



The Roman Catholic
**DIOCESE OF
PRINCE GEORGE**

Wednesday Weekly

April 19, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2023

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

-Luke 24.13-35



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](#)
- [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](#)
- [VisionTV](#)
- [EWTN TV](#)

Attachments

- Deacon Matthew's Ordination Invitation
- 2023 Pastoral Appointments
- RET Application Fillable
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- DYC Postcard
- DYC T-Shirts
- Job posting Uvic Camosun Chaplain

National Family and Life Week – May 7-14 2023



The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) invites the Catholic faithful to celebrate National Family and Life Week 2023 (NFLW), which will take place between May 7-14, 2023. The theme chosen for this year is Jesus' words, "Love one another. Just as I have loved you, love one another" (John 13:34).

The CCCB has released a Pastoral Toolkit to assist pastors, parishes and families to spend the week united in prayer, reflection and action. It includes a message from the CCCB President, an official logo, daily prayer intentions and activities for families and parishes, catechesis, a daily social media campaign based on related saints, and pastoral suggestions for a family and life Mass.

The toolkit and resource page can be found on the CCCB website: <https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/family-and-life/national-family-and-life-week/>

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 May 1st for review.

Invitation to Deacon Matthew's Ordination

Deacon Matthew Bellerive will be ordained to the Priesthood on May 26th, 2023. Please see the attached invitation for details.

2023 Pastoral Appointments

Bishop Stephen Jensen has announced the pastoral appointments for 2023. Please see the attached appointments announcement for details.

Concrete Ways to Renew Practices of Family Holiness

SAVE THE DATE!

"Concrete Ways to Renew Practices of Family Holiness"

Open webinar hosted by the
CCCB Office for Family & Life



SATURDAY
June 3, 2023



1:00 - 2:30 PM EDT

Presented in French with LIVE simultaneous
translation in English



FEATURING:

Mons. PHILIPPE BORDEYNE

President of the John Paul II Pontifical
Theological Institute for Marriage and Family
Sciences, Rome, Italy.



Canadian Conference
of Catholic Bishops

CALL TO ACTION

Euthanasia legislation in Canada has been on an ever-expanding journey since the introduction of MAiD (June 2016) in Bill C-14 *An Act to amend the Criminal Code and to make related amendments to other Acts (medical assistance in dying)*. The premise at the time was that persons facing terminal illness should have a choice in how they die, while recognizing the need to protect Canadians who may be vulnerable to coercion to end their lives. However, pressure to further expand MAiD into more vulnerable populations resulted in Bill C-7 *An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying)*, receiving royal assent in March 2021. Those living with disabilities or mental illness are all now considered candidates for euthanasia, even without a terminal illness. On February 15th, 2023, a report tabled in the House of Commons by the Special Joint Committee on Medical Assistance in Dying made the recommendation to expand MAiD even further to include minors.

Bill C-7 has introduced two tracks to death: new criteria allowing euthanasia for individuals whose natural death is not reasonably foreseeable and another that has shortened the time from consent to the actual killing of those facing terminal illness. It is now possible in this circumstance for a person to ask for MAiD and be put to death on the same day.

Concerns regarding safeguards for mental illness resulted in eligibility being withheld for two years for those whose sole underlying medical condition is mental illness. Though extended until March 17, 2024, to allow time to put resources in place, this delay does not mean a change to eligibility—it is just delayed. And the slope continues downward. Bill S-248 *An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying)*, is at its second reading in the Senate and aims to remove the need for final consent before being put to death.

Disability advocates have spoken out against this devaluing of the dignity of persons, but we need to add our voices. Now is the time for us to communicate to our Members of Parliament our opposition to this relentless assault on life. The diocesan website has information that can assist you in this vital task.

<https://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/>

No Options No Choice – Access to Alternatives to MAiD Campaign

The No Options No Choice campaign:

The expansion of euthanasia is threatening the lives of Canadians who don't have access to sufficient services to live. **Your fellow Canadians need your help.** Tell your elected officials that Canadians with life-threatening conditions, disabilities, and mental illness deserve real government investment in services and supports so they can live.

Write to your provincial representative today at www.nooptionsnochoice.com

With your help, we can get Canadians the support they need to LIVE.

Campaign resources for parishes:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1XuorQHPZFkfgzUa9UDLqSjpmfr5vUim7?usp=share_link

Walk for Life

Walk For Life is an in-person, family friendly, outdoor event that gives walkers/runners the opportunity to participate in **peer-to-peer fundraising!** Through peer-to-peer fundraising, you have the amazing opportunity to **invite your friends and family to sponsor your walk** and **tell them about Advocate's life saving work.** Additionally, you get the opportunity to **share** with them why it's so **important to continue advocating for vulnerable women and their unborn children, and why you are passionate about this work!**

PRINCE GEORGE: 4th Annual

Date: Saturday, May 27, 2023

Location: Lheidli T'enneh Memorial Park 17th Ave. Prince George, BC V2L 3X9 (Picnic Pavillion)

Time: 12:30pm-4:00pm

How to sign up:

1. **Register.** Head to our website at walkforlife.ca and register to walk!
2. **Create a fundraising page** based on your location, Prince George or Fraser Valley.
3. **Start Fundraising!** Share your fundraising page link online and ask your friends & family to make a donation and sponsor your walk! You can collect donations through your online fundraising link, or on your pledge sheet.
4. **Email us at bethany@advokate.ca for your FREE t-shirt** to wear on event day!
5. **Join us on event day to walk** the 5k or run the 10k together! Enjoy fun, food, games and prizes!

Rachel's Vineyard Spring Retreats

ABORTION HEALING SPRING RETREATS

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats offers 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 & healing.

Registering now. Confidentiality assured.

Merritt retreat April 25 - 27

- Call 250-267-5081 or email rvkamloops@yahoo.ca

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.

Baby Bottle Campaign

The Baby Bottle Campaign by Advocate Life & Education Services is an annual fundraiser that will run from Mother's Day (May 14th, 2023) to Father's Day (June 18th, 2023). Their mission is to "bring hope in action to vulnerable women and low-income families facing unplanned pregnancy while promoting the inherent worth and dignity of every human being."

During the campaign, parishes which sign up will be provided with real baby bottles to distribute to their church family to fill with cash, cheques and/or completed donation forms. Virtual bottles can also be filled online at babybottles.ca. All funds raised from the campaign go towards supporting free and confidential support to the women, children, and families Advocate serves at its Hope for Women Pregnancy Services Centres.

Parishes that would like to join the Baby Bottle Campaign can reach out to Bethany Somerville at bethany@advocate.ca and let her know how many bottles your parish will need.

Campaign promotional materials are also available to parishes here: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zMB2qqQxm8ac5GuwyviceO8Fyt2dZD6A>

Grief to Grace Retreat



Through a retreat program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ, Grief to Grace helps those who have endured physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse find healing. The next retreat is May 23 – 27, 2023 in Kelowna. For more information please email griegtograncelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

The Diocesan Youth Conference

The annual Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC) is a weekend for youth Gr. 7-12 who want to grow closer to Jesus, witness the profound beauty of their Catholic faith, and experience authentic fellowship and communion with those around them. From Friday night to Sunday afternoon, the weekend is filled with talks from our guest speakers Jean-Paul de Fleuriot, Sr. Mary Bethany, OP, and Sr. Rose Catherine, OP - Adoration, Confession, and the Mass, as well as amazing food, active and joy-filled small groups, games and fellowship led by our young adult Catholic community, and a talented praise & worship team from Vancouver and Prince George. Registration is now open, and it's \$60 for the cost of the weekend as well

as our DYC T-shirt. Check out the Diocesan Website for more information and the registration link: <https://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/diocesan-youth-conference/>.

Any parents or youth can email or call Lisa with any questions about the DYC weekend.

Email: lvfarrell@pgdiocese.bc.ca

Phone Number: 250-964-4424 (Ext 2109).

Save the Date – 2023 Young Adult and Family Camp

2023 Young Adult and Family Camp - mark your calendars and invite your friends.

Where: Camp Morice, located on Stewart Lake

When: June 29th - July 3rd, 2023 (beginning in the early evening on the 29th, and ending at midday on the 3rd)

Registration will open soon.

Employment Opportunities

Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George (CISPG):

- Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George (CISPG) is hiring for September 2023 including the Principalship of St. Joseph's School in Smithers and full-time teaching positions in Prince George, Smithers, Prince Rupert, Kitimat and Dawson Creek. Please help spread the word! Postings found at <http://cispg.ca/careers>

Hope for Women (Prince George)

- Hope for Women is hiring a Site Managers Assistant to help run the day-to-day operations of their center and work with the clients that they support. The ideal candidate has experience in counseling, has strong administrative abilities, has a heart for women and children, and is enthusiastic about their cause. Please send your resume and cover letter to marie@advokate.ca to apply, or email her for more information.

Life Restoration Ministries

- **Communications Specialist:** The successful applicant will be responsible for managing the various digital communication platforms for Life Restoration Ministries (LRM). They will work with a dedicated team of internal and external collaborators and draw on their experience in writing/editing for diverse audience segments. They will use modern communication technology and apply skillful planning and execution, responding to our participants with sensitivity and integrity. For more information on the position or to apply, please see the job posting on their website: <https://www.liferestoration.ca/apply-communications>
- **Event Project Manager:** The successful applicant will be responsible for propelling forward multiple, simultaneous projects and events with a dedicated team of diverse collaborators. They will draw on their experience in project planning, event management, and logistical execution, supporting impactful, life-changing experiences for participants. For more information or to apply,

please see the job posting on their website: <https://www.liferestoration.ca/apply-projectmanager>

Diocese of Victoria

- The Diocese of Victoria is now accepting applications for the position of UVic / Camosun College Chaplain. We seek a Chaplain who is committed to helping students grow and flourish within the Catholic faith tradition while living and learning in a secular campus environment. The job posting may be viewed at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>, and all applications must be received by May 19, 2023. A copy of the posting is also included in this week's attachments.

Want to share news in the Wednesday Weekly?

Email reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca 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.