



The Roman Catholic  
**DIOCESE OF  
PRINCE GEORGE**

# Wednesday Weekly

April 26, 2023

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 30, 2023**

*"I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."*

-John 10.1-10



**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
- Job posting Uvic Camosun Chaplain

## Sacred Heart Cathedral – First Marian Exhibit

*Queen of Heaven, Rejoice,  
Alleluia!*

**1<sup>st</sup>**  
*Marian Exhibit*

**May 13, 2023**  
**Sacred Heart Cathedral**  
**9:00 AM Mass**

*After Mass procession and opening of Marian Exhibit,  
Lower Church Hall*

*Exhibit viewing days*  
**May 13 - 31**  
**Tuesday - Sunday**  
*by appointment*

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL  
ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PRINCE GEORGE

**On Saturday, May 13, the Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima, Sacred Heart Cathedral will host a Marian Exhibit in the lower church hall.** It will be held following the regular 9:00 AM Mass.

In relation to exhibiting different images of Our Lady, Fr. Rector invites parishioners who have image(s) of the Blessed Virgin Mary at home to lend it to the Cathedral for the exhibit. We will ensure that it will be handled carefully and delicately. The Marian Exhibit will be available for visit, prayer, and veneration from May 13—31, 2023 (Tuesday—Sunday) by appointment. This will be a good opportunity for both children and adults to know more about the Blessed Virgin Mary.

If you are willing to lend an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the Cathedral, please bring it to the parish office during our office hours (Tuesday-Friday) 10:00 AM—2:00 PM. You may also write a brief description about the image (title, story, year of acquisition). The deadline for bringing images to the parish office is on Wednesday, May 10. This will give us enough time to arrange the images in the lower church hall for the opening of the Marian Exhibit on May 13.

## Celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bishop Jensen's Episcopal Ordination – May 25<sup>th</sup> 2023



  
 Celebrating Bishop Stephen Jensen's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
 of Episcopal Ordination and Installation  
 as Bishop of the Diocese of Prince George

*“Wine and cheese, coffee and tea”  
 An evening of celebration with Bishop Jensen*

**Thursday, May 25, 2023, 7:00 PM**  
 Diocesan Pastoral Centre  
 6500 Southridge Avenue, Prince George, BC

**RSVP: If you are planning to attend,  
 please phone your parish office on or before Friday, May 19.**

## National Family and Life Week – May 7-14 2023



National  
*Family & Life Week*  
 May 7-14, 2023 *Love one another*

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) 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/>

## Invitation to Deacon Matthew's Ordination

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

## Monthly Day of Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to a *Personal Date with Jesus* on **Tuesday, May 9, 2023** at the Domano Chapel, 6500 Southridge Ave. **Mass** will be celebrated at **7:30 AM** and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM for a day of silent prayer and adoration. We will pray for the universal Church and the world, and for the people and needs of our Diocese. In particular we will pray for the protection of all human life, for all the sick, for vocations, for Peace in our world, and for the intentions of those participating in the day. Please mark your calendar on the second Tuesday of each month for *Personal Date with Jesus* days.

## 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

Registration for this webinar is now open and can be done at the following link: [https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/9116817367036/WN\\_HOFGVS7RT3mO\\_5cJMPiVlg#/registration](https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/9116817367036/WN_HOFGVS7RT3mO_5cJMPiVlg#/registration)

## Christians in Nigeria – Unwavering Persistence and Hope

Aid to the Church in Need Canada (ACN) is in the midst of a campaign for the persecuted Church in Nigeria and is encouraging people to donate generously.

Many Christians have been internally displaced and live in camps while other Christians, including priests and sisters, are kidnapped and murdered. Examples of some of the projects supported through the Nigeria 2023 campaign include a trauma centre for healing and emergency support for internally displaced persons living in camps.

To learn more about the persecution in Nigeria, the projects of ACN, or to make a donation, please visit CAN's website: <https://acn-canada.org/christians-in-nigeria-unwavering-persistence-and-hope/>

## 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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/1XuurQHPZFkfgzUa9UDLqSJpmfr5vUim7?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1XuurQHPZFkfgzUa9UDLqSJpmfr5vUim7?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: 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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!

## Baby Bottle Campaign

The Baby Bottle Campaign by Advocate Life & Education Services is an annual fundraiser that will run from Mother's Day (May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023) to Father's Day (June 18<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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@advokate.ca](mailto:bethany@advokate.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](mailto:griegtograncelowna@gmail.com) or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

## 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 29<sup>th</sup> - July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 (beginning in the early evening on the 29th, and ending at midday on the 3rd)

Registration will open soon.

## Formed

Formed, a website full of Catholic content including talk-shows, documentaries, kids entertainment, and educational series on various topics of the faith, is now available for members of the Prince George diocese to sign up for free.



**The best Catholic content.  
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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca) by **NOON** on Tuesday.

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