

Wednesday Weekly

October 12, 2022

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 16, 2022

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

-Luke 18.1-8



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:

- Sacred Heart Cathedral, PG Facebook
- Annunciation Parish Prince Rupert
 Facebook
- St. Joseph's Parish, Smithers Facebook

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

- Salt & Light
- Vision TV
- EWINTV

Attachments

- Appeal Update for October 12, 2022
- Men's Silent Retreat
- Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan Job Ad – Executive Assistant
- Job Posting Superintendent CISDV
- Research and Resources
 Development Assistant Job
 Description
- EPC Life-Saving Power of Attorney
- Pastoral Letter to Young People
- WorkSafeBC Form
- RFT Poster
- RET Brochure
- RET Application

Called Together and Healing and Reconciliation Appeals

Thanks to the generosity of so many, we have crossed the halfway mark of our Diocesan Annual Appeal with over \$132,000 pledged and over \$116,000 received. So far, more than \$36,000 will be returned to parishes if all the pledges are received.

This week, St. Mary's in Prince George has reached their parish goal and St. Patrick's in McBride is closing in at almost 94%. St. Joseph's in Smithers has also had a big jump to over 71% of their goal and Sacred Heart Parish in Terrace reached 67% of their goal.

Our Healing and Reconciliation Appeal topped \$20,000 in pledges of which over \$18,000 has been received.

We thank everyone supporting these appeals through their financial and spiritual contributions. We're halfway there, but still have halfway to go. These appeals are important for the work of our smaller parishes, missions, and ministries throughout the diocese. I would ask that you continue to keep the needs of the entire diocese in your prayers.

James Fowlie, Business Manager

Canadian Bishops Release Pastoral Letter to Young People

The Canadian Bishops have released a "Pastoral Letter to Young People," along with an accompanying video presentation and promotional material to help pastors and parishes make it more widely available.

The video presentation introduces the different themes contained in the letter:

- Jesus encounters the teachers in the Temple
- Walking and talking together
- Technology and faith
- The presence of Jesus in your life
- Growing in faith: Learning over a lifetime
- Mary, an influencer among us
- Saint Kateri: a model of courage and perseverance
- Carlos Acutis: a role model for young people in the 21st century
- Be unique!

To access the video and other material, please visit the CCCB website here: https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/family-and-life/documents-activities-proposed-cccb/pastoral-letter-to-young-people/

The Pastoral letter can be found attached to this week's issue.

Parish WorkSafe BC (WCB) Reports

Please find attached to the Wednesday Weekly the WorkSafeBC (WCB) report for July 1 to September 30, 2022. All payments that have been made to individuals or contractors who are not registered with WorkSafeBC must be reported.

Please return the form to Catherine by Noon, October 19, 2022. See the form for further details.

Our Lady of Fatima Procession at Sacred Heart Cathedral



Religious Education Trust Fund

As parish programs gear up again, we would like to remind parishes and schools that the Religious Education Trust Fund is available to provide assistance for new initiatives that support adult religious education and faith formation, initiatives for youth, indigenous catechesis and spiritual formation, and liturgical formation.

Application criteria are in the brochure appended to this week's Wednesday Weekly as is the application form. Applications must be received by November 1st for this year's review.

Camp Morice Society AGM

CAMP MORICE SOCIETY - AGM. The AGM for the Society has been set for Monday, November 7 at 7pm via ZOOM. The link for the ZOOM will be available upon request with an email to info@campmorice.com.

Prince George Pro Life Society AGM

You are invited to the Prince George Pro Life Society's Annual General Meeting to be held on Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 7:00 pm at Overcoming Faith Christian Centre, 4520 Wheeler Drive.

Following the short AGM, there will be a Zoom presentation given by our guest speaker, Nancy Hadden, from Rachel's Vineyard, an organization that provides healing retreats for those who have struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. Coffee, tea, and desserts will be served.

Fake Email Messages from the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese

There have been reports from people receiving emails and text messages pretending to be sent by priests or the bishop and requesting assistance of some kind. Please DO NOT respond. The emails so far seem to be from fake @gmail.com accounts. Emails from the bishop would come from pgdiocese.bc.ca or pgdiocese.ca. Our advisors have told us that there are no steps we can take to prevent these messages from being sent. All we can do is advise everyone of the problem.

For more information on the many types of phishing messages and how to identify them, please visit this government website: https://www.getcybersafe.gc.ca/en/phishing

Men's Silent Retreat – Nov 4 to 6, 2022

Contact Norman Hebert for registration norman.hebert@shaw.ca
778-890-0540

Please see Poster attachment for more information or contact Norm.

International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

This year's International Day of Prayer for the persecuted church will be on November 6th, 2022. In support of this day of prayer, Open Doors Canada has made available a resource kit for parishes to use to encourage to learn more about the situations that face our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world. There will also be an online event at 4:00 PM Pacific Time (7:00 PM ET).

For more information or to download the kit, please visit their website here: https://www.opendoorscanada.org/idop/

Euthanasia Prevention Coalition offers the Life-Protecting Power of Attorney for Personal Care

The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition is offering the Life-Protecting Power of Attorney for Personal Care. This "ensures that your power of attorney will have the ability to uphold your values, it clearly protects

you from euthanasia and assisted suicide and it defines the treatment decisions that you would want, in the event that you are unable to make decisions for yourself."

For more information, please see the attached poster.

Rachel's Vineyard Fall Retreats

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats offer you a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing.

Registering now. Confidentiality assured.

- ➤ Kelowna Retreat: October 21-23
 - Call 250-762-2273 or email <u>info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com</u>
- ➤ Lac Des Roches Resort Retreat: October 25-27
 - Call 250-267-5081 or 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.

One Million Children Praying the Rosary – October 18, 2022

On Tuesday, October 18, Aid to the Church in Need is inviting children and families around the world to join them in prayer for world peace by praying the Rosary.

A virtual prayer group will take place on Tuesday at 7:00 PM EDT, for which you can register here: https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/one-million-children-praying-the-rosary-tickets-365893466207

If you would like to organize a local prayer group or activity in your pastoral setting or school, you can obtain campaign material by submitting your request in writing to Mrs. Valerie Vulcain at wv@acn-canada.org or call 1-800-585-6333, ext. 227.

For the full press release, visit the ACN website here: https://acn-canada.org/pray-more-than-ever/

Employment Opportunities

<u>Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George (CISPG):</u>

➤ **Teachers:** Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George (CISPG) is hiring for September 2022, full-time teaching positions in Prince George, Terrace, Kitimat, Smithers and Dawson Creek. Please help spread the word! Postings found at http://cispg.ca/careers/

Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan

Executive Assistant to the Archbishop: The Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan has an exciting opportunity for an Executive Assistant. This is a full-time position of 40 hours per week, including occasional weekends. Reporting to the Archbishop, this team member will be

responsible for administrative support to the Archbishop and other chancery officials, and to archdiocesan committees; organizing and attending various events and meetings throughout the archdiocese; assisting foreign priests with requirements of life in Canada; and, assisting with the development and dissemination of archdiocesan policies and procedures. Please see the attached job posting for further information.

Catholic Independent Schools of the Diocese of Victoria (CISDV):

> Superintendent: The Diocese of Victoria is looking for a Superintendent for their Catholic Independent Schools. Please see the job posting attached or view it online at https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment. Applications must be in by October 15, 2022.

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

➤ Research and Resource Development Assistant – Office for Family and Life: The CCCB is looking for a full-time research and resource development assistant to work under the supervision of the Director of the Office for Family and Life for the English sector. Please see the attached job description for more details

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 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.