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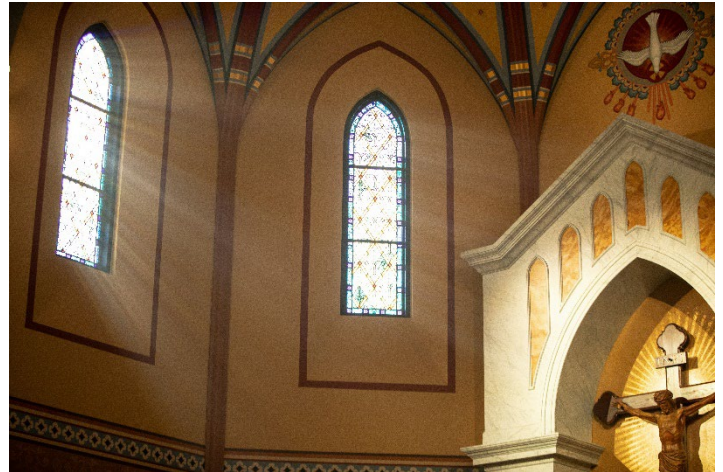
# Wednesday Weekly

October 16, 2024

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 20, 2024**

*"Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

-Mark 10.35-45



**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

- Men's Ignatian Silent Retreat Poster
- 2024-25 Appeal Poster 11x17
- Appeal Pledge Forms 2024-25
- Called Together Brochure – 2024-25
- Called to Witness – A Pastoral Letter on Evangelization and Catechesis of the Family

## Called Together Diocesan Appeal Update

The appeal team have been working to record and report donations to Called Together. Due to both staffing and technical challenges, we are behind schedule. So far, only donations received have been included in the totals.

We will send out a partial report to the Parishes later this evening and will provide a more complete report and narrative next week.

## CCCB Prepares the Faithful for Jubilee 2025 with New Initiatives

**OTTAWA, 23 September, 2024** — The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) is pleased to announce a series of events, resources, and initiatives in preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025, which has been themed “Pilgrims of Hope” by Pope Francis. The Jubilee invites the faithful worldwide to renew their hope and actively engage in this sacred time.

In preparation for the Jubilee, the CCCB’s *Ad hoc* Committee for the Preparation of the Jubilee Year began in 2023 with the “Year of the Council,” focusing on Vatican II’s four Constitutions through webinars. 2024 has been dedicated as the “Year of Prayer,” with the development of resources such as the webinar series “A Great Symphony of Prayer” which guides reflection on *The Our Father, Mary, the Saints, and Scripture*. Inspired by the Jubilee’s theme, the CCCB has developed resources centered on six sub-themes contained in the Papal Bull *Spes non confundit*.

The CCCB is also preparing toolkits for adult faith formation, catechetical resources for children, a social media kit, including banners and prayer cards, to promote local and national celebrations, ensuring widespread participation.

These resources will support dioceses, parishes, and Catholic organizations in celebrating this universal call to hope and spiritual renewal. As part of the spiritual journey, the faithful are encouraged to make pilgrimages to Canada’s National Shrines in 2025, where unique celebrations aligned with the Jubilee themes will take place. To enrich these experiences, the CCCB has made available resources including the official prayer and hymn provided by the Vatican’s Jubilee Office at the Dicastery for Evangelization.

The Jubilee Year will start with the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter’s Basilica on 24 December 2024 and conclude with its closing on 6 January 2026. Pope Francis has also asked that special Masses be celebrated in every Cathedral and Co-Cathedral worldwide on 29 December 2024 to mark the opening of the Jubilee Year.

Bishop William T. McGrattan, President of the CCCB, expressed great enthusiasm for the upcoming Jubilee Year, stating, “The Jubilee Year 2025 offers a unique opportunity for renewal and reflection within the local and universal Church, that is inviting all the faithful to walk together on our communal path of faith as ‘Pilgrims of Hope.’ We are committed to fostering this journey through meaningful events and resources.”

For more information on the Jubilee Year 2025 and to access the resources above-mentioned, please visit CCCB’s Jubilee Webpage.

Link: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/the-ordinary-jubilee-of-the-year-2025/>

## Pastoral Letter on the Evangelization and Catechesis in the Family – Press Release from the CCCB

**Ottawa, October 9, 2024** — Today, the Episcopal Commission for Evangelization and Catechesis of the English Sector of Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) releases *Called to Witness and Proclaim: A Pastoral Letter on Evangelization and Catechesis in the Family*. This resource is the result of a priority that was assigned to the Commission by the Bishops of the English Sector at their annual meeting in September 2023.

Framed around the story of Jesus healing the daughter of Jairus, as related in the Gospel of Mark (5:21-43), the pastoral letter is divided into three sections: catechesis *in* the family, catechesis *with* the family, and catechesis *of* the family.

Key to the message of the pastoral letter is the analogy it draws between Jesus' compassion for Jairus' family and the concern and desire of the Church to provide pastoral support and accompaniment to families in the situations in which they find themselves, as well as to partner with families to proclaim the Good News.

The pastoral letter highlights some of the ways Jesus continues to walk with families today in the context of the parish community.

As the reflection continues, the pastoral letter considers how Jesus' encounter with families, like his encounter with Jairus' family, is transformative, effectively turning the family into a living witness of the power of Christ. This dimension of witnessing recalls Pope Francis' call to become missionary disciples and invites families in the ordinary circumstances of everyday life to become schools of love, bearing witness to the Gospel.

"Families are essential for our church's mission," says the Most Rev. Brian Joseph Dunn, Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth, and Chair of the Episcopal Commission for Evangelization and Catechesis. "They show testimony to the Gospel in everyday life through love, sacrifice, and mutual care."

The pastoral letter is available on the CCCB website at the following link: <https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Called-to-Witness-EN-2024-09-09-FINAL.pdf>

## Urgent Appeal for Support in Lebanon – Joint Call for Help and Prayers

**Montreal, 15 October** —With the support of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), Aid to the Church in Need Canada (ACN), Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) Canada, and Development and Peace — *Caritas* Canada (DPCC) are launching an appeal for prayers and generosity to support the most urgent needs of people in Lebanon, following the bombardments in the country that have already claimed hundreds of innocent lives.

"With the conflict between Hezbollah and Israel now having spread into Lebanon, causing further death, destruction and displacement, let us, the Catholic faithful in Canada, renew our prayers for peace in the

Middle East, as urged by Pope Francis, and do whatever we can to help the people who are affected by this recent escalation in violence,” says the Most Rev. William T. McGrattan, Bishop of Calgary and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB).

Caritas Lebanon reports, “Thousands of families are fleeing their homes as conflict escalates in southern Lebanon. We are providing shelter, food, medical care, and psychological support, but we need your help to continue. Every contribution makes a difference.”

Echoing Caritas Lebanon, Most Rev. McGrattan says, “There are people in Lebanon who urgently need our help at this time. That is why, in my capacity as CCCB president, I invite you to donate either to Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Canada, to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) Canada, or to Development and Peace—*Caritas* Canada (DPCC).” He adds, “Each of these organizations will work with local agencies in Lebanon to ensure your donations bring targeted and effective relief to those who are suffering.

Marie-Claude Lalonde, National Director of ACN Canada; Dr. Adriana Bara, National Director of CNEWA Canada; and Luke Stocking, interim Executive Director of DPCC, are launching a joint appeal for help for the Lebanese people: “Your donations and prayers will be a great comfort to the shaken population.” According to Marielle Boutros, ACN’s project coordinator for Lebanon, “People are now living in church halls, so they will need food, sanitary products, mattresses, blankets, and if it continues, we will need heating for winter, though, of course, we hope it will not last that long.”

### **Religious sisters persevere despite violence**

According to information received by CNEWA Canada, religious sisters in Lebanon belonging to the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary have also been affected by the bombing. “I am still in one piece,” confided Sister Maya Beiano, who is also director of a school run by her congregation. “Missiles are hitting just next to us, the convent is shaking, and windows are breaking.” Just a week ago, she was planning on opening the school whose goal is to preserve the Christian presence in the region while offering a sound education to all. “As long as there is a child and a mother in the village, I will maintain my mission,” she says, ending the conversation by asking us to keep her in our prayers.

The directors explain that funds received will be used towards food, medical supplies, shelter, and other essential goods now and, in the months to come, to meet the basic needs of the affected population. With winter just around the corner, heating assistance will also become important. When the conflict subsides, which they hope will happen as soon as possible, the focus will move to the reconstruction of the buildings and, above all, the healing of all those who are traumatized.

**“Finally, we call on our benefactors to pray for an end to the violence, not only in Lebanon, but throughout the Holy Land and Middle East,” implore the directors, adding, “We echo Pope Francis’s call for a ceasefire, which is a necessary first step toward a just and peaceful resolution of this conflict.”**

To donate or for more information, please contact the organizations as follows:

Aid to the Church in Need Canada (ACN) website and phone number: <https://acn-canada.org/>, Toll-free 1-800-585-6333 ext. 228, donation page: <https://acn-canada.org/attacks-on-lebanon-affecting-everyone/?form=Lebanon>

CNEWA Canada website and phone number: <https://cnewa.org/ca/>, Toll-free: 1-866-322-4441

Development and Peace — *Caritas* Canada (DPCC)

## Women's Events at Christ Our Saviour

Sponsored by Christ Our Saviour Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada, these activities are open to all ladies 16 and over.

### Women's Wednesday

A variety of topics, prayers, & fun activities  
**are open to all ladies 16 & over**  
**every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:00 pm**  
at Christ Our Saviour Catholic Church  
4514 Austin Road West  
upstairs in the foyer or downstairs in the hall

#### Upcoming Wednesdays:

Oct. 2	Social Justice
Oct. 9	Teatime Prayer
Oct. 16	Teatime Prayer
Oct. 23	ADHD Neurodivergence
Oct. 30	Faith

### Still Knitting Us Together

**Do you like to knit or crochet?  
Or would you like to learn?**

There are some very talented ladies ready to share their craft with you every Monday from 10 am to 12 noon in the church hall.

**Knitting needles, crochet hooks, patterns, and yarn provided**

Socks, mittens, slippers, baby blankets, toys  
all knitted items go to those in need

**Hospice, Hope for Women, the Homeless**

This is a drop in event – you are not obliged to show up every week - just come when you're in the mood to knit or just to socialize

## One Million Children Praying the Rosary – October 18, 2024

You are invited to take part in One Million Children Praying the Rosary (OMC) event organized by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Canada on Friday, October 18 2024.

You can participate in the virtual event by registering at:  
<https://Onemillionchildrenprayingtherosary.eventbrite.ca>.

You can also schedule a time to pray the Rosary in your parish, school, religious community, home, with family or friends, etc. Make your intentions known to Ms. Valérie Vulcain, annual campaign coordinator, at [vv@acn-canada.org](mailto:vv@acn-canada.org) or by calling 1800-585-6333, ext. 227, who will be happy to provide you with materials, such as a poster and flyer, to help organize your activity.

## Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

For emotional and spiritual healing, Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats offer a supportive, non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. Confidentiality assured.

**Kelowna retreat:** (Fri-Sun) October 18-20, 2024. Contact Vicki at 250-762-2273, [www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](http://www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com), or Facebook – Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna.

**Merrit Retreat:** (Tues-Thurs) October 22-24, 2024. Contact Nancy at 250-267-5081, call or text. Email: [rvkamloops@yahoo.ca](mailto:rvkamloops@yahoo.ca).

**Prince George retreats: STARTING IN 2025.** For more information, contact Fr. Michael at Christ Our Saviour ([mebomuche@pgdiocese.ca](mailto:mebomuche@pgdiocese.ca)) or Adele at St. Mary's ([rachelsvineyardpg@proton.me](mailto:rachelsvineyardpg@proton.me))

## Camp Morice Society AGM – October 28, 2024

You are invited to join us for the AGM on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 7 PM via the following Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86951732429>

## Spiritual Exercises for Men – Ignatian Silent Retreat, November 1-3, 2024

Following the Ignatian Spiritual Exercise, this retreat for men will provide an opportunity to discover the path God has for you moving forward in your spiritual life.

Registration is \$220 including all meals and is on a first-come, first-served basis. There are limited accommodations reserved for out-of-town retreatants, with an additional cost of \$100 for the 2 nights.

The registration desk opens at 5 pm on Friday, November 1, 2024 and the retreat ends on Sunday, November 3, 2024 at 1:30 PM.

To register, please email or text below the number or address below and include the following information: Name, address, mobile number, emergency contact number, and need for accommodations along with any food allergies/requirements.

Registration: Norm Hebert at [norman.hebert@protonmail.com](mailto:norman.hebert@protonmail.com) or 778-890-0540.

## Job Opportunities

### St. Vincent de Paul

- The PG Society of St Vincent de Paul is looking for Christian people to make a difference in the lives of the needy. While we are always looking for volunteers, we are currently looking to fill 2 vacant job positions: **Thrift Store Assistant Manager** and **Drop-In Center Assistant Coordinator** - both 40 hours per week, Monday to Friday. Please send resumes, contact information and references to [jecreegan@gmail.com](mailto:jecreegan@gmail.com). Details will be sent upon request.

### 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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