

Wednesday Weekly

June 17, 2015

1. World Meeting of Families – Diocese of Prince George Bursary

Please place the following information in parish bulletins:

The 8th Annual World Meeting of Families will take place in Philadelphia, USA from September 22-27, 2015. Pope Francis will be present for the concluding days. Details about the conference and registration can be found at www.worldmeeting2015.org. Bursaries are available from the Diocese of Prince George to assist families who want to attend. The deadline for bursary applications is August 14, 2015. For more information, contact the Office of the Bishop at bishop@pgdiocese.bc.ca.

2. Vehicle Update

The Finance office received a plate decal and insurance papers for a 2000 Chrysler Vehicle, Plate #291GBF. Parishes are asked to contact Lynn Monteith immediately at 250-964-4424 if they own this vehicle. Thank you.

3. Youth News

IGNITE 2015 information packages have been distributed to parishes. Parishes are encouraged to share this information with parents, families and youth and to consider sponsoring youth to attend. Please place the following notices in bulletins until August:

Youth

IGNITE 2015 BC is happening! This year, IGNITE is being offered in BC for the first time at Camp Morice. IGNITE is a week-long camp geared towards inspiring high school youth to become saints. Come for an amazing week filled with new friends, the sacraments, dynamic talks, music, fun, and more! To register, sign up at www.f2f.ca or email youth@pgdiocese.bc.ca for more info.

Young Adults

- IGNITE BC is searching for young adult leaders. To apply head on over to www.f2f.ca.
- WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 is taking place in Krakow, Poland in July 2016. The Diocese of Prince George will be taking a diocesan-wide group and joining with the Archdiocese of Vancouver to attend this amazing event. Information sessions will take place in September, but if you are interested in learning more or in registering, email youth@pgdiocese.bc.ca today!

4. Appeal 2015-2016

To assist with preparations for the 2015-2016 Annual Diocesan Appeal, parishes are asked to read the attached Appeal Update from the Appeal Office. The 2015-17 Annual Diocesan Appeal Schedule is also attached. Appeal information and photographs can be returned to the Appeal Office at appealoffice@pgdiocese.bc.ca or to any member of the Appeal Team: Fr. Richard Beaudette, Lynn Monteith or Martha Primus. Thank you!

5. Truth and Reconciliation Commission

Please make available to parishioners the attached Statement by the Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB).

Following its meeting of June 10-11, 2015, the Permanent Council of the CCCC B issued an initial response to the summary report and Calls to Action by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission released its summary report and Calls to Action this past June 2.

The Permanent Council calls the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission “another important step in providing further opportunity for deeper encounter, greater understanding and renewed hope” for the First Nations, Inuit and Metis, as well as for all Canadians. The CCCC B Council confirms that the Calls to Action recommended to Churches by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission are on the agenda of the next Plenary Assembly of the Catholic Bishops of Canada. “We are committed to ensuring that the Calls to Action will be given careful hearing and full discussion,” the statement says. “We are confident they will be carefully considered, and in this process we know we can count on the collaboration of the Canadian Catholic Aboriginal Council.” The next meeting of the Plenary Assembly will be September 14 to 18, 2015.

6. CNEWA

Please place the following information in parish bulletins:

CNEWA Canada has launched a campaign to assist the more than 1.5 million Ukrainians who have been displaced by war and violence over the past two years. Despite a ceasefire, daily violence remains a constant, with the death toll increasing and more families fleeing to save their lives. Dramatic calls for help from the Catholic churches of Ukraine have been received by CNEWA, the papal agency for humanitarian and pastoral support . Canadians interested in making donations to help CNEWA and its partners in Ukraine are invited to do so by visiting www.cnewa.ca or to write a cheque to CNEWA Canada (Marked Emergency Ukraine) at 1247 Kilborn Place, Ottawa, Ontario, K1H 6K9 or by phone at 1-866-322-4441. As a registered charity, CNEWA will issue a tax receipt. Further information is available on their website at:
<http://www.cnewa.ca/home.aspx?ID=26&pagetypeID=12&sitecode=CA>