

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **The Bishop's Appeal 'on Save the Catholic Schools'** is urgent! We are all reminded of the Bishop's Appeal on "Save Our Catholic Schools." The collection shall start next Sunday the 23rd of January 2022, then on Sunday the 30th of January 2022 and finally on Sunday the 6th of January 2022 to accomplish this appeal. Let us prepare ourselves and support our Catholic Schools financially from collapsing. Thank you in advance for your generous contributions to support our schools from collapse.

2. **The Magnificat Ministry to Catholic Women** is restarted in Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral today: The Magnificat Ministry to Catholic Women that has been dormant for some times now shall be restarted today. The first Meeting shall be today Sunday 16th January 2022 in the Hospitality Lounge at 3p.m prompt. New and old members are welcomed.

3. **Those of the Lectors' Ministry have vowed to be true Bible promoters:** Last week those of the Lectors' Ministry attended the Bible Seminar in their numbers. An onlooker could conclude that they have decided not only to be readers of the Word of God, but also promoters of the Word of God wherever they may find themselves. We appreciate the Lectors who were present last week for the seminar and call on all other Lectors who could not be present last week to make an endeavour to be present today. The Bible Seminar today shall take place in the Cathedral at 3 p.m. We shall go over what we already did for your sake. Please come along with your Catholic Bible.

4. **Our Sunday Obligation of attending Holy Mass is not satisfied by watching the Holy Mass on TV.** All Christians should endeavour to come to Church at least on Sundays. It is good to watch the celebration of Holy Mass on TV, but to fulfil your Sunday obligation you have to physically attend Holy Mass in Church. It does not suffice to attend Holy Mass by watching the Television. Those who are home bound could be met in this way, but we who can make it for Holy Mass are invited to be there taking all the necessary precautions to prevent spread of Covid 19 virus.

5. **It is desecration of the Body of Christ, if one receives Holy Communion without being fully present for Holy Mass:** To receive communion during Holy Mass is when you are present in Church before the readings are read and then you are there also for consecration. We have noticed that some persons come during communion and pass straight to receive Holy Communion. This is not allowed. It is desecration (disrespect) to the body and blood of Christ or for Holy Communion. To take Holy Communion one has to be present in Church from the beginning of Holy Mass until the end, after the final blessing. It is also a bad practice to leave Church before the dismissal by the Priests. Let us watch and change from these bad practices.

6. **Reception of Holy Communion is on the hand with the right hand under the left hand and not on the tongue.** With the advent of Covid 19 Pandemic Holy Communion is received on the hand and not with the tongue. This is for hygienic purposes and to prevent the spread of the disease. Some persons when they come up for communion have insisted on receiving communion with the tongue. By doing this you embarrass the priests and the deacons. This is not allowed now. To receive Communion on the hand properly also needs that one places his/her right hand under the left hand and when communion is given to you, you take it with your right hand and put it into your mouth. Do not carry communion to your bench before receiving it. Let us take note of these bad practices and we shall respect the body and blood of Christ.

7. We continue to solicit your contribution for the ongoing air conditioner fund for the Cathedral. Thank you for your generous donation on this very important project. We have collected \$58, 062.00 towards our \$90, 000.00 goal.

8. **To prepare well for the Celebration of Holy Mass, Christians should be in Church at least 30 minutes before time and join in the prayers being said before Holy Mass.** Some Christians rush in and rush out of Holy Mass. This is not good. We lose the graces we are supposed to have by our participation in Holy Mass. We invite Christians to be in Church at least 30 minutes before time and participate in the prayers being said before Holy Mass. This is a good preparation for Holy Mass, because it helps us go into Holy Mass recollected.

9. There shall be a meeting of all men attending Holy Mass at Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral on Saturday 29th January 2022 at the hospitality Lounge at 10 a.m. The aim of this meeting is for us to see how to organize ourselves

10. We are all reminded that there is Holy Hour and Benediction at 4p.m every Sunday in the Cathedral. Make time to be with Jesus please.

11. There shall be a Funeral in this church at 9.30 a.m in this Church on Thursday, January 20, 2022. Come and assist to bury the dead.

12. **A prayer for the end of the Covid 19 Pandemic shall be said before the dismissal at every Holy Mass:** We are well aware of the Covid 19 Pandemic that is ravaging the world and as days go by it is changing faces. Scientists are working to get the cure. As Christians we shall join this search for a cure and the end of the Pandemic by saying a Prayer for the end the Covid 19 Pandemic, before the dismissal at every Holy Mass. See Leaflet for Prayer.