



The Roman Catholic
**DIOCESE OF
PRINCE GEORGE**

Wednesday Weekly

September 13, 2023

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17, 2023

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, how often should I forgive my brother or sister if they sin against me? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."

-Matthew 18.21-35



Please Note – 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

- Our Lady of Good Hope Jubilee Invitation
- 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 #2 – Education-Promotion
- Vocation Armstrong Brochure
- Celebrate Life Gala Poster
- 2023-24 Appeal Update

Called Together and Healing and Reconciliation Appeals

We've managed to get through the kick-off and into the active phase of our Appeal. As in prior years, we can't provide updated donation numbers as we've just started processing what's come in.

This weekend centers on the parish priest or his designate making a short presentation about the importance of the appeal and how it supports the different ministries and small parishes and missions throughout the diocese. Our parishioners need to know that the funds they donate are being well used and that their contribution makes a big difference in the lives of so many people.

A reminder, too, that while the reporting has changed, parishes continue to receive all the funds that are collected above the diocesan-set parish goal, and those funds are not subject to the cathedraticum.

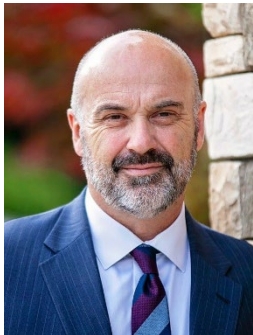
As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at jfowlie@pgdiocese.bc.ca.

150th Jubilee Anniversary of Our Lady of Good Hope – October 1st

On October 1st, 2023, the congregation of Our Lady of the Snows Parish invites the diocese to join them in celebrating the 150th anniversary of Our Lady of Good Hope Church in Fort St. James. The church was built in 1873 and is the third oldest church in BC and the first permanent Catholic mission north of Williams Lake. The church was in steady use until 1951, and still holds Mass during the summer months.

There will be a procession from Cottonwood to Our Lady of Good Hope at 10:00 AM, followed by Mass celebrated by Bishop Jensen at 10:30 AM. A potluck luncheon will follow at Nak'al Bun School.

Please see the invitation attached to today's Wednesday Weekly for more information.



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

Cell: 250.515.8100

Email: blaine.anel@kofc.org

www.kofcshield.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.

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



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.liferestoration.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.

Advokate Life & Education Services' 6th Annual Celebrate Life Gala – October 5th

The 6th Annual Celebrate Life Gala will take place in Prince George on October 5, 2023 at 7 PM at the Conference & Civic Centre located at 808 Canada Games Way.

Advokate exists to promote the inherent worth and dignity of every human being by offering practical support to vulnerable women and families facing unplanned pregnancy. Join us as we promote and celebrate LIFE, together.

This year's featured speaker is Victoria Robinson: Victoria is a national public speaker, author, podcast host, found of "ReAssemble", a post-abortion recovery and education organization, and former host of HGTV's, My House is Your House. Victoria is the author of They Lied to Us, a compilation of women's abortion stories and her second book, They Lied to Us Too, focuses on men and abortion. Victoria takes a no-holds-barred approach with a timely message that's funny, thought-provoking, and powerful.

Please see the attached poster for how to reserve a spot.

Seminarians Work and Share at the Carmelites, Armstrong BC – October 12-15

Come attend a work-weekend with Seminarians and the Carmelite Sisters in Armstrong, BC. Seminarians are helping the sisters and their farm with tree removal. It will be a time of work and fraternity and meeting young men thinking about the priesthood or religious life.

See the attached brochure for who to contact.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

Fall retreats for the BC Interior, for Emotional and Spiritual Healing.

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats offer a supportive 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.

Merrit Retreat: Oct 17-19

Contact Nancy at 250-267-5081 phone or text

Rvkamloops@yahoo.ca

Kelowna Retreat: Oct 20-22

Contact Vicki at 250-762-2273

www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/rachelsvineyardkelowna/>

*Diocesan Men's Conference October 27th to 28th – “Take Courage and Be a Man” (1 Kings 2:2)

What does it mean to be a man of strong faith in the Church and society today? Band together with other Catholic men to deepen your spiritual, personal, and family life and take up this challenge from 1 Kings 2:2.

Venue: Diocesan Pastoral Centre (6500 Southridge Ave., PG).

Arrival and check-in will begin at 6:00pm on Friday, October 27th and will be followed by Mass at 7:00pm. The conference will conclude midafternoon on Saturday, October 28th.

Facilitated by Fr. Troy Nguyen, Diocese of Calgary.

Registration will open on September 20th.

Cost: \$85per person; additional \$40 for overnight accommodation at Domano Renewal Centre (space is limited)

Contact Freddy Padilla for additional information. (250) 961-0273

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 griegtogracekelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to 250-

808-6403.

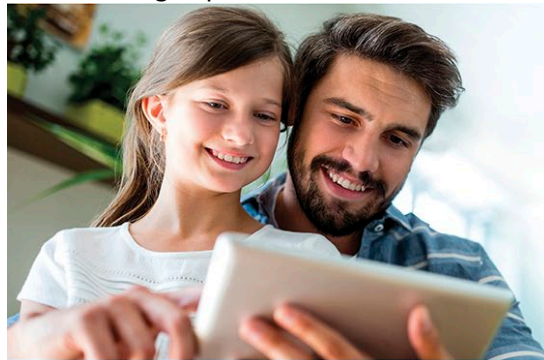
One Million Children Praying the Rosary for World Peace – Save the Date: October 18, 2023

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.

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Please note: you may need to enter your town/city name instead if you cannot find your parish under its own name or postal code.

Employment Opportunities

Advokate 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.