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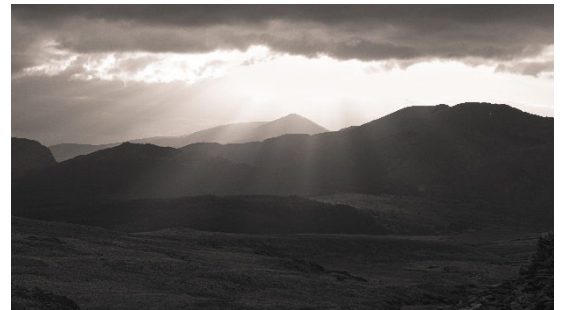
Quarterly Special Edition

September 27, 2023

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time / October 1, 2023

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.”

-Matthew 21.28-32



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Photos from around the Diocese



Figure 1: Priests of the diocese gathered in Terrace in June to celebrate Fr. James Irudayasamy's (sixth from the left) 25th Ordination Anniversary.



Figure 2: the children of Veritas school in Terrace congratulate Fr. James Irudayasamy on his 25th Ordination Anniversary



Figure 3: Fr. James Irudayasamy is presented with the gift of a shawl for his 25th Ordination Anniversary.



Figure 4: A group of children attended the Stellar Vacation Bible School in Terrace in July, 2023

Called Together and Healing and Reconciliation Appeal Update

We would like to warmly thank those who have made an early commitment to this year's appeals. We are currently a little over 12% of the diocesan goal at \$35,028 pledged and \$24,725 already received. Sacred Heart Cathedral and Sacred Heart Parish in Terrace are already off to a good start with almost 28% and 21% reached of the total combined goals. St. Joseph's in Vanderhoof and Immaculate Conception in Prince George have also started well with almost 12% and 10% respectively.

Our Healing and Reconciliation Appeal has reached \$3,110 with all the pledged funds already received.

I want to take this moment to point out a big change on the Weekly Update report. This year, each parish has a 'parish project goal' which is added to the parish's diocesan goal for a total combined goal. We want to draw attention to the fact that Called Together is meant to help every parish and not just the identified recipients of appeal funds. All funds raised above a parish's diocesan goal are returned to the parish.

I do want to thank everyone again for their early participation in this year's appeals. The appeals continue until June 30th, so I ask everyone to consider making a financial contribution over the next few months. I also want to ask you to remember the needs of the diocese in your prayers. With the prayerful support of our Catholic community in the diocese, I trust that we will help make a big difference for so many of our people who are in most need of support.

Upcoming Events

Pro-Life Events

Life Chain – October 1st

Life Chain, a peaceful and prayerful witness to the sanctity of all human life, will be held on Sunday, October 1st, from 2:00-3:30 pm on the footpath at the intersection of Highway 16W and Ferry Avenue. Please join us. Your presence will help to make a difference!

Advokate Life and 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, founder 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.

Prayer Events

Monthly Day of Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to a *Personal Date with Jesus* on **Tuesday, October 10, 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.

Canada Needs Our Lady Public Rosary – October 14th

On October 14th, thousands of Catholics will be taking part of a growing number of faithful Catholics who believe in Our Lady of Fatima's message and attend her request to pray the Rosary. Our nation desperately needs conversion and the Rosary is the one prayer the Mother of God asked us to pray in order to obtain the change of hearts.

A public Rosary for Canada will be held along HWY 16 West and Ferry Ave, along the paved walkway by the southern side of the School District Offices. It will take place on October 14th at 12 noon. Come with your family and friends to join in prayer for the conversion of Canada.

Retreats and Conferences

Return to Spirit Reconciliation Series – Dates and Registration

A "Roots of Reconciliation" workshop, the first session of a Return to Spirit series focusing on reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, will take place at UNBC from October 10th to 13th. Please see the attached poster for registration details and the attached Save the Date schedule for the dates of future workshops in the series.

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.

Rooted in Hope



 CALLEDWELL
FOUNDATION
RECOVERY

**New
start
date!!**

**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 a series of 10 weekly classes designed to teach you practical relational skills. You will develop a deeper awareness of yourself, grow closer to God, and learn to nurture authentic connections with those around you.

Lets move toward creating genuine connections and cultivating a future rich with meaningful relationships and authenticity.

October 11th - December 13th 2023!

Cost:
By donation to help cover facility rental

Time:
Wednesdays
7-9pm PST

Location:
Christ Our Saviour Hall
or online via zoom

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:
SCAN QR CODE OR EMAIL:
CALLEDWELL@PROTONMAIL.COM**



Living as Catholics in Challenging Times

The Diocese of Prince George invites you to **Dr. Ralph Martin's public presentation on October 17, 2023, 7:00 PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre**. The presentation will also be made available **LIVESTREAM via ZOOM** for those who cannot come to the Pastoral Centre. Please see attached poster.

"Living as Catholics in Challenging Times" is the focus of Dr. Ralph Martin's presentation. He will speak with us on his perspective on the clash between culture and Church, and insights in response to this clash.

As the culture we live in becomes more hostile to Christ and the Church many Catholics feel disoriented. What makes the situation even more challenging is that there are divisions, competing voices and confusion even within the Church. Dr. Martin will identify some of these issues and provide guidance about to keep our heads clear and our hearts at peace in the midst of our current situation.

Internationally regarded, Ralph Martin is the president of Renewal Ministries and a professor of theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. He holds a doctorate in theology from the Angelicum University in Rome.

"Dr. Martin is squarely facing the serious crisis that is unfolding both in the Church and in the culture. He does so in an honest but fair manner and offers solutions that, if implemented, would do a great deal to restore health and strength to the Church." Cardinal Gerhard Muller.

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/>

Grief to Grace Retreat – October 24th to 28th



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 griefftoGracekelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

Diocesan Men's Conference – October 27th – 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 6:00 pm on Friday, October 27th and will be followed by Mass at 7:00 pm. The conference will conclude midafternoon on Saturday, October 28th.

Facilitated by Fr. Troy Nguyen, Diocese of Calgary.

Registration is open! Please sign up by scanning the QR code, visiting www.pgdiocese.bc.ca, or using the link here: <https://forms.office.com/r/7JL08GDUEg>



The poster with more information is attached. Cost is \$85 per person, additional \$40 for overnight accommodation at Domano Renewal Centre (space is limited).

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

Youth Events

St. Mary's Carlos Acutis Youth Group

St. Mary's Carlo Acutis Youth Group meets every other Wednesday evening at the St. Mary's School Gym. We invite all youth in grades 7-12 to join us!

Our next Youth Group is on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Wednesday, October 4th!!!

In honour of St. Francis, we will be having a Youth Group Movie Night and we will be watching The Letter: Laudato Si Film.

We will be meeting in the St. Mary's school parking lot at 6pm for some games and sports followed by the movie with snacks and discussion from 6:30-8:30pm!!!

If you have any questions, please contact Claudia at clowdy1@hotmail.com

Other Events

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 and poster attached to today's Wednesday Weekly for more information.

Camp Morice Society AGM – October 16th

There will be an AGM for the Camp Morice Society on October 16th. Please find the details and zoom link below:

Monday, Oct 16, 2023, 7pm

ZOOM link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89238566259>

Email: president@campmorice.com if you have any questions or input. Thank you.

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Email reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca by **NOON** on

Tuesday.

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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.