



The Roman Catholic
**DIOCESE OF
PRINCE GEORGE**

Wednesday Weekly

September 6, 2023

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 10, 2023**

*"For where two or three are gathered
in my name, I am there among them."*

-Matthew 18.15-20



When Applicable – please ensure that the following items, especially those marked with an *, 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](#)
- [Vision TV](#)
- [EWTN TV](#)

Attachments

- Fall 2023 Pastoral Care Training Session Poster

- Fall 2023 Pastoral Care Training Session descriptions
- Fall 2023 Pastoral Care Training session registration sheet
- Advocate – Hope for Women Site Manager's Assistant Job Description
- Rooted in Hope Flyer
- RET Application
- RET Brochure
- RET Poster
- 2023-24 Appeal Poster
- 2023-24 Appeal Brochure
- Blank Donation Forms for Parishes
- Appeal Week #1 – Kick Off
- 2023-24 Appeal Update

2023-24 Annual Call Together and Healing and Reconciliation Appeals

Along with all other parishes and missions throughout the diocese, today we kick-off the Annual Diocesan Appeal: ***“Called Together – Giving, Sharing, Serving.”*** ***Called Together*** supports the mission of the local Church across our diocese. Your gift to ***Called Together*** is one way that you can practice stewardship and participate in the mission of the Church. The diocesan goal has been slightly increased to \$275,000 this year, still far short of the usual \$400,000.

This year, we are putting a focus on funding those programs which were suspended under COVID, but are now coming back to life. We also continue to direct the biggest portion to go to help those smaller parishes and missions across the diocese who continue to face ongoing challenges and need our support.

This year, the diocese is continuing to collect funds for the **BC Bishops’ appeal in support of Healing and Reconciliation**. This appeal is separate from Called Together and aims to provide funds for projects that support healing and reconciliation between indigenous and non-indigenous peoples. In prior years, the diocese has tried to meet this need through programs such as Returning to Spirit, the Rose Prince Pilgrimage and through the work of our priests and religious involved in indigenous ministry. After we began our first Healing and Reconciliation Appeal, the Canadian Bishops agreed to support a national campaign to raise \$30 million dollars in support of healing and reconciliation efforts. The diocesan goal for our portion of that \$30 million is \$147,000 of which \$110,000 has already been raised. **The monies raised in our diocese will be used to support healing and reconciliation efforts in our diocese. The committee tasked with discerning how to best use those funds has already begun to meet.** We look to the generosity of everyone to make a meaningful contribution to promote this important work. The form in the Called Together package allows you to designate how much you would like to direct to the Diocesan Annual Appeal and how much to the Healing and Reconciliation appeal. We thank you for your continued generous support.



Knights of Columbus Insurance Advisor

Looking to speak with an advisor from the Knights of Columbus about insurance? Please contact our regional insurance advisor, Blaine Anhel.

Blaine Anhel, CLU, FIC

Tel: 1.877.532.5632

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Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College

Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College is a faithfully Catholic liberal arts college in Barry’s Bay, Ontario, offering a three-year Bachelor of Catholic Studies degree. Small class sizes and a strong academic program set students up for success in the classroom and in all future pursuits. Faculty take their Catholic faith seriously, and profess an oath of fidelity to the Magisterium of the Church. A vibrant campus life, men’s and women’s residence houses, and ample spiritual opportunities create a Catholic culture that forms the whole person. Students build life-long friendships, and often discern their vocations. The tuition is affordable, and financial aid is available. There are still spots available for 2023-2024! Please visit www.seatofwisdom.ca.

Religious Education Trust Fund

As the school year begins, we would like to remind parishes and schools that the Religious Education Trust Fund is available to provide assistance for new diocesan, parish and school initiatives that support programs for 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 October 1st for review.

Monthly Day of Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to a *Personal Date with Jesus* on **Tuesday, September 12, 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.

Men's Retreat: Yeshua – September 29 to October 1 in Rockridge Canyon, BC

Men are yearning to encounter the real person of Jesus. The problem is that in today's fast-paced, digitalized world, many good men are often caught in a whirlwind of responsibilities and distractions. The deeper questions of purpose, faith, and personal connection with God can get sidelined.

The Men's Retreat: Yeshua, is more than just a three-day event; it's an opportunity to rediscover Christ. Guided by Jake Khym and Peter White, attendees will dive deep into understanding not just the teachings, but the very person of Jesus. The Men's Retreat offers:

- **Personal Discovery:** Learn that Jesus isn't just a figure in history, but a real, competent, and loving Savior who seeks a personal relationship with you
- **Brotherhood:** Forge deep connections with like-minded men who are committed to going deeper with Jesus
- **Adventure:** Break free from routine, and be immersed in the stunning outdoors of Rockridge Canyon

Here's what you need to do:

1. Register for The Men's Retreat at www.liforestoration.ca/mensretreat
2. Invite a friend or brother priest to join you.
3. Get ready to deeply experience the person of Jesus.

Rediscover. Reconnect. Recommit. Register today.

Rooted in Hope



**CALLEDWELL
FOUNDATION
RECOVERY**

**WE'RE ALL SEARCHING FOR MORE....
WHY IS IT SO DIFFICULT TO FIND?**

- Are you yearning to forge genuine connections with the people around you?
- Do you find yourself longing for deeper, more meaningful relationships?
- Is the facade of living a 'perfect life' wearing you down?

Rooted in Hope is for you.

WHAT IS ROOTED IN HOPE?

"Rooted in Hope" is more than a class, it is a 10-week transformative experience tailored for those who seek to strengthen their faith, enhance their communication, and forge lasting connections in alignment with their Christian beliefs.

Let's move beyond pretense, foster genuine connection, and cultivate a future rich with meaningful relationships and authenticity.

**Beginning the week of September 19th
three days/times to choose from:**

<p><u>Tuesday morning</u> Christ our Saviour Hall 10am-12pm</p>	<p><u>Tuesday Evening</u> ONLINE via Zoom 7pm-9pm</p>	<p><u>Wednesday Evening</u> Christ Our Saviour Hall 7pm-9pm</p>
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REGISTER TODAY!
SCAN QR CODE OR EMAIL:
CALLEDWELL@PROTONMAIL.COM



Save the Date – Diocesan Men’s Conference October 27th to 28th

A Diocesan men’s conference will take place from October 27th to 28th. Further details will be made available when registration opens in September.

Grief to Grace October Retreat



Through a retreat program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ, Grief to Grace helps those who have endured neglect, physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse in their family of origin, their community, from spouses/partners, and/or coworkers or supervisors, find healing and journey to wholeness. The next retreat in Canada is **October 24 – 28, 2023 in Kelowna**. For more information please email griegtograncelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to 250-

808-6403.

Fall 2023 Pastoral Care Training

The valuable and free Pastoral Care Outreach Training series will be offered online again this fall by the Diocese of Victoria Health Care Committee.

Nine sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon, **starting on September 23 and running until November 25, 2023** (with no session on October 7 for Thanksgiving). Participants who attend all sessions will receive a Certificate of Completion. Participants will require a phone number and email address, a computer, tablet or smartphone with speakers, microphone and webcam, a reliable Internet connection and access to Zoom.

Whether you are a member of your parish Pastoral Care Team, an Extraordinary Minister of Communion, a member of the Knights of Columbus, CWL or St. Vincent de Paul, clergy or religious, caring for a family member, or someone attending as a personal undertaking, this training program is important. It will show why those who visit the sick are unique and how they can offer more than a friendly visit – they can be the hands and face of Christ to others. Bishop Gary Gordon of the Diocese of Victoria feels “it is important to have parishioners trained at the ready to provide a caring and compassionate experience to those who are most in need.”

Please register through your local parish by **September 12**. For further information, please email moiraking@shaw.ca

One Million Children Praying the Rosary for World Peace – Save the Date: October 18, 2023

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Canada will be holding this year’s One Million Children Praying the Rosary on Wednesday, October 18, 2023. In addition to children and their families, CAN invites pastoral workers in parishes and schools to contact Valérie Vulcain, the campaign coordinator, to be included on the mailing list for campaign materials which will be sent in August.

For more information about the campaign, please see the ACN press release here: <https://acn-canada.org/one-million-children-praying-the-rosary-for-world-peace/>

Formed

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



The best Catholic content. All in one place.

It's EASY and FREE to register!

1. Visit formed.org/signup
2. Enter our parish zip or name
3. Enter your name and email
4. Enjoy and share with others in our local community!

After you sign up, download the free FORMED app from App Store or Google Play.

Learn more at formed.org

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Employment Opportunities

Advocate Life and Education Services

- **Prince George:** Do you long for a career that makes a difference? Hope for Women Pregnancy Services is seeking a Site Manager's Assistant to help support their ministry to women and children in the Prince George area. The ideal candidate has some experience in counseling, strong administrative abilities, and is enthusiastic about our cause. Please see the attached job description for information on how to apply.

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.