

Wednesday Weekly

January 22, 2020



Jesus made his home in Capernaum so that what had been spoken through the Prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled.

Matthew 4.12-23

3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 26, 2020

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

WANT TO SHARE NEWS IN THE WEDNESDAY WEEKLY? – Email Martha Primus @ mprimus@pgdiocese.bc.ca by NOON on Tuesday. Please send in Word format.

TO RECEIVE ALL DIOCESAN NEWS DIRECTLY IN YOUR INBOX OR ON YOUR PHONE email Teresa at reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca OR TEXT “pgd” TO 514-900-0130 to join **Flocknote**. This is an email and text messaging tool created for churches, ministries, teams and other community organizations. It helps to communicate with the people by sending a simple text message. Please join us in keeping up with all the diocesan news.

Stay connected with all diocesan events with the **2019-20 DIOCESAN CALENDAR**. [Click here](#), then click on this image



to get the pdf format.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Pastoral letter from the Catholic Bishops – on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide
- Called together – Update for January 22, 2020
- Statistics Parish Report Form for 2019
- 2020 Marriage Prep Poster
- Young Adults Ski Smithers Poster

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP JENSEN REGARDING CHANGE IN THE DIOCESAN CURIA

After four years in the role, Fr. Rectorino Tolentino has asked to step down as Vicar General to return to full-time parish ministry. I have accepted his request and on behalf of the clergy and laity of the diocese I thank him for his dedicated service.

I'm pleased to announce that Fr. Terence Brock is appointed the new Vicar General, while continuing in his role as pastor of Annunciation Parish in Prince Rupert. I assure him of our prayerful support as he begins to serve the diocese in this new capacity.

1. **HELPING THE MOST VULNERABLE:** The federal Department of Justice is conducting an online consultation about broadening access to euthanasia.

The diocesan website and Facebook page have information to help parishioners participate in the consultation and make known their concerns. The survey is only available until January 27. Go to: <http://alexschadenberg.blogspot.com/2020/01/guide-to-answering-canadian-maid.html>

2. **A PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF ALBERTA AND THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES ON THE LEGALIZATION IN CANADA OF EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE: *Remaining True to Christ, Now and at the Hour of our Death* – Please see attached.**
3. **NATIONAL COLLECTIONS SCHEDULE FOR 2021 AND 2023 AND DESCRIPTIONS – Please see attached**

4. **CALLED TOGETHER –GIVING, SHARING, SERVING**
Report for January 22, 2020 Thank you for your support.



5. ****WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE FEBRUARY 2, 2020:** The purpose of the day is “to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels” as well as “to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord” (Saint John Paul II, 1997)

There will not be a diocesan celebration this year, as it is the Lord’s Day. Parishes are asked to include an appropriate petition in the Prayers of the Faithful.

The following religious congregations of men and women are presently residing and/or serving in the diocese.

RELIGIOUS WOMEN

- Congregation of the Religious of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Domano Sisters of Mary Immaculate (Lay Community)
- Emmanuel Hermitage
- Religious of the Sacred Heart
- Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada
- Sisters of St. Joseph (Toronto)

RELIGIOUS MEN

- Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary
- Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Francis of Assisi
- Oblates of Mary Immaculate
- Order of St. Augustine
- Society of the Catholic Apostolate (Pallottine Fathers)

VOCATIONS: Encourage any young men you know to attend a Vocation Live-In at Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC. This is an opportunity for young men to spend a weekend at the seminary. It gives them a chance to meet other boys and/or men searching for God’s will in their lives.

The next Vocation Live-ins for the College and High School Seminary is February 7-9, 2020

If you want to attend, please contact: **College Seminary Live In:**
Father Matthew Gerlich, OSB
Email: rector.majors@yahoo.ca or

High School Seminary Live In:
Father Peter Nygren, OSB
E-mail: frpeterosb@gmail.com

Please contact Fr. Terry Brock, Vocations Director at vocations.pgdiocese@gmail.com for Diocesan Vocations News.

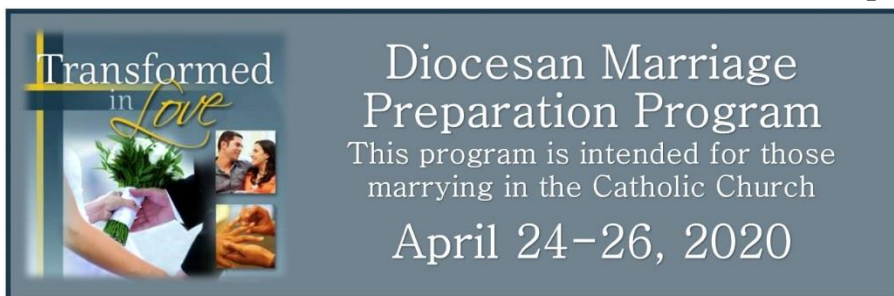
6. **DIOCESAN STATISTICAL INFORMATION:** In order to submit the **Annual Rome Report** for 2019, statistical information is required from all parishes. All are asked to complete the attached form (fillable version) and return it **by February 3, 2020** Martha Primus by email (mprimus@pgdiocese.bc.ca), fax (250-964-2101) or regular mail. Thank you.
7. **SACRAMENTAL RECORDS FOR 2019:** Please “Download” and submit all of your sacramental records from Parish Friendly for the 2019 year via email to Teresa at reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca ASAP.

Make sure you do not open the file before sending- as it cannot be uploaded if opened.

If you do not have Parish Friendly – please send a hard copy of your parish registers for all sacraments received in 2019 to Teresa via fax, scan or postal mail.

SOME PARISHES ARE A FEW YEARS BEHIND IN SUBMITTING THEIR RECORDS or have never submitted digital records. If you are not sure if you are up to date, or not sure for which years the digital records have been submitted, please contact Teresa at 250-964-4424 or email reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca.

8. **SAFE PARISH AND COMMUNITIES:** A reminder to submit your PIC report to Martha Primus via email mprimus@pgdiocese.bc.ca from Parish Friendly. If you have done so thank you, if not please submit as soon as possible.
9. ****DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND –See attached poster**



For details and registration click here: <https://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/marriage-preparation-retreat>

Evangelization and Formation

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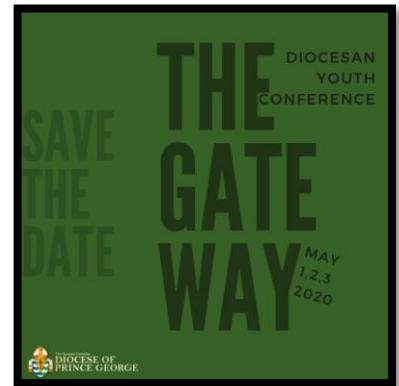
1. ****MARK YOUR CALENDAR: DYC 2020 – MAY 1-3, 2020**

The 25th anniversary of DYC in the Diocese of Prince George:

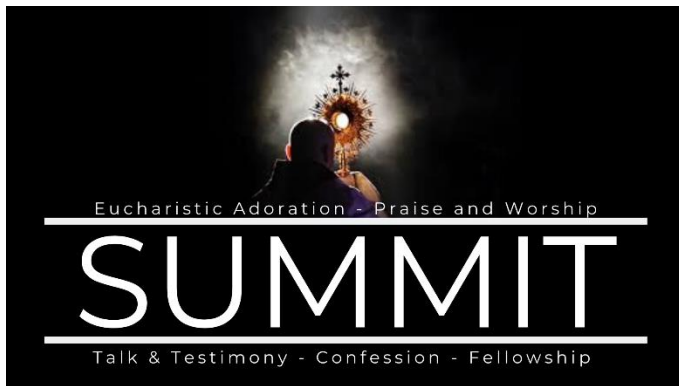
The Gateway: “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” John 10:10

REGISTER NOW AT:

<https://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/youth/registration-2020-dyc/>



YOUNG ADULTS



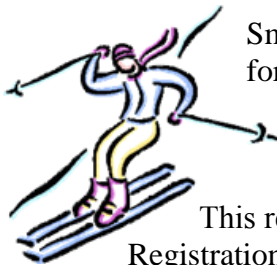
1. **SUMMIT ‘BY THIS EVERYONE WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES’ JOHN 13:34-35.**

Everyone is welcome to join the Catholic young adult community at the upcoming Summit Friday, January 24th at St. Mary’s Parish. Fr. Ken Anderson will be giving a talk on what it means to be a disciple of Christ, and Chris Velasco will be sharing his testimony!

Summit is a night of Eucharistic Adoration, Praise and Worship, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a talk given by one of our priests, a testimony shared by a young adult, followed by heading out to a restaurant for fellowship! This monthly event is a beautiful evening to grow in intimacy with Jesus in His Eucharistic presence, and to meet and grow in community with others. The Summits of this year will focus on verses from the Gospel of John. All are invited to come!

There’s a graphic attached to this email to insert beside this text.

2. **THE ANNUAL YOUNG ADULT SMITHERS SKI RETREAT: ‘VERSO L’ALTO’//TO THE HEIGHTS**



Smithers. Skiing. Retreating. Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati. What more could one ask for? Come join us February 14-16, 2020 on the beautiful slopes of Hudson Bay Mountain and the beautiful parish of St. Joseph’s for a time away from the busyness of daily life. Ages 19 and up.

This retreat will fill out quickly, and registration is up and running, so don’t delay! Registration will close February 10th. All information such as prices and car-pooling will be on the registration link. To register or for more info, email Lisa at lvfarrell@pgdiocese.bc.ca.
Please printer attached.