

# Wednesday Weekly

November 15, 2023

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of the Poor November 19, 2023

"Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."

-Matthew 25.14-30



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

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#### **Attachments**

- BeLove Girls Group
- Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal
- Necrology Mass Poster
- 2023-24 WW Appeal Update Nov. 15, 23

# Called Together and Healing and Reconciliation Appeal Update

I am very pleased to report that we are almost at 70% of the diocesan goal in pledges with almost 65% already received. Our Healing and Reconciliation Appeal has reached almost \$23,000 all of which has been received. Thank you to all who have participated, either financially or by your prayers.

I am very pleased to report that Annunciation Parish has reached its total combined goal -- both the parish's diocesan goal and its parish project goal. Congratulations!

Several parishes have begun working toward their parish project goal with St. Mary's (PG), St. Joseph's (Vanderhoof), and St. Patrick's (McBride) working towards 100% of their combined parish goals. St. Joseph's (Smithers) is catching up quickly, as well. Many parishes have made solid gains since our last report.

I ask that you please continue to pray for the needs of our parishes, missions, schools and ministries throughout the entire diocese. There are many genuine needs and many people rely on the success of our appeals. If you are able to consider making a donation or an additional donation, we would greatly appreciate it.

-James Fowlie, Business Manager

#### \*Catholic Health Care in Prince George

More people in Prince George will have access to long-term care as Providence Living and Northern Health prepare to build a new care home with 200 beds.

Providence Living was created to address long-term care needs by Providence Health Care, a Catholic health care organization formed from combining several hospitals in the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island that were originally founded by religious congregations of sisters.

Providence Living has signed an agreement with the Northern Health Authority to build a long-term care home that will add 200 beds in Prince George. The Diocese of Prince George has agreed to provide land at 6500 Southridge Avenue to Providence at nearly no cost. The details of the agreement--including the space to be used for Providence's project--are currently being finalized.

This is the first new long-term care facility to be built in Prince George in 15 years. Construction is expected to start in fall 2024.

"Providence will work in close collaboration with Northern Health to bring to life a vision for long-term care that will utilize a world-class living environment alongside a unique style of care that is infused with compassion and tailored to the unique story of each resident," said Mark Blandford, president and CEO, Providence. "Our new home will offer private rooms within a community setting where residents can enjoy everyday activities and interactions that respect their individuality and ensure each day is a day well lived."

The new care home will include single-bed rooms with private washrooms and designed in a residential household concept with groups of 12 rooms with shared living and dining rooms for social interaction and

recreation. There will also be indoor and outdoor spaces for social and leisure for residents and family, as well as amenities for cooking meals on site.

"This agreement marks a significant and exciting step in our work to bring much needed long-term care capacity to the North," said Ciro Panessa, president and CEO of Northern Health. "I am grateful to Providence Living for their part in this partnership, and to our healthcare and support workers across the North for the compassionate care they provide to seniors in our communities."

Long-term care homes provide care for people with complex care needs who can no longer live safely and independently at home, and who require 24-hour nursing care through a range of services delivered by well-trained staff.

On behalf of everyone in the diocese, Bishop Stephen Jensen thanks Providence Living for its work continuing the apostolate of Catholic healthcare in our community.

Learn More: For information about Providence Living, visit: https://providenceliving.ca/

#### Necrology Mass – St. Mary's PG at 7:00 PM, November 22nd

A Necrology Mass, organized by the councils of the Knights of Columbus, CWL, and St. Vincent de Paul, will be held at St. Mary's in Prince George at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## \*Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal

The Knights of Columbus are holding their 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Charity Appeal.

Funds raised from the Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal are donated back to the dioceses throughout BC.

You can purchase tickets at their website: <a href="https://www.kofccharity.ca/">https://www.kofccharity.ca/</a>



### 2023 Diocesan Men's Conference – Session Recordings now available

The two sessions presented by Fr. Troy Nguyen at the 2023 Diocesan Men's Conference are now available on the diocesan YouTube channel:

Session One: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8RWVue0X8fM">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8RWVue0X8fM</a> Session Two: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mDlb6nJgM9Q">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mDlb6nJgM9Q</a>

#### **BeLove Girls Group**

YOUNG WOMEN AGES 11-17 ARE
INVITED TO JOIN FOR AN EVENING OF
FUN AND FORMATION. WE WILL BE
GATHERING MONTHLY TO
INTENTIONALLY GROW IN OUR
RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST AND
OTHERS. THE GIRLS WILL BE
SEPARATING INTO GROUPS
ACCORDING TO THEIR AGE SO EACH
CAN RECEIVE THE FORMATION
NEEDED FOR THEIR SEASON OF LIFE.

THE FIRST EVENING WILL BE
NOVEMBER 16 AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR
PARISH HALL FROM 7 TO 9PM. PLEASE
REGISTER WITH CAMILE VIA
CAMILEHEBERT22@PROTONMAIL.COM

Belove Girls Group

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