

Wednesday Weekly

May 6, 2015

1. 51st International Eucharistic Conference – January 24-31, 2016

Please place the following information in school and parish bulletins:

Every four years, Catholic faithful from around the world gather together to reflect on and celebrate the great mystery of the Eucharist during the International Eucharistic Congress. Youth, families and organizations belonging to the Catholic community are invited to experience the fullness of the Eucharist and deepen their Catholic Faith through the Symposium and Congress taking place January 24-31, 2016 in Cebu, Philippines. International Eucharistic Congress 2016 is also looking for dedicated volunteers from around the world who are willing to help promote the presence of the Eucharist in their Roman Catholic community. Please see the Congress website for online registration, travel details, and further information at: <http://iec2016.ph/>

2. Week for Life and the Family, May 10-17, 2015

The National Week for Life and the Family takes place May 10-17, 2015. The theme for this year is “We’re All Connected” and deals with assisted suicide. The resources were prepared by the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Parishes are asked to refer to the CCCB website for suggested resources, prayers of the faithful and other activities in support of this week.

<http://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/church-in-canada-and-world/catholic-church-in-canada/life-and-family/4178-2015-national-week-for-life-and-the-family>

3. Vocations Weekend – Saints: Models of Discernment

Please ensure the discernment weekend notice is placed in parish bulletins this weekend and keep those attending in your prayers. Thank you!

God calls each and every one of us to be a saint, to become the man or woman he made us to be according to our own unique individuality like St. Francis of Assisi, St. Teresa of Avila or St. John Paul II. Vocational discernment is about discovering where God is calling you and then living out that call. Men and women 19 years and older are invited to attend a Vocation Discernment weekend from May 15-17 at Camp Morice facilitated by Fr. Terry Brock, Diocesan Vocations Director and Most Rev. Stephen Jensen. Cost is \$50 for the weekend. To register, email your name, phone number and age to office@sacredheartnews.ca or call Sacred Heart Parish in Terrace at (250)635-2313. Hope to see you there!

4. A BIG DYC Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who came and helped make DYC such a wonderful success!!! Countless young people came closer to His heart this past weekend. There are many to thank including our many priests and Bishop Jensen who came out to support the weekend. At the risk of leaving someone unmentioned, here are just a few of the people that really helped make this year’s DYC such a success: Sharlene Irving, Tracy Connelly, Shelley Caldwell, Sr. Maria, and Mike Labonte. Our planning team both here at the Diocese and those who volunteered their time – you know who you are! Thank you also to our dedicated volunteers who responded to every need this past weekend. Thank you especially to all parents who shuttled their kids all this way and to the youth who attended with open hearts—making our efforts worthwhile! Until next DYC...

A big thanks,

Eunice Hii
Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator

5. Rainbows Fundraiser – Lobster Kitchen Party

Please place the following information in parish and school bulletins in the Central Region:

A Lobster Kitchen Party will be held Saturday, May 23rd at the Knights of Columbus Hall in support of the Rainbows Program. Rainbows is a peer support group for children, adolescents and adults who are grieving a death, divorce or other painful transition in their family. Tickets for the fundraiser are \$45.00 and are available at Nancy O's, 1261 3rd Avenue. Entertainment provided by Billy Wiseman and friends. For further information, see the Facebook Event Page "PG Lobster Kitchen Party" or email terryfedorkiw@hotmail.com.

6. Special Presentations on Bioethics, End of Life Issues, Euthanasia and Assisted Dying

Please post the attached poster and place the following notice in parish and school bulletins:

Join with members of the Catholic Women's League on Saturday, June 13th from 8:30 am – 1:45 pm to hear keynote speaker, Dr. Moira McQueen, LLB, MDiv, Phd. Speaking on Bioethics and End of Life Issues, Euthanasia and Assisted Dying, Dr. McQueen will provide a Roman Catholic perspective along with guidance into the moral and ethical dilemmas that have arisen because of new developments in science and medicine. All are welcome but advance registration is required. Fee: \$10.00 for presentation and \$20.00 for optional lunch. See poster for further details. Register at Sacred Heart Cathedral in person at 887 Patricia Boulevard, by phone (250)564-5225 or by email shcath@shawcable.com.

7. March For Life

Please make available to parishioners the attached message from the Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF) for the annual National March for Life with the theme "Let life win!" On May 14th, the National March will be held in Ottawa. Also, on May 14th, the 8th annual March for Life will be held in Victoria at the BC Legislature. The recent Supreme Court decision to permit the killing of people through assisted suicide is certainly a good reason for all to march for life, especially those who are most vulnerable.