break for the conference.
- 2. DYC 2017 – SAVE THE DATE! DYC 2017 will be April 21-23, 2017 in Prince George. Mark your calendars. More details to come**