September 15, 2021



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 19, 2021

"Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Matthew 9:30-37

When Applicable - please ensure that the following items are in your bulletin and/or are also announced.

This will ensure that the same information is being heard across the diocese. Thank you

Year of St. Joseph - Webpage



Online Broadcast of the Daily / Sunday Masses:

- Sacred Heart Cathedral, PG Facebook
- Annunciation Parish Prince Rupert Facebook
- St. Joseph's Parish, Smithers Facebook
- Church of the Resurrection, Facebook

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- Salt & Light
- Vision TV
- EWTN TV

Secretary to the Bishop

A special welcome to Miranda Wallace who was recently hired at the Pastoral Centre as Secretary to the Bishop. Miranda has a background in administration and is an active and dedicated member of St. Joseph's Parish and we are thrilled to have her on board. Miranda will be starting the position during the week of September 27th.

Bishops' Campaign for Healing and Reconciliation

The Catholic bishops of British Columbia recognize the need to a province-wide initiative to raise funds to support healing and reconciliation among Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. The goal of the campaign is to support residential school survivors and Indigenous communities in our province as part the bishops' ongoing response to the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. In the Diocese of Prince George, the Campaign for Healing and Reconciliation will be launched the weekend of September 18/19th, 2021.

Our Diocese will conduct the Diocesan Appeal and the Healing and Reconciliation Campaign simultaneously. The Diocesan Appeal goal has been kept reduced as it was last year. However, the Healing and Reconciliation campaign has no set goal or limit, and it will not form part of the Diocesan Annual Appeal. They are separate collections. It is our sincere hope that the Healing and Reconciliation Campaign will help to restore trust and further the ongoing journey to truth and healing.

2021-2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal and Healing and Reconciliation Appeal

September 18/19 is the *Called Together* Kick-Off Weekend as well as the launch of the Healing and Reconciliation Appeal.

Due to the unfortunate delay at the printers, materials have been delayed. We are trying to get those to you as quickly as possible. This weekend then, our focus will be on the Bishop's letter (found in the brochure) and his video address. The video address will be sent to you via a OneDrive link shared with parishes near the end of the week.

Attached to the Wednesday Weekly are the Kick-Off Weekend Instructions, the parish goals, and PDF copies of the brochure, Appeal poster and pledge forms. The pledge forms may be printed in case you have need of them as parishioners are welcome to make their donations before Commitment Weekend.

Please remember that we will have a three-week active phase for the Appeal this year: September 18/19 - Kick-Off, September 25/26th is the Educational and Promotional Weekend and October 2/3 is Commitment Weekend.

For those who wish to contibute by credit card, we ask that you go to the Diocesan web site www.pgdiocese.bc.ca and click the link, midway down the home page, that says, 'Click here to donate to the Annual Appeal'.

Please note, that this year on Canada Helps there are **two** Appeal options – one for Called Together and one for the Healing and Reconciliation Appeal.

We also ask that online donors use the message box in Canada Helps and Interac eTransfer to indicate four things:

- 1. Name of parish that should be credited for their Called Together donation;
- 2. How much of their donation is going to Called Together and how much is going to the Healing and Reconciliation appeal;
- 3. Their Diocesan donor number from their Called Together envelope, if possible;
- 4. An email address so that we can reach them with any questions.

If you have any questions about the Appeal, please contact me at <u>ifowlie@pgdiocese.bc.ca</u> or call the Pastoral Centre at 250-964-4424.

Want to share news in the Wednesday Weekly?

Email <u>reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca</u> by **NOON** on Tuesday.

Late entries will be published in the following week's edition. Please send in Word format.

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