

# Wednesday Weekly

April 13, 2022

The Resurrection of the Lord April 17, 2022

Mary Magdalene went and said to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord."



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-John 20.18

When Applicable - please ensure that the following items are in your bulletin and/or are also announced so that the same information is heard across the diocese. Thank you.

#### Online Broadcast of the Daily / Sunday Masses:

- <u>Sacred Heart Cathedral, PG Facebook</u>
- Annunciation Parish Prince Rupert
  <u>Facebook</u>
- <u>St. Joseph's Parish, Smithers Facebook</u>
- <u>Church of the Resurrection, Facebook</u>
- Notre Dame Parish, Dawson Creek,
  <u>Facebook</u>
- <u>Sacred Heart Parish, Terrace, YouTube</u>

For those with cable or optic TV, please check with your provider for the following or go directly to:

- <u>Salt & Light</u>
- <u>Vision TV</u>
- <u>EWTNTV</u>

#### <u>Attachments</u>

- CCCB 2022 Easter Message
- Jan-Mar 2022-WorkSafeBC Form
- DYC 2022 Official Poster

# Progress on the Path of Reconciliation

Bishop Stephen Jensen welcomed the news of Pope Francis' message of apology to residential school survivors at the end of his week of meetings with Indigenous, Inuit, and Metis delegates in Rome. This is another step on the journey of healing and reconciliation with those who welcomed missionaries and immigrants to this land long ago.

Last year, the Diocese of Prince George embarked on a fundraising appeal to support residential school survivors, their families and communities and to promote reconciliation among the indigenous and non-indigenous peoples in our part of the country. Over \$70,000.00 was raised by this special appeal, which represents about half of the amount the diocese has pledged as its share of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' collective pledge to raise \$30 million across the country over the next five years.

The bishops' conference established a new registered charity to manage funds raised across the country with transparency and good governance, including oversight from Indigenous Board Directors. The fund will publish annual reports and will be subject to an audit by an independent accounting firm each year.

All the funds pledged and raised from the diocese will be returned and used to support projects recommended by a local committee of Indigenous persons, which is in the process of being formed. The diocese will provide updates as this work proceeds.

We hope this initiative will be one more contribution to the work of fostering mutual respect and commitment to a shared future for all who call this land home.

For further reading:

https://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Bishops-Announce-Indigenous-Reconciliation-Fund.pdf

https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/canadas-catholic-bishops-welcome-pope-francis-apology-toindigenous-peoples/

## Easter Message from the CCCB

In this year's Easter message, Bishop Raymond Poisson, president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, reflects on both the current suffering of the world, and the work towards reconciliation which has taken place in the last few weeks.

Please see the attached for the full Easter message.

# Parish WorkSafeBC (WCB) Reports (Deadline – April 20, 2022)

Included with the Wednesday Weekly is the WorkSafeBC (WCB) report form for January 1 – March 31, 2022. All payments that have been made to individuals or contractors who are NOT registered with WorkSafeBC must be reported.

If applicable, please return the form to the Finance Office by Noon of Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at the latest. See the form for further details.

Please contact Catherine at (250) 964-4424 ext. 2105 if you have any questions.

# Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday

The Good Friday Collection, on April 15, 2022, is requested by the Holy See to help maintain Christian sites of the Holy Land and to support the Church in the pastoral, educational, and social works that contribute to a sustained Christian presence in the land where Jesus the Christ once walked.

This Pontifical Collection will be taken in the parishes during the Good Friday celebration. Those who are unable to attend the service are still able to contribute online by going to canadahelps.org and searching for "Commissariat of the Holy Land", or by Interac e-transfers to <u>terresainte@bellnet.ca</u>. Receipts will be issued.

On behalf of the Custody of the Holy Land, I sincerely thank you for your support,

Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

## PG4Ukraine – Share Hope Refugee Sponsorship

The Share Hope Refugee Sponsorship Committee has started a city wide PG4Ukraine initiative. We are raising funds and awareness in coordination with our efforts to help displaced persons and refugees fleeing from the war in Ukraine. This will include the option to relocate to Prince George.

If you would like to help with our fundraising efforts, you can donate directly to your Parish and mark it "in support of the Share Hope Refugee Sponsorship Committee."

You can also donate through CanadaHelps using the "Ukraine" option on the page for the Diocese of Prince George located here: <u>https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/70838</u>.

We are always looking for new members to join in our efforts.

For more information, contact Dick Mynen from St. Mary's at 250-565-4764 or Eva Gillis from Immaculate Conception at 778-349-7001.

## Support Ukraine through CNEWA

The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) is a papal agency dedicated to addressing the needs of near-eastern countries and implementing solutions with and through the Church in those countries.

Donations for Ukraine can be sent to CNEWA the following ways:

- Visit <u>https://cnewa.org/ca/campaigns/ukraine/</u>
- Call 1-866-322-4441
- Send cheques to CNEWA Canada, 223 Main Street, Box 80, Ottawa ON K1S 1C4

### Pro-Life Movie and Dessert Evening – October Baby

The Pro-Life Society of Prince George invites you to their Pro-life Movie and Dessert Evening which will be held on Friday, April 29, at 7 p.m. at the Overcoming Faith Centre, 4520 Wheeler Road. The title of the movie is "October Baby." It is a faith-based movie about adoption, abortion and forgiveness. The following

link is provided if you wish to learn more about it: <u>https://www.commonsensemedia.org/movie-reviews/october-baby</u>

## Hope for Women Staff Care Team Volunteers

Advokate Life and Education Services is looking for volunteers to join its new Staff Care Team for its Hope for Women pregnancy centres:

"The staff at our pregnancy centres share in the emotional journeys of our clients and some weeks are harder than others. We're looking for volunteers from Abbotsford, Prince George, Langley and their surrounding areas, that want to join our HFW (Hope for Women) Staff Care Teams. These teams will be organized through Advokate's head office and will come alongside our staff when there are particularly challenging weeks. This will mean providing them support and care by making them a dinner to take home, bringing in homemade cookies and coffee, bringing in a bouquet of flowers from your garden, and other creative ways to encourage and lift them up.

If YOU have a caring heart and enjoy showing appreciation through acts of service, we would love to have you on our HFW Staff Care Teams! Contact us at 604-852-4623 ext. 24 or email <u>marie@advokate.ca</u> for more information, or to express your interest in joining."

## Walk for Life in Prince George – May 28, 2022

Advokate Life and Education Services is holding its first, in-person Walk for Life in Prince George. Walk for Life is a pro-life fundraising initiative which supports women through pregnancy counselling and resources, after-birth care, post-abortion care, and community education.

The Prince George Walk for Life will take place on May 28, 2022 and starts at 12:30 PM at Lheidli T'enneh Memorial Park, 17<sup>th</sup> Ave, Prince George, BC, V2L 3X9.

Fundraise on your own or bring together a team to walk or run 5K or 10K and invite your friends and family to sponsor you. More details can be found on the website: <u>https://walkforlife.ca/</u>.

### Prince George Pro-Life Society

These past two years, the Prince George Pro Life Society has kept a low profile, waiting for the end of COVID and restrictions, never expecting the pandemic to last this long. It is now time to take steps towards becoming more active, in whatever way possible. Our goal is to return to some, or all, of the events of past years, such as: Life Chain, Day of Infamy, 40 Days for Life, and our booth at the exhibition. Eventually, we hope to add on new events such as a pro-life movie and dessert evening.

To accomplish this, one of our first goals is to rebuild our membership to pre-pandemic levels. For those who are interested in joining us in our work for the respect and protection of all human life, please consider becoming a member of the Pro-Life Society. Membership is \$24 (adult/family) and \$12 (student/senior) per year. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 2333 Stn A, Prince George, BC, V2N 2J8. If you have any questions, please contact Laura at 250-563-3874 or at jafowlie@telus.net.

### **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Dates**

Many women, men, couples and relatives who have had an abortion experience suffer emotional and spiritual pain, afraid to reveal their deep secret.

We invite you to come on a Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat where you will receive God's mercy, compassion, and grace to replace shame, guilt, anger, and grief.

Registration is open now. Confidentiality is assured. Please see below for retreat dates and contact information:

- Lac Des Roches Resort Retreat May 3-5, 2022
  - Call or text: 250-267-5081
  - Email: <u>rvkamloops@yahoo.ca</u>

If you or someone you know is suffering from an abortion experience, there is no need to suffer in silence, Rachel's Vineyard is here to help.



DYC 2022 is right around the bend – May 6th & 7th at Christ our Saviour parish, here in Prince George! Open to all youth Gr. 7-12! Official registration and more info will be released this Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

#### WEDNESDAY WEEKLY APRIL 13, 2022

# The Young Adults of the Diocese of Prince George Telegram Group Chat!

For all young adults in the Diocese of Prince George! Scan the QR code to join our Telegram group chat! Keep up to date on all the events and gatherings for young adults!





# Tuesday Nights at Christ Our Saviour

All youth and young adults are invited to Christ our Saviour Parish, each Tuesday night, to spend an evening with Jesus, alongside a community of other young people! Fr. Michael celebrates Mass at 5:30PM, followed by leading us through Eucharistic Adoration. Throughout Adoration, we have praise and worship led by some of the young adult community, have time for silence, and there's the opportunity to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All are welcome to make this night a consistent part of their week.



# JP2 Catholic Club Instagram

For all young adults, students at CNC or UNBC, young professionals, or young families – follow us on our Insta: @jp2catholicclub! We post everything from inspirational content for your prayer life, to events that are happening in the area! Our Instagram is the place to go for updates and changes made on our week-to-week events and gatherings.

# Camp Emile – Work Bee/Social and Opening Date

Camp Emile has a work bee/social scheduled for the weekend of April 23rd. Parishioners are welcome to come with their family, see our new upgrades, camp for the weekend, lend a hand setting up/cleaning the freshly painted dorms, upper cabins, and kitchen facility. Email <u>campemileinfo@gmail.com</u> to reserve a spot if interested in a campsite.

Also, in line with our mission, we are focusing on our youth. Our facilities have been closed to youth camps for two years following the required Covid-19 PHO orders. This year at our AGM the board members decided to offer our northern communities the opportunity to hold up to a 4 day Youth Camp with the Upper Camp fees waived (One per organized community youth group.)

Our youth have really suffered through this pandemic. With the lifting of some PHO orders that give the opportunity for youth retreats, we want to make sure it is easier for our youth group organizers to organize a youth camp, and not have to fundraise to pay facility fees.

Local youth groups who just want to use our kitchen/hall facilities for 1 - 3 hours also have the opportunity to use our facilities with fees waived.

Our opening date this year is May 19, 2022

Our email for enquiries is <a href="mailto:campemileinfo@gmail.com">campemileinfo@gmail.com</a>

### **Employment Opportunities**

#### Camp Morice Society:

We are looking for 2 people who are Catholic, outgoing, energetic, and love running youth programs to fill our "Year Long Program Director" and our "Summer Assistant Program Director" positions! If either of these interest you, please go to our website for the full job description <u>www.campmorice.ca</u> or contact <u>president@campmorice.com</u> for more info!

#### Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George (CISPG):

Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George (CISPG) is hiring for September 2022 including the Principalship of Annunciation School in Prince Rupert and full-time teaching positions in Terrace, Kitimat and Dawson Creek. Please help spread the word! Postings found at <u>http://cispg.ca/careers/</u>

#### **CNEWA Canada National Director:**

CNEWA Canada, a papal agency that helps provide humanitarian and pastoral support to peoples and churches in the East, is currently looking for a dedicated, hardworking and passionate National Director to lead the Canadian bureau. The job posting can be found <u>here</u> and more information about the CNEWA can be found on their website: <u>https://cnewa.org/ca/</u>

Want to share news in the Wednesday Weekly? Email <u>reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca</u> by **NOON** on Tuesday. Late entries will be published in the following week's edition. Please send in Word format. To receive all diocesan news directly in your inbox or on your phone email <u>reception@padiocese.bc.ca</u> 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