Wednesday Weekly October 17, 2018

OCTOBER 21, 2018 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time



The Son of Man came to give life as a ransom for all.

Mark 10.35-45

World Mission Sunday

At the initiative of Pope Pius IX in 1926, the second last Sunday during October became known as **World Mission Sunday**. Catholics throughout the world are invited to pray for and give to the missions.

"How I long to find the right words to stir up enthusiasm for a new chapter of evangelization full of fervour, joy, generosity, courage, boundless love and attraction...."

POPE FRANCIS, Evangelii Gaudium, 261

WHEN APPLICABLE—please ensure that the following items are in your bulletin and/or are also ANNOUNCED. *For the city, **For all parishes in THE DIOCESE. This will ensure that the same information is being heard across the diocese. THANK YOU

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS OF WEDNESDAY WEEKLY NEWS IS NOON ON TUESDAY; PLEASE EMAIL mprimus@pgdiocese.bc.ca

ATTACHMENTS

Called Together – Weekly Report—Oct. 17, 2018

TO RECEIVE ALL DIOCESAN NEWS DIRECTLY IN YOUR INBOX OR ON YOUR PHONE:

Email <u>reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca</u> **OR TEXT "pgd" TO** 514-900-0130 to join **Flocknote** – it 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.

The Diocesan Pastoral Centre receptionist, Teresa, it temporarily away on a medical leave.

Please pray for a speedy recovery.

Her duties will be covered internally until further notice.

PLEASE NOTE **

Reception emails will be checked twice a day.

Calls with be received by Jasmin, bishop's secretary; or directed by voice mail prompts.

1. Called Together—Giving, Sharing, Serving Update:—As of today, Called Together—Giving, Sharing, Serving has reached 52.91% of the Diocesan goal in pledges, for a total of \$211,637. Thank you to all parishes that continue to submit the pledge reports.

Seven parishes have reached 50% or more of their parish goal in pledges:

- St. Mary's Parish, Prince George 82.02%
- Christ Our Savior Parish, Prince George 78.64%
- St. Andrew's Parish, Fraser Lake 68.89%
- Immaculate Conception Parish, Prince George 68.56%
- Notre Dame Parish, Dawson Creek 65.36%
- St. Patrick's Parish, McBride 61.99%
- Sacred Heart Parish, Terrace –57.24%

The continued success of *Called Together* is dependent upon the participation of parishioners across the diocese. Our thanks to all who have already sent in their pledges. We look forward to receiving a commitment of those who have not yet responded.

- 2. **SACRED HEART CWL NECROLOGY MASS:** Sacred Heart has had a CWL Council since May 8, 1926. Over the years many of its members have deceased, on Thursday, November 1, 2018 at 7:00 PM a Mass will be held to remember each one of them individually. Family members, colleagues and friends are invited to join us for this special Mass. After Mass refreshments and sharing of memories will take place in the lower church hall. Please share this invitation with others and come celebrate the memory of some great CWL women.
- 3. ALIVE IN CHRIST RESOURCES: Just a reminder to all parishes and schools please note that you can order all of your catechetical resources and be invoiced directly from Broughton (located in Toronto, ON). When ordering indicate that you are a part of the Diocese of Prince George to receive a diocesan rate. Last September a quote was sent out, the rates are slightly higher than last year. Contact information for Customer Service at Broughton is:

Sharon Cameron

B.Broughton Company Ltd. sharon@bbroughton.com
Phone 416-690-4777, Fax 416-690-5357 1-800-268-4449

Before ordering please contact the Pastoral Centre as there is a large inventory and we may have what you are looking for.

4. **SHARE HOPE UPDATE:** The refugee family supported by the people of our diocese has now been in Prince George for almost 14 months. Even though our monthly financial commitment to this family has ended, many members of the committee still visit offering friendship, help with English and support navigating areas of learning that are necessary when you are immersed in another culture.

The family hosted a lovely meal of appreciation for the committee members in August where we enjoyed wonderful Syrian food and hospitality.

Faris has his Canadian driver's license. Fatima and Rana are attending IMSS and working on their English. Yasir is attending and ESL program at CNC and Malik continues his studies at PGSS. The family wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has helped them.

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35

- 5. **40 Days For Life Campaign**: The 4th Annual Prince George **40 Days for Life Campaign** started on the 26th of **September**. We will be standing in peaceful vigil outside the University Hospital of Northern BC from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM until the 4th of November. To sign up please visit www.40daysforlife.com/princegeorge, contact Angelica at 250-301-8135 OR 40dayspgbc@gmail.com
- 6. CAMP MORICE SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Date: Monday, October 22, 2018

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: St Mary's Parish Office (basement) 1088 Gillett Street Prince George BC

For more information contact: Fr. Pier or Brent Holtby

7. **ECUMENICAL EVENING OF WORSHIP AND SONG:** You are invited to join other Christians in an Ecumenical Evening of Worship and Song on Sunday night, **October 28th** at 7pm at Our Saviour Lutheran Church (3590 Dufferin Ave on Ospika beside the Mennonite Church). The focus for the evening is "Our Common Baptism." Choir practices will take place Wednesday October 24 at 7 PM at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. All are welcome to participate in the choir.

Evangelization and Formation

DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE UPDATE:

1. DRC COURSE OFFERING: "My Inmost Being...": St. Thomas Aquinas on the Inner Workings of the Soul.

According to Pope Leo XIII, "Let carefully selected teachers endeavor to implant the doctrine of Thomas Aquinas in the minds of students, and set forth clearly his solidity and excellence over others." This insight has been consistently reaffirmed in Catholic thought. According to St. Paul, "We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ (2 Cor 10:5)." In a privileged way, St. Thomas Aquinas is a reliable teacher and guide in a confusing age who equips us to "take every thought captive to obey Christ." Please come to this short, adult 4-series in philosophy, theology and the spiritual life taught by Fr. Basil Burns, PhD who wrote his doctoral dissertation on the thought of St. Thomas.

DATES:

Thursday, November 1: Virtue & the Spiritual Life: An Introduction Thursday, November 8: The Intellect, Will and the Spiritual Life Thursday, November 15: The Emotions and the Spiritual Life

Thursday, November 22: The Imagination, Memory and the Spiritual Life

TIMES:

Option 1: Doors open at 10:45 AM. Start time 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Followed by brown bag fellowship lunch for those who would like to stay, some refreshments provided.

Option 2: Doors open at 6:30 PM for refreshments and fellowship. Start time 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Please arrive and be seated by start time.

There will be a ten-minute break during both the daytime and evening sessions.

Location: Domano Renewal Centre, Emmaus House

Registration: Please register online at http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/drc-registrations/ or call

Vanya at 250-964-4475. Deadline is Tuesday, October 30 by noon. Drop-ins are

welcome but attendance to all sessions is strongly encouraged.

Cost: Suggested offering of \$20.00 per class or \$65.00 for 4-course series (Please do not let finances keep you from attending!)