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Worker turns 50



# The Diocesan Messenger

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## Welcoming the New Roman Missal

November 27, 2011: the First Sunday of Advent

Source: CCCB

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has received *recognitio* for all sections of the English translation of the revised *Roman Missal* for use in Canada. The Permanent Council has agreed that the first Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011, will be the date for the implementation of the English translation of the *Missal*. On its website, CCCB has provided responses for some commonly asked questions.

### Will the responses be the same as in the United States?

The responses at the Eucharist will be the same for the entire English-speaking world, although we will have the proper Canadian spelling of some of the words. Not only will we have the new responses, we will have three musical settings of the responses which we have commissioned by us for use in Canada. They are by Canadian composers and it is hoped that they will become fairly standard in parishes across the country. This way we will be able to feel at home in each others' churches. The chant setting from ICEL is also included for the same reason.

### Why are we getting a new translation?

In the 1960's, as the bishops of the world met for the Second Vatican Council, they called for a major revision of the rites of the Mass and opened the door to the celebration of Mass in the many languages used around the world.

In the years that followed, much work went into those revisions. The translation of Mass texts from Latin to all those languages proved to be a major task. As time was pressing and it was important to make those translations available as soon as possible, a first translation was prepared, which did not pretend to be either

perfect or permanent. In February 1974 the first English translation for use in Canada was approved.

Eventually, work began on a number of additions to the Mass and revisions to the translations. In 2001 new directions in the translation of texts from Latin were established by the Church and in March 2002, a new edition of the Order of Mass in Latin was published.

Since then, great strides have been made to prepare faithful translations, to get the proper approvals and to make them available to all English speaking people in a timely fashion. Therefore, in the near future those changes will be implemented.

### How will the new translation affect me?

When the new translation of the Mass comes about, it will affect all of us, although in different ways. Priests and deacons will need to adapt to the revised texts - some texts contain very subtle differences while others have been modified considerably. Therefore, everyone will need to listen so much more carefully and to hear differently.

Members of the assembly will need to learn new or modified responses. This requires practice and patience. Music used during Mass (i.e.: "Glory to God", "Holy, Holy", etc.) will need to be adapted to the new texts, requiring that we learn new music. Please reference pages 23 and 24 for a tear-out guide to the new responses.

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## UVic Newman House Up and Running

by Bronwyn Lawrie

Students at the University of Victoria (UVic) recently marked the blessing of its first Newman House, a residence and spiritual home for Catholic students on campus.

Victoria Bishop Richard Gagnon presided over the blessing on the anniversary of the day that Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman was received into the Catholic Church. About 30 students and community members were in attendance. The Newman House, which has all male residents this year, opened for students at the end of August.

"God is blessing me and all the residents with this opportunity to grow in our faith, evangelize the campus and strengthen our resolve to live a faith-filled and holy life," said Jeremy Côté, 22, the House Leader. "I feel that this House has really become a home to me already, both for the people here and the atmosphere of community."

Named for Blessed Newman, the mission of the UVic Newman House is "to provide a spiritual and social environment rooted in Catholic values where students could grow in their Christian faith, living out the teachings of Jesus while attending the University of Victoria or Camosun College



while experiencing the richness of a community in Christ."

Bringing a Newman House to UVic is the idea of UVic Chaplain Fr. Dean Henderson. The seeds for the house were planted almost 15 years ago when he went on sabbatical at the University of Oxford, Newman's former home.

"The university age range is crucial, as significant vocations are cultivated and social leadership shaped at universities in Canada," said Henderson. "[The Newman House] solidifies the

presence of our Catholic community on campus. It communicates to both the Catholic community and the wider academic community that we have a place in the world of higher education. We are here to serve and we belong."

House residents are Côté, Nathan Michaluk, 20, Carl Rethmeier, 20, and Karl Trautman, 20. In return for reduced accommodation costs, residents serve the Catholic ministry on campus in a variety of ways, such as liturgical assistance at Mass and

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# Appeal in Action



by Mike Patterson, Appeal Coordinator



Bishop Gagnon addresses Appeal Leaders at the Celebration Dinner at St Peter's Parish, Nanaimo



Holy Family Church in Ucluelet receives a new roof, thanks to the Appeal



Appeal Team breakfast led by Arnold Lamb at Christ the King Parish in Courtenay



Participants at the Diocesan Youth Conference, Cathedral Royale



St. Rose of Lima in Sooke embarks on a new building project



St. Andrew's Regional High School students in Rome



<b>Parish Portion</b>	
Retained by parishes for their local initiatives.	\$ 387,000.00
<b>Parish Outreach</b>	
St. Bonaventure Parish, Port Hardy for renovations to the church	\$ 10,000.00
<b>Monthly Support to Small Parishes:</b>	
Holy Family Parish, Ucluelet	\$ 4,000.00
St. Louis de Montfort, Lake Cowichan	\$ 4,000.00
North Island Catholic Parishes	\$ 4,000.00
<b>First Nations Ministry Fund</b>	
St. Ann's Parish, Duncan	\$ 4,000.00
Outreach and Reconciliation workshops	\$ 25,000.00
<b>Retired Clergy</b>	
The Diocese supports 10 retired priests who have served in our Diocese.	
Monthly pension supplements	\$ 117,000.00
<b>Seminarians</b>	
The Diocese has four men studying for the Priesthood in two Canadian seminaries.	
Room & board, tuition, books and living expenses	\$ 25,000.00
<b>Youth Ministry</b>	
Retreats and events	\$ 3,050.00
<b>Religious Education</b>	
Parish resources - materials and books for Catechism classes and training and workshops for catechists	\$ 2,000.00
<b>Island Catholic Schools' Capital Plan</b>	
Funds for consultants /architect fees for capital plans for school safety and improvements	\$ 386,000.00
<b>Total Appeal Funds spent to September 30, 2011</b>	<b>\$ 971,050.00</b>

The 2011 Appeal will be a continuation of the work begun last year to support the goals identified in the 2009 Diocesan *Pastoral Plan*. These goals were identified in a year-long consultation process:

- Marriage, Family Life, and the Sanctity of Human Life
- Liturgy, the Sacraments, Prayer and the Word of God
- Youth and Young Adults
- Parish Outreach, Social Justice, and Ecumenism
- Religious Education and Vocations
- Stewardship, Administration and Finance

The Appeal this year is sub-titled *On Our Way* in reference to Mark 14:42. Our Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane, as he is about to be arrested and begin his journey to Calvary, says to his disciples: “...get up ... let us be on our way...”!

The annual Appeal continues in the autumn of 2011 with *Journey of Hearts & Hands: On Our Way* to build on the strong foundation of the 2010 Appeal. The overall goal of \$750,000 remains the same. There are a few small changes from 2010: some money has been earmarked for support of schools north of Victoria and the seminarian support account is healthy enough this year not to need money from the Appeal. Other than those few changes the funds will be divided as:

Retired Clergy – Pension Supplement	\$100,000
First Nations Support	\$ 50,000
Parish Mission Outreach	\$ 25,000
Social Justice & Charitable Works	\$ 25,000
Catholic School Support	\$ 350,000
Religious Education	\$ 25,000
Youth Ministry	\$ 25,000
Parish Share	\$150,000
	\$750,000

An Appeal Steering Committee directs the Appeal at the Diocesan level. Members include:

- Bishop Richard Gagnon, Diocese of Victoria
- Father John Laszczyk, Rector of St. Andrew's Cathedral, Victoria
- Father William Hann, Pastor, St. Joseph the Worker, Victoria
- Father Marek Paczka, Pastor, Christ the King, Courtenay
- Father Stephen Paine, Pastor, Holy Family/Notre Dame, Port Alberni
- Leah MacKenzie, CGA, Diocese Financial Administrator, Victoria
- Mike Patterson, Appeal Coordinator, Nanaimo

At the parish level Appeal Teams of the pastor and lay volunteer leaders have been formed to carry the message of the Appeal in a variety of ways to parishioners.

September 23	A Celebration of Gratitude Mass & Dinner at St Peter's in Nanaimo for pastors and 2010 Appeal Lay Leaders
<i>Five Regional Receptions were held at which Bishop Gagnon introduced the 2011 Appeal to pastors and lay leaders:</i>	
September 30	Campbell River
October 1	Courtenay
October 4	Victoria
October 14	Nanaimo
October 15	Port Alberni
October 16	Kick-Off Sunday – the Appeal is introduced at all Masses
October 17	information and pledge mail-out to parishioners from the Diocese
October 23	Video Sunday – a short video is shown at all Masses
October 30	Education & Promotion Sunday – more information at all Masses
November 6	Commitment Sunday – pledge materials are distributed at all Masses

Response to this Appeal is a reflection of our gratitude for God's many generous gifts to us and our responsibility as stewards of God's Church. We are managers and caretakers of the Lord's Vineyard as it has been passed down to us and we, in turn, pass it on to generations in the future. We ask the Lord, through prayer, what He would have us do with our time, talent, and treasure in fulfilling this role of stewardship. Each family is asked through prayerful discernment how they are able to respond to the Appeal.

All parishioners are asked to pray for the success of the Appeal and for the leadership of pastors and Appeal volunteer teams. Gifts and pledges to the Appeal may be given using the pledge forms mailed to homes or distributed through churches and schools. Options for gifts include one-time donations or monthly pledges through cheques, money orders, direct debit, or credit card. Monthly pledge options may be seen in the matrix below:

Monthly Gift	Weekly Equivalent	Daily Equivalent	Cost Over 12 Months	Cost After Tax Credit
\$500	\$115	\$16.44	\$6,000	\$3,422
\$250	\$58	\$8.21	\$3,000	\$1,733
\$100	\$23	\$3.28	\$1,200	\$720
\$50	\$11.53	\$1.64	\$600	\$362
\$25	\$5.76	\$0.82	\$300	\$213

*This matrix provides some suggestions, but any and all gifts are most welcome.*

To donate, please complete this form, place in an envelope and drop in the Sunday Collection at church or mail directly to: Catholic Diocese of Victoria, Appeal Office, 1-4044 Nelthorpe Street, Victoria, BC V8X 2A1 

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# Pastoral Itinerary

# Calendar of Events

## Bishop Richard Gagnon

### November

- 1

Mount St. Mary Hospital Mass (11 am), **Victoria**
- 4

Archdiocese of Vancouver Eucharist Congress Guest Speaker, **Surrey**
- 10

General Clergy meeting, **Duncan**
- 14-18

National Liturgy Commission meeting, **Winnipeg**
- 25

Remembrance Mass (12 noon) for deceased members of the Clergy and Religious
- 30

St. Andrew's Feast Day Mass (9:30 am) with students from St. Andrew's Elementary School, **Victoria**  
St. Andrew's Feast Day Mass (12 noon), St. Andrew's Cathedral, **Victoria**

### December

- 2-3

Knights of Columbus District Deputies Meeting, **Surrey**
- 8

St. Andrew's High School Mass (11 am), Sacred Heart Parish, **Victoria**
- 10

Legion of Mary (2 pm), St. Andrew's Cathedral, **Victoria**
- 13

Mount St. Mary Hospital Mass (11 am), **Victoria**
- 24-25

Christmas Mass, **Ahousht Village, West Coast**

### January

- 5-8

Assembly of Western Catholic Bishops Retreat, **Mission**
- 19

Clergy Day of Reflection
- 24

Mount St. Mary Hospital Mass (11 am), **Victoria**

### November

- 19

**Our Lady of the Rosary, Victoria:** Family Movie Night with Mass at 5:00 pm and Movie at 6:00 pm. We'll have refreshments (pizza, popcorn, chips, juice by donation) and the movie, *It's A Meaningful Life* featuring the Veggie Tales, will be followed by crafts and fun family time. The movie is 48 minutes long. Contact the office at (250) 478-3482 or email [olor@shaw.ca](mailto:olor@shaw.ca) for more information.
- 26

**St. Rose of Lima, Sooke:** Annual Parish Christmas Bazaar from 9 am through 3 pm in the church hall. The Bazaar will feature beautiful craft items for Christmas and other occasions; bread, pies, tarts, squares, loaves, fudge and a wide variety of cookies baked by the ladies of the parish. For more information, email [strose@shawbiz.ca](mailto:strose@shawbiz.ca).
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**Trinity, Nanaimo:** 8:30 am Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. For more information, email [trinitycatholic@telus.net](mailto:trinitycatholic@telus.net), call the office at (250) 390-2612 or visit the parish website at [www.trinitynanaimo.com](http://www.trinitynanaimo.com).

### December

- 7

**Trinity, Nanaimo:** 6:30 pm, Penitential Service. For more information, email [trinitycatholic@telus.net](mailto:trinitycatholic@telus.net), call the office at (250) 390-2612 or visit the parish website at [www.trinitynanaimo.com](http://www.trinitynanaimo.com).
- 11

**Our Lady of the Rosary, Victoria:** Mass at 10:30 am followed by lunch in the Parish Hall. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus, who will provide hamburgers and hotdogs. Santa Claus is coming and he will have a present for you! RSVP to the parish office at (250) 478-3482 or email [olor@shaw.ca](mailto:olor@shaw.ca) to be sure Santa knows you will be there!

### January

- 14

**Our Lady of the Rosary, Victoria:** Family Movie Night with Mass at 5:00 pm and Movie at 6:00 pm. We'll have refreshments (pizza, juice, popcorn and chocolate by donation) and the movie *Pistachio* featuring the Veggie Tales, will be followed by crafts and fun family time. The movie is 50 minutes long and the topic is "A lesson in listening to your parents." Contact the office at (250) 478-3482 or email [olor@shaw.ca](mailto:olor@shaw.ca) for more information.
- 24

**St. Joseph the Worker, Victoria:** *Could You Ever Come Back to the Catholic Church* will begin Wednesday, January 24, 2012 at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, from 7 – 9 pm. For registration contact the parish office at (250) 479-7413 or Charlie Allen, M.ed., B.Div at (778) 433-5772 or by email to [charlieballen@gmail.com](mailto:charlieballen@gmail.com). See article page 5.

### February

- 25

**Our Lady of the Rosary, Victoria:** Family Movie Night with Mass at 5:00 pm and Movie at 6:00 pm. We'll have refreshments (pizza, juice, popcorn and chocolate!) and the movie *Samson & Delilah* featuring the Veggie Tales, will be followed by crafts and fun family time. The movie is 30 minutes long. Contact the office at (250) 478-3482 or email [olor@shaw.ca](mailto:olor@shaw.ca) for more information.

### Miscellany

Fridays

**Our Lady of the Rosary, Victoria:** 9:30 – 11 am, Moms & Tots Group. All mothers with children 6 years and under are welcome. For more information contact Rosemarie Urbanson at (250) 391-6618; no registration is required.

### Sundays

**Our Lady of the Rosary, Victoria:** Religious Classes for Children and Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children from Kindergarten to Grade 6. 9:40 am – 10:25 am every Sunday. For more information contact Marie Peeters at (250) 542-4483.

**Our Lady of the Rosary, Victoria:** Holy Families Group on the last Sunday of every month. This is an opportunity for married couples to share their faith and discuss marriage and family concerns in an authentically Catholic setting. And there's a potluck dinner! For more information contact Bonnie Landry at (250) 743-1982 or email [onthisrock@shaw.ca](mailto:onthisrock@shaw.ca).

## Annual Mass of Remembrance

A Diocesan Mass, with Bishop Richard Gagnon presiding, will be celebrated at the Cathedral on **Friday, November 25 at 12 noon** for all deceased priests, bishops and religious of the diocese. This year, in addition to our last deceased Bishop (Bishop Hill) we also remember from among the Sisters of St. Ann: Sr. Mary Margaret Brown, Sr. Kathleen Cyr and Sr. Ida Brasseur and from the Poor Clares, Sr. Barbara Borst.

A Reception will follow and all are invited to attend. Kindly remember in your prayers those who have laboured for the Church in the Diocese of Victoria and pray that the Lord will send dedicated men and women to continue their work.

## Liturgical and Devotional Prayer over the Centuries

Sponsored by the Diocesan Liturgical Commission, Fr. John Hibbard will give a 60 minute presentation on the topic: How do we pray? Liturgical and Devotional Prayer over the Centuries. There are three opportunities to hear the talk and ask questions. Each evening will begin at 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, Feb. 7th at St. Patrick's Church in Victoria**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 8th at St. Peter's Church in Nanaimo**  
**Thursday, Feb. 9th at Christ the King Church in Courtenay**

To register for the workshops, please contact the appropriate parish: St. Patrick's at 250-592-7391 ([parishsecretary@telus.net](mailto:parishsecretary@telus.net)); St. Peter's at 250 753-3570 ([sec.stpetersrc@shaw.ca](mailto:sec.stpetersrc@shaw.ca)) or Christ the King at 250-334-4716 ([ctkparish@shaw.ca](mailto:ctkparish@shaw.ca)).

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# Island News & Events



## Holy Families

by Bonnie Landry

*Holy Families* is a group of young families that get together on a monthly basis at Our Lady of the Rosary parish in Langford. The group was started on the idea that married couples should have support and encouragement in the early and challenging first ten years of marriage. The focus remains on the needs of younger married couples, and topics of discussion reflect this mission, but all families are welcome.

The goals are mentorship, fellowship, encouragement, formation and community in a Catholic context.

Potluck suppers are held the last Sunday of each month at Our Lady of the Rosary. This location was chosen to make this group accessible to several areas of Victoria and the south Island. The evenings run from 3:00 – 7:00 pm, beginning with discussion and followed by dinner and more time for fellowship afterwards.

Our discussion topic for November is *Celebrating the Liturgical Year In the Home*. Our speaker, Katherine Eames from Seattle, Washington, is an enthusiastic promoter of families and faith, and a wonderful resource for encouragement and the celebration of the liturgical year.

For more information on *Holy Families*, please email me at onthisrock@shaw.ca ☒

## UVic Newman House Up & Running

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involvement with the activities and evangelization of the Catholic Students' Association.

They also follow a house rule.

"We pray together at least once every day and ensure that we spend time in community every week," said Côté.

"There are other aspects of the house rule as well, but they all revolve around the principle of service to each other, the Catholic Students' Association at UVic and the Lord."

This is the first Newman House west of Ontario, as well as the first Canadian Newman House opened in the last 30-odd years. There are three other Newman Houses in Canada, located at McGill University, Queen's University and the University of Toronto. There is a Newman Centre at the University of Saskatchewan, but it doesn't have a residence and functions as a Catholic campus club.

"I've heard that over 50 per cent of the faithful lose their faith during their four years of attending a secular university," said Côté. "The Newman House exists as a stronghold, a place where values of service, honesty, humility and love are built up in us. I believe that this Newman House can be a ray of hope in the midst of a culture lacking true men of faith, courage and love."

Blessed Newman was beatified in 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI in Birmingham, England. Originally an Anglican clergyman, Newman converted and was received into the Catholic Church on October 9, 1845. He went on to become a well-known intellectual, writer, educator, poet and cardinal.

Looking forward, Henderson hopes to establish a second house for female students and eventually to obtain a permanent residence, as the current house is rented.

"I hope that great friendships in faith are cemented through the Newman House, vocations are fertilized there and the joy of Christ is celebrated within the whole diocesan community," Henderson said. "I also hope to see a permanent house centre in the near future which can serve more permanently our mission purposes." ☒

## Would You Ever Come Back To The Catholic Church?

by Christopher Fortune

On a Sunday in August three years ago, I was looking over the bulletin from my mother's church that she had left behind after visiting for lunch. I saw a small item entitled *Would You Ever Come Back To The Catholic Church?* I don't think that was a question I had contemplated before, even though I had left the Catholic Church some time in my early twenties. Like many of my generation, I had left the church for no particular reason and when I did return to a life of faith, I did so as a committed Anglican, even assuming leadership roles in that communion. But these last several years had been a struggle for me, as I wrestled with issues in the Church over sexuality and the authority of Scripture which went against the earliest teachings and foundations in the Catholic faith as I had known them since my youth. Maybe that question posed by that Sunday bulletin, was something I should consider. Just maybe, now was the right time to consider returning to the Catholic Church.

The next day I telephoned the number at the bottom of the article and found myself registered for a course offered by Fr. William Hann at St. Joseph the Worker Parish.

Such "welcome home" courses have been offered for many years in other dioceses around North America, but this was the first time such a course was being offered here on Vancouver Island. Our group met on a weekday evening; we were about twelve in all, of various ages and life experiences. But our common theme was that all had been baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church but had, at some time, left for a variety of reasons. And now, here we were in a room together thinking about making a decision to come back, formally or otherwise, but full of questions and trepidation. Fr. Hann outlined the course and its structure, handed out the guidebook and reassured us that there was nothing threatening or recriminating about to take place. The program that unfolded over the next 10 weeks was designed to re-familiarize those present with the current teachings and practices of the Church and to offer an opportunity for each participant to examine his or / her relationship with the Catholic Church at the time that they left it, and to explore their current reasons for thinking about coming back. The course makes it clear that coming back to the Church is not just an event but a process, and the resources that it offers through the guidebook, the videos, the guests and discussions all help make that process as individual and meaningful as possible.

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was being offered here on Vancouver Island

From my own perspective, this course was indispensable in helping me discern God's call back to His Church and in making my journey a life-changing process that is still continuing. If you are experiencing such a call "home," don't hesitate to enrol—you won't be disappointed—and consider making recommending this course a recommendation to anyone you know who is struggling with their faith outside the Catholic Church.

*Could You Ever Come Back to the Catholic Church* will begin Wednesday, January 24, 2012 at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, from 7 – 9 pm. For registration contact the parish office at (250) 479-7413 or Charlie Allen, M.ed., B.Div at (778) 433-5772 or by email to charlieballen@gmail.com. ☒

## Discipleship: Continuing the Journey of Hearts and Hands

by Jamie Zwicker

The first annual Diocesan Conference was held on October 28 - 29, 2011, at St. Andrew's Regional High School with over 225 participants from across the Diocese of Victoria.

Internationally known speaker David Wells of Plymouth Diocese, England, gave the opening keynote address and he summarized developments related to the current state of Western Culture and outlined particular challenges that impact the Church. He also provided a framework for exploring the relationship between our global reality and the Church's response for addressing these challenges, specifically through the work of John Paul II and Benedict XVI on the New Evangelization. This "New Evangelization" essentially refers to certain principles and means of discovering, developing and celebrating our gifts and talents as Gifts from God which are sourced and rooted in our relationship with Christ, the Church and each other, for the purpose of furthering Christ's work of offering healing to a wounded world.

The second keynote address was given by Susan Campbell (Director of Lay Formation, Diocese of Prince George), who situated these issues to our Canadian reality. She also unpacked the Canadian Bishops' recently released document *On Good Soil: Evangelization and Catechesis with Adults*. This milestone document is a "best practices" guide, the result of the detailed analysis of the documents in this area published by the various Bishops' Conferences of the world. Among many other things, *On Good Soil* is a practical and effective blueprint for revitalizing Church communities.

Following up on the two keynote speakers, Bishop Richard connected these global and national realities to our own "backyard," highlighting implications and opportunities arising out of our Diocesan Pastoral Plan in its response to our own unique cultural reality.

Publication of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan and the March Parish Pastoral Council Planning Workshops has led to parishes working at developing their own local Parish Pastoral Plans. These Plans are based on the model of the Six Core Areas of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan (Liturgy, Sacrament and Prayer; the Vocation of Marriage and Family; Outreach and Social Justice; Faith Formation; Stewardship; and Youth). These local Parish Pastoral Plans will form an integral part of the next phase of our planning: concrete measurable goals rooted in the reality of local needs, cooperatively addressed and carefully assessed.

The Saturday afternoon section of the Conference focused on the realities of the Diocesan picture. Ministry experts in the areas of Liturgy; Sacrament and Prayer; the Vocation of Marriage and Family; Outreach and Social Justice; Faith Formation; Stewardship; First Nations; and Youth led like-minded delegates in a process of assessing current conditions, as well as clarifying and recommending direction for the Diocesan Pastoral Plan.

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# Discipleship: Continuing the Journey of Hearts and Hands

The results of the individual workshop sessions were recorded and will form a context for better insight and discernment at the Diocesan level for the “next best steps” to be taken in each of the Core Areas of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan.

The final work of the Conference involved Regional Workshop Sessions. Parish representatives convened with regional facilitators who assisted with identifying developments at the local level, reviewing resources and determining potential “next best steps.” The locally developed Parish Pastoral Plans were briefly discussed to determine potential opportunities for regional mutual support, cooperative ventures or mentoring initiatives. While intended to identify possibilities for aiding and strengthening regions, the results of these sessions will also form a basis for ongoing Diocesan planning and decision making. Providing an immersion in the simple principles and practicalities of the New Evangelization is an opportunity for parishioners, together with their parish priests to build up solid, supportive communities that are sources of consolation and healing in a wounded world.

The first annual Diocesan Conference truly celebrated a new chapter in our Diocesan family’s growth, a divine moment for better understanding and working together to build up the Body of Christ in the Diocese of Victoria. ✠



# The Tides(men) Turn in Parksville

by Sandi Digras, Chair, Fundraising Committee

The Church of the Ascension fundraising committee again hosted the Tidesmen Barbershop Chorus to our church Saturday, September 17 at 7:00 following 5:00 pm Mass.

This exciting group of 30 men performed a wide variety of songs that the audience really enjoyed. This was the second time we hosted the group as part of the fundraising activities. Following the performance we had a lovely reception prepared by members of the Fundraising Committee in our new hall. Our new pastor, Father Mel Bayron, had a chance to greet the guests and to see his Fundraising committee in action. ✠

# Welcoming the New Roman Missal

Moreover, changes being brought to the Mass are not limited to spoken or sung texts. They also touch some actions and postures during the Mass. Therefore, we will need to learn them and the times during the Mass where they occur.

## Where does the new translation come from?

Official texts of the Mass are promulgated by the “Holy See” (the official authority of the Roman Catholic Church). A Latin edition (*editio typica*) is prepared and published under the title *Missale Romanum* (*Sacramentary* or *Roman Missal* in English).

Then, the Conference of Bishops of each country (or group of countries) in the world is responsible to prepare proper translations in the language(s) used in its country and to get them approved by the *Holy See*. Usually, a team of experts and bishops from various countries using the same language work together on such an enormous task. The International Committee on English in the Liturgy (usually referred to as ICEL) is responsible for the English translations. All the bishops of participating countries then get to critique, modify and approve that work.

Each Conference of Bishops also prepares a certain number of local adaptations as required by the Holy See or as requested by the bishops. Then, each Conference of Bishops must approve the translations and adaptations for use in its country/region, and present them to the Holy See for final approval.

These steps led to the new Mass translation that we will be getting.

## Who initiated the change of translation?

In response to concerns expressed by local Bishops’ Conferences, the Congregation for Divine Worship initiated a period of study and reflection upon the current translations being used throughout the universal church. This period resulted in the document entitled *Liturgiam Authenticam* (2001) in which specific guidelines were established for all future translations from Latin to the vernacular.

The International Commission for English in the Liturgy (ICEL) in collaboration with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, following a long period of intense study and reflection, established a General Instruction of the *Roman Missal* (GIRM) and the resulting new translation of the *Ordo Missae* (*Order of Mass*) for the Canadian Church. These documents were then submitted to the Congregation of Divine Worship for approval. ✠

# Youth Voices Challenge

by James E. O’Reilly

The Youth Voices Challenge Committee, representing the Catholic Foundation and the Diocese of Victoria, is pleased to announce the winners of Youth Voices Challenge 2011. Based on YouTube viewing results at 12:00 pm on Thursday, September 15, 2011 the final tally was as follows:

<i>Brand New Day</i>	Ascension Parish, Parksville	1,939
<i>Camel</i>	Saanich Peninsula Parish	1,346
<i>Compassion Play</i>	St. Patrick’s Parish, Victoria	454

As a result, the team from Ascension Parish will receive the top prize of \$1,500, and, because all members of the team attend Ascension, the parish will receive a bonus of \$1,000. Saanich Peninsula’s team will receive the second prize of \$1,000 and St. Patrick’s team will receive the third prize of \$500.

We congratulate all entrants for a job well done in employing contemporary media to highlight a dimension of the Gospel message. ✠

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# Parish Profile



## St. Joseph the Worker Parish Is Turning 50!

By Jean Allen

St. Joseph the Worker Parish of Victoria is having a Jubilee in 2012 and the first celebration, anticipating a year packed with commemorative activities, began gloriously with Mass and a multi-cultural potluck. Musicians, the choir and parishioners filled the church with the heart-lifting entrance hymn, *All Are Welcome In This Place*. Bishop Richard Gagnon concelebrated Mass with Fr. William Hann, pastor of St. Joseph's and at the end of Mass read aloud the Papal Blessing. A beautiful banner proclaiming the Jubilee motto *A Pilgrim People Rooted in Christ, Yesterday, Today and Forever* was prominently displayed.

Indeed, our parish has been, and is, filled with a pilgrim people who have worked hard over the last 50 years to create a welcoming community rooted in Christ's love. The potluck that followed Mass was evidence of the vastly varied backgrounds of the people of the parish.

"The multicultural potluck was a fitting kickoff to our year-long celebration of being a pilgrim people because our parish community is made up of people from the many corners of the world. We celebrate that!" said Fr. Hann. "The music, the food and the involvement was a living witness to the spirit and invitation of Vatican II for the Church to be the people of God. Our parish strives to be the kind of church that witnesses in word and deed to love and serve."

A church is built on legacies both material and spiritual, and after 50 years St. Joseph's has many legacies for which to be grateful. The most recent one was unveiled at Mass. Everyone was moved when Father William uncovered an elegant candle stand, crafted and designed by Doug Craig. Bishop Richard said a blessing and Wendy Payne lit the first candle. She and her late husband, Dennis, commissioned Mr. Craig to create the stand and he took special care to make sure the design suited the aesthetics and lighting of the church. The stand with its hand-blown glass votives will offer a place of peace and prayer to multitudes of people, now and in the future.

The inception of St. Joseph's took place on November 16th, 1962, when the first sod was turned and the church, designed by John Di Castri, was completed on May 19, 1963. In 1965 the first Parish Pastoral Council was formed and in May the sod was turned for the building of the school. In 1998, the parish was placed under the patronage of St. Joseph the Worker in honour of the remarkable working people who not only "dreamed the dream" but also laboured with love to lay the spiritual and physical foundations and provide for the church everything needed to create a strong community as well as an inspiring place of worship.

During his homily Bishop Richard referred to all the "shoulders of the past" which have supported the church and noted that it doesn't just take sweat and hard work to create a parish; it takes love. "This parish would not be here today if it wasn't for the heart of love."

Moiria King, Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council and the 50th Anniversary Planning Committee, commented on the Jubilee year plans. "Our golden anniversary is a time to thank God for all our blessings and to celebrate the many parishioners—past and present—because of the wonderful faith community we enjoy today. Our parish continues to be an amazing, welcoming family."

The people of St. Joseph the Worker Parish have good reason to be jubilant so it was entirely fitting for them to sing:

*Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place!*



Some highlights of our upcoming events:

- *Building the Spirit* Martini and Casino Night - A St. Joseph School and St. Joseph the Worker Parish Community Fundraiser Event, Saturday, November 19 from 7:00 – 11:00 pm. Tickets: \$20.00 (includes appetizers and more). This event will support our children and youth so that their programs and extracurricular activities can grow and prosper each year. Contact the school or parish for tickets.
- *Priest and Painter Run Again*: With a goal of \$10,000, Father William Hann and Danny Hayek will run from Duncan to Victoria (64 kms) on the morning of Nov. 19th as part of the "Building the Spirit" fundraiser event. Please make cheques payable to: St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 753 Burnside Road W., Victoria, BC, V8Z 1M9. Pledge envelopes are available at the school or parish office. Call 250. 479-713 or email: sjtwoffice@shaw.ca or website: www.sjtw.ca
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# Face the Day



by Bonnie Landry

While there are many suitable adjectives to describe motherhood, fatherhood and family life, there is one adjective that I have never heard to describe raising children.

*Profitable.*

It's true. We, at least, have never experienced material gain from our children. Except comic relief of course, but I'm not certain that exactly counts as "gain." We have experienced (and are still experiencing to one degree or another): expenses; debt; nominal levels of hunger; grave sleep deprivation; week upon endless week of the common cold passed generously from one to the next; worry; occasional domestic chaos; and a great many other inconveniences—because we have children.

That we went into this particular career knowingly and willingly does not change the fact that children drain most of a parent's resources, time, energy, money, creativity, patience and sleep. Nor do we receive tangible recompense for all of this.

Our relationship with our children is not symbiotic. Or is it? In a climate that appears to be "all give and no get," this is the place where we really grow up. This is the relationship in which we learn to put others before ourselves. It is the School of Virtue to be parents. We can never be brave if we are never afraid. We can never learn generosity without selfishness. We can never learn to feel rested if we never lose sleep. Oops—wait a minute—"rested" isn't a virtue. But patience under duress is, for sure. It is virtuous to overcome these things.

Producing and raising children is not ever likely to be a financially lucrative decision—and perhaps this is one clue as to the alarming drop in population in the last few decades—but is intensely lucrative in the investment of our spiritual growth.

Society's understanding of profit has changed dramatically. Look up the word *profit* in a scriptural concordance and you'll see the word used frequently, but seldomly to describe material wealth. *Profit* is used in reference to the gain of wisdom, of spiritual growth, of understanding. Of salvation.

As the world experiences a grave increase in the desire to amass material wealth, families need to be even more keenly aware of how to amass spiritual wealth—storing up their treasure in heaven. Never has it been more vital that we prepare our children for the spiritual challenges they will face, through prayer, education and example.

We were built to give. To give our life to God. To give ourselves entirely to a spouse in the vocation of marriage so that our marriages can be fully fruitful in witness to our children and those around us, and fully including the Maker in our marriage. We were designed to give life and to give ourselves to the demands that our vocation has called us to.

Thomas Howard is the author of a book, *Hallowed Be This House* (it also comes under the title *Splendour in the Ordinary*). This book defines ways in which the home, the ordinary life, the daily grind as it were, can be sanctified and can sanctify the family. The author brings us to greater clarity of the presence of God in our daily walk and within our four walls.

A passage that struck me from this book was the idea that holiness is not something occurring only at the temple or the altar, but that our homes and families are the reflection and the purpose of the holiness occurring at the altar. Mr. Howard says:

*The walls of the house (meaning our own homes) signal to us the place, then, where the rite is occurring. It is a holy place, for in it the sacred mysteries are celebrated: the mystery of love transfiguring duty into joy, and of laid down life understood as the principle of all life, and of ordinariness hallowed by being offered up in oblation to the Giver of every good thing.*

Did you catch that? ...*love transfiguring duty into joy*... Read that entire passage twice. He is talking about our homes, our families.

Blessed Pope John Paul II elucidated and expanded our understanding of the Theology of the Body. We tend to think of the message of the Theology of the Body as increasing our understanding of the fullness of human physical intimacy. It has aided us immensely in understanding the barriers to a complete giving of ourselves. But this message is relevant not only to physical intimacy, but to all our daily walk and to giving of ourselves entirely, in all things. It is our body that carries out the acts of love that transfigure duty into joy—sacrifice into Salvation.

Love always requires sacrifice to be made manifest. In sacrifice we find the real profit in life. In sacrificing our time and resources for our family we grow in holiness. In sometimes giving up what we want for the good of another we grow in holiness. One of Thomas Howard's points in his book is that love, like the love of Christ, requires sacrifice and every time we give something to our families, our neighbours, our communities or our parishes, we make small sacrifices of time, resources, convenience, patience.

*What shall it profit, my brethren,  
if a man say he hath faith, but hath not works?  
Shall faith be able to save him?  
~ James 2:14*

There it is. The works, (like laundry), the acts (like wiping noses), the sacrifices (like the cheques for the music lessons, soccer, groceries, college), and the sleepless nights. It is our profit and our path to heaven. ✠

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# Catholic Schools



## Catholic Schools Plan: Strong Foundations for a Bright Future

by Joe Colistro, Superintendent

The past two months have been busy but exciting as we have continued work on the *Catholic Schools Plan*. The *Catholic Schools Plan* is a vision for the future of Island Catholic Schools in Greater Victoria. In order to continue to provide safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable Catholic schools, the plan includes upgrading and amalgamating our schools in Greater Victoria. The Catholic Schools Plan includes upgrades at St. Andrews High School, St. Joseph's Elementary School, and St. Patrick's Elementary. St. Andrew's Elementary School students and staff will be accommodated at the expanded St. Joseph's School and the upgraded St. Patrick's School.

Garyali Architect, a Victoria-based architectural company, has been hired as the architects for all three school projects. Garyali Architect has completed numerous major projects including schools, university buildings, community facilities, and libraries, receiving numerous awards for their innovation and design.

CitySpaces, a consulting company, has also been retained and have been coordinating the three school projects from conception and will do so until their completion. CitySpaces is a leading provider of consulting services in Western Canada, specializing in housing, health and education, development planning, community design and communications.

Over the past month, through the direction of CitySpaces, there has been an Issues and Opportunities Workshop at each of the schools scheduled to be renovated. The workshops were very well received and consisted of stakeholders from the parent body, school staff, administrators and central office. At the workshops participants were asked to list what was good about their existing school, what

they did not like and what they wished for in the expansion.

These workshops were followed by a general Open House held at St. Andrew's High School. The Open House was attended by approximately 100 people and provided a further avenue for consultation. A review of the material and suggestions gathered at the three Issues and Opportunities workshops and the Open house was compiled by CitySpaces outlining the items to be included, those that were not feasible and those considered "wish list" type items. With this information in hand Garyali Architect has started to work on preliminary drawings and design considerations.



Advisory committees have been established at each of the schools. These committees will be meeting in the weeks to come to review the Catholic Schools Plan and School Building Programs progress to date. They will continue to meet in the months to come reviewing conceptual draft designs and other related project considerations. Open Houses will also be held for parents, school staff, parishioners and others interested in following the progress of the Catholic Schools Plan.

This week will be the launch of a *Catholic Schools Plan* interactive website, linked to the Diocese of Victoria and Island Catholic Schools website. The website will allow interested individuals an opportunity to track the progress of each project and provide feedback.

These are truly exciting times as we chart the path for a strong, viable Catholic system and build a solid foundation for our Catholic schools. We appreciate the support, whether financial, through prayer, or by active participation and involvement in our Catholic schools. Through the cooperation and collaborative efforts of all, we will continue to live out the mission and vision of our schools and build strong foundations for a bright future. ✠

## School Retreat at Shawnigan Lake

by Simon Di Castri

As the Catholic Schools Plan for renovating and expanding the schools in Victoria moves forward, Administrators have been meeting to discuss ways in which to bring the schools closer together, creating more opportunities for our schools to interact and connect with each other. One of the first initiatives is to implement a Retreat Program at the elementary level for grades 5 through 7, bringing all three schools together for these grade-specific retreats.

The first retreat in this program took place at the end of September, at Camp Pringle in Shawnigan Lake. This retreat brought students together from St. Andrew's, St. Joseph's, and St. Patrick's for an overnight retreat experience in the renovated facilities at Camp Pringle (which are awesome!). We used Mr. Brock's (St. Andrew's High School) successful retreat template, and adjusted it for our grade 7 group. The basic philosophy of these retreats is Friends, Food, Fun, and Faith will Follow, and it is indeed a successful way to engage children and youth in integrating their faith into all aspects of their lives.

On September 29, we took 80 grade seven students, along with thirteen Grade 10 students from St. Andrew's Regional High School acting as Student Retreat Leaders and gratefully, we were blessed with impeccable weather. We had four alumni from each of the schools acting as Retreat Leaders with the idea of strengthening the bonds between the high school and our elementary schools in Victoria. The high school student leaders were a fantastic group of people who took this task seriously and yet inspired a lot of fun.

The retreat opened with a number of "ice breaker" activities to break down any barriers between the students, who were organized in multi-school groups thereby facilitating new friendships among the various schools. The "pass-the-hoola-hoop" competition between the boys and girls was wild, and the cheering raised a new

and higher standard in terms of volume! Students learned a number of dance routines that will be part of their retreat experience at the high school — dances they will participate in right through to grade 12. The "Dance Party" was a blast! A killer game of "Capture the Flag" rounded out the afternoon — actually three games to determine the best of three, and miraculously no one was injured!

It wasn't all just fun and games, however, eight of the Student Retreat Leaders gave talks sharing their experiences as older students who have "travelled further down the road of life." These talks covered three topics, each from both a male and female perspective, and included *Being Yourself*, *What I Am Is A Gift From God*, *What I Become Is My Gift To God*, and *How To Make And Be A Friend*, all topics grade 7 students are wrestling with and will wrestle with as they transition to adolescence and high school. To say that the high school student leaders did a great job with these talks in particular, and in showing leadership generally, would be an understatement. They really were an awesome bunch! The retreat culminated with a celebration of the Eucharist with Fr. William presiding, a truly fitting way to end our time together.

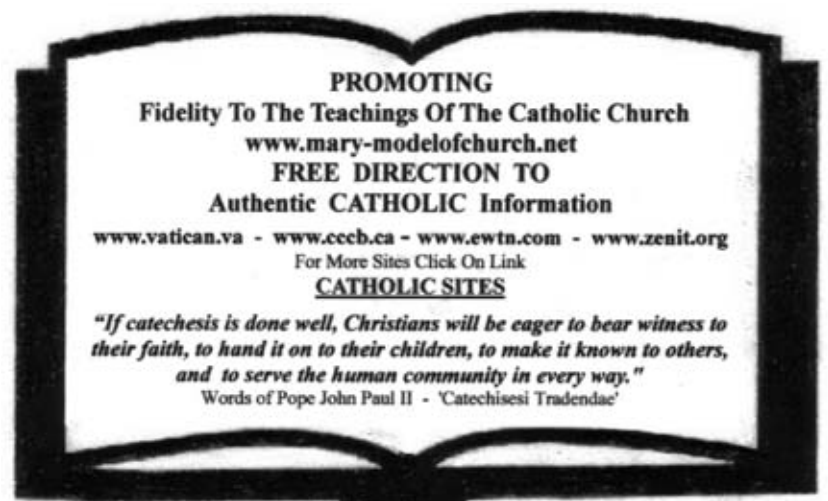
Rounding out our team for this retreat was a fabulous group of parents and teachers who gave up their time to chaperone and assist, without a single complaint about being in an unheated cabin with ten youngsters snoring and sneezing — surely these chaperones are now candidates for canonization!

Students from each of the Victoria elementary schools thoroughly enjoyed their time on retreat, many making new friends that, they tell me, they will stay in touch with over the course of their grade 7 year, knowing most will reconnect at St. Andrew's Regional High School.

It was a successful launch of our first annual grade 7 Retreat, and we look forward to an even better experience next year. My thanks to students, student leaders, teachers, administrators and parents for making this first retreat a rousing success! ✠



Kids on Retreat enjoy time together





# What’s New at John Paul II?



by Kathy Korman, Principal

There is much to celebrate in Port Alberni as JPPI Elementary School continues to grow and flourish. With the addition of our Mini-Miracles Family Centre, we are serving 120 children in 98 families. We have a staff of 22 working with children from birth to grade 8. September 2011 marks the beginning of our seventh year.

### School Chaplain

We are grateful for the support of our parish priest, Fr. Stephen Paine. His weekly visits are fun and informative. Between now and Christmas, Fr. Stephen will be celebrating a “teaching Mass” with each class in our school chapel. We are always delighted when he is able to join us for a potluck lunch or goodies at recess. He even kept up the pace with the senior class on a field trip to Horne Lake caves. Well done, Fr. Stephen!

### Technology

We are blessed to have a brand new computer lab consisting of 20 iMac computers and a network server. Each classroom has wireless internet access, two computers and a printer for classroom use. Two classrooms have scanners for their Special Education programs. The students love their new technology program and equipment!

### Renovations

Our wonderful volunteers continue to improve and update our school building. Two sets of washrooms received a coat of paint, new flooring, new countertops and fixtures. The preschool is moving into a larger, renovated classroom as well. This room received a coat of paint, new laminate flooring and extensive shelving. We had a small fire in one of the classrooms last February, but since then all of the renovations have been completed and repaired. Many thanks to our hard-working “parish hands” who continue to make a difference in our facility.

### Mini-Miracles Family Centre

In September 2010, we opened our first preschool, group daycare (30 mos. and up), and our infant/toddler program (birth to 30 mos.). In September 2011, we are bursting at the seams. The preschool is full, a second staff member was hired for the group daycare, and the infant/toddler has a waiting list for babies. The children in our family centre are actively involved in our school programs. We have buddy activities, concerts, family nights and school celebrations that include our Mini-Miracles children. Our project this year is to build a natural playground (Mini-Park) in enclosed playground space.

### Student Leadership

Our school has been divided into “Faith Families” at the suggestion of our senior grade 7/8 class. These groupings include the whole school and are multi-grade. They will be used for service projects and faith activities every four to six weeks. Our first activity will be to celebrate All Saint’s Day through a variety of Saint stations.

### Terry Fox Run

After a short prayer ceremony and physical warm-up, the students hit the running field with flying feet. Each lap earned the runner a popsicle-stick entry into the classroom draw. Several students won donated soccer balls and skipping ropes for their efforts. Jessica Denis won this year’s Terry Fox shirt.

### Me to We Event

18 students travelled with their teachers and parent volunteers to the *Me to We* Event in Vancouver. Over 20,000 other students joined them at Rogers Arena to listen to speakers such as Mikhail Gorbachev, Shaquille O’Neal and Nelly Furtado as they promoted peace, justice and hope for oppressed children in the world. Several students called this event “life-changing.”

### Raise-a-Reader

In support of *Literacy Alberni*, the Preschool Class and the grade 7/8 class shared a literacy event to promote reading at all levels. They learned that literacy is more than just sharing a book.

### Staff List

Mrs. Mary Benson	Kindergarten/Gr. 1
Mrs. Joan Scheunhage	Kindergarten/Gr. 1
Mr. Toban Brooks	Gr. 2/3
Mrs. Erica Andersen	Gr. 4/5
Ms. Colleen Duncan	Gr. 5/6
Miss Rebecca Wall	Gr. 7/8
Mrs. Angela deBruijn	Phys Ed, French, bus
Mrs. Kathy Korman	Principal, Technology, Religion
Mrs. Tanya Irg	Educational Assistant, Librarian
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Mrs. Anne Moragan	Infant/Toddler Educator
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Mrs. Chelley Brandl	Early Learning Educator – Daycare
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Mrs. Nicole Rollans	ECE Support Educator
Ms. Kathleen Snow	ECE Support Educator
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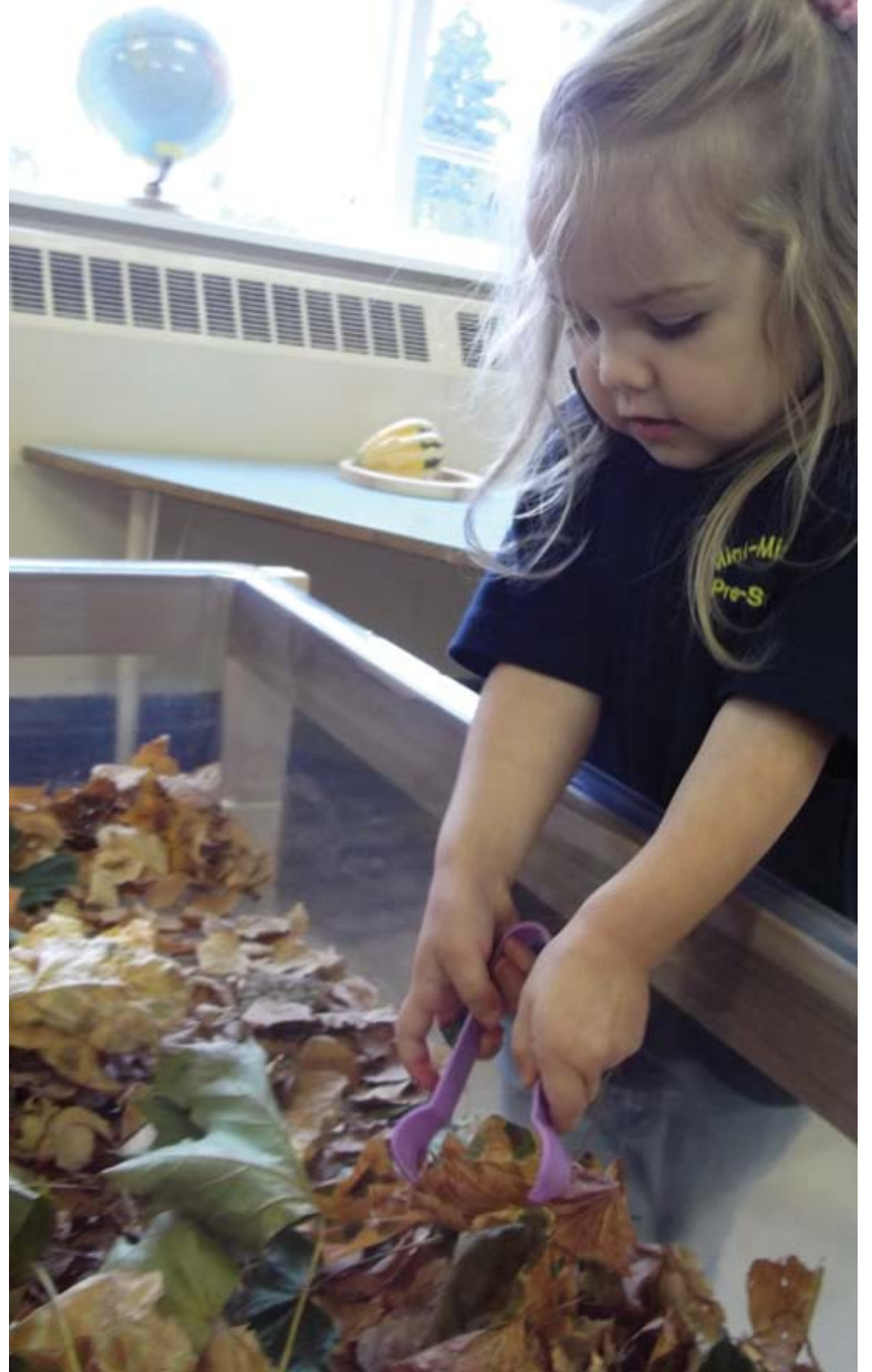
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# Connections



by Raya MacKenzie

When my aunt asked me to be the godmother of her first son, I felt honoured, excited, and a little apprehensive. Was I really the best person for the job? I was probably much too young. Weren't godparents supposed to possess lots of experience and wisdom? Shouldn't they have come to some strong understanding of God, the Church, important theological questions and (preferably) a grasp on life, love, the universe and everything? I had my own little moments of enlightenment, I acknowledged, but most of the time I found myself paralyzed, hypnotized by the overwhelming mystery of God.

In the weeks leading up to the Baptism, however, I wanted to share everything and anything I might know, even things I wasn't sure about, with this growing person. I put schoolwork on the back-burner (a difficult negligence for me, given my addiction to good marks) and spent a weekend pasting together a scrapbook for some of my favourite poems for my future godson. I included *The Red Wheelbarrow* by William Carlos Williams:

*so much depends  
upon*

*a red wheel  
barrow*

*glazed with rain  
water*

*beside the white  
chickens.*

"What's that?" said my sister, leaning over the scrapbook. She quickly scanned the poem. "That's not very good," she said.

"Why?" I said. I probably rolled my eyes a little.

"It doesn't mean anything. It's just a basic sentence. Anyone could have written it."

"But not just anybody did write it. William Carlos Williams did."

"But it doesn't tell you anything," she persisted. I mounted my English Major high-horse.

"It isn't supposed to tell you anything. It is the expression of a pure moment."

Now my sister rolled her eyes and walked out of the room. I sat hunched over the poor, wounded poem. Why did I like it so much? She was right; it didn't mean anything. Well, it did mean something, just not something that my sister, or I, or probably William Carlos Williams could pin down completely. The poem held a meaning so infinite that no one could reduce it to one boiled-down message alone. It contained the kind of mystery you feel when watching the drizzling November rain sleek the sidewalk silver, or when stroking the impossible smoothness on the bottom of a baby's foot, or when tasting the divine presence on your tongue in Eucharist. I wanted so much to share with my godson, not the answers to everything, but the mysteries that engulf us and make us part of the great, irreducible Love.

*Perhaps what I wanted to share  
in becoming a godparent  
was the legacy of wonder that the  
Apostles also desired to pass down.*

Of course, they passed down some answers, some explicit instructions. But more importantly, they conveyed to us the powerful mystery of God's unknowable love for us. They gave us seven

sacramental "red wheelbarrow moments" where in which we do not so much understand the mystery as much as we live inside it. We belong to the wonder, the mystery. We are the sparks of God's love. We are, each of us, little mysterious poems, the meaning of which we cannot fully know but certainly experience in community, in reflection, in the transformations that began with Baptism.

At my godson's Baptism, I helped hold him over the font. I felt the warm water slip through my fingers as the priest poured it onto the baby's forehead. I was so close to the ritual, so physically close. I suppose all of our rituals always allow us that physical closeness. We eat the Body of Christ, we feel the water on our skin. Because the ritual does not merely symbolize God's love, it is love. And we, physically and spiritually fall into that power. When we lifted my godson out of the font we witnessed the evidence. His newborn fluff of hair stuck up in funny angles in wet and dry patches. He wrinkled his little nose. Uncomfortable. Mysteries always are.

When we lit his candle and lifted it up to him, his eyes grew hugely wide and reflected the amber light. White wax, yellow flame: simple. Yet he stared on, profoundly engaged. Paralyzed, hypnotized. ✠

*So much depends  
upon  
This.*



## CSA Coffee House

by Kayla Hart

The Catholic Students Association at UVic has never been at a loss for musical talent, and current second-year student Nathan Michaluk is organizing an upcoming event to showcase some of these young Catholic musicians.

"I felt there was a need for a CSA social event outside of retreats and Soup and Soul. Naturally, me being a musician, I decided to throw a concert!" says Michaluk. The lineup so far includes past music ministry leader Phil LeRoss—who led the music at the Holy Cross 4:00 pm student Mass for nearly a decade—and current music leaders Karl Trautman as well as Michaluk himself. Other performers include Jeremy Côté, Sachi Ihara and Tom Hayward, who have all been involved in the music ministry at some point in the last few years.

Michaluk hand picked the performers, saying, "I've seen them perform before and know they are all capable musicians." Michaluk is also open to including other acts, including spoken word. If interested, contact him at nbm@uvic.ca for an audition.


Admission is by donation, and all proceeds will go to the 9-10 club soup kitchen. Michaluk chose to support them partly because of the great work they do feeding the homeless and needy of Victoria, and also to show the CSA's appreciation for the soup and buns they provide year-round to the students' weekly Soup and Soul gathering.

The concert will be on Sunday, November 20, beginning around 5:30 pm with coffee and light

snacks provided by the University of Victoria's newly formed Catholic Women's League. ✠

### CSA Concert ~ Coffeehouse

Come out and listen to local Catholic music talent and enjoy coffee, tea and yummy treats!



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**EVERYONE WELCOME!!!**

Date: Sunday November 20, 2011

Time: 5:30 - 8:30pm [after students Mass]

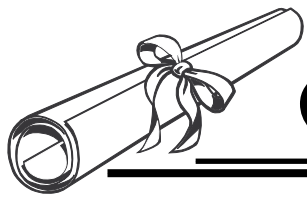
Place: Holy Cross Parish Hall [4049 Gordon Head]

Performances By:

- Phillip Le Ross-
- Nathan Michaluk-
- Sachi Ihara-
- Tom Hay-
- Karl Trautmann-
- Jeremy Côté-







# On Campus



by Fr. Dean Henderson

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Camosun College, which has neither a chapel nor multifaith office, is limited to a ministry of presence in which I try to offer students conversation that takes seriously the spiritual and religious realities of life. Conversations that begin at Camosun have proven to be seeds planted that take root and sprout once students arrive at UVic a year or two later.

Like the sandwich board set up outside the Cathedral on Blanshard Street, I set up my board in the Fraser building just outside the cafeteria and sit at a table with an empty chair waiting for a nibble, as I did during two of my student summers as a fishing guide at Stuart Island near Campbell River. Prayerful patience—not my strongest virtue—is the name of the game. Across the hall one day sat a student fishing for bake sale donations for a good cause. I'd not met him before but he was an outgoing and friendly type and took my sandwich board for what it said "The Chaplain is available, Questions, Comments, Concerns are Welcome; Peace be with You." We carried on quite a conversation across the hallway.

*The Chaplain is available,  
Questions, Comments, Concerns are  
Welcome; Peace be with You.*

"Hey, are you a chaplain?"

"Yes, I am."

"Are you a priest or something?"

"Yes, I'm a Catholic priest"

"Cool. Does that mean you've been to a seminar, or whatever they call that place where you become a priest?"

"I think you might mean a 'seminary', and yes I've been to seminary".

"Cool. And that collar thing is really what you wear?"

As I extricate the white tab from my clerical shirt and show him: "Yup and here it is."

With wide eyes of astonishment he looks and says, "Cool, so you guys are real. I thought you were kinda mythical and just characters in the movies. That's so cool."

"I'm not a myth," I said, barely able to hide my amusement at this most sincere interlocutor. "And my name is Fr. Dean, what's yours?"

"Cool," he said, and the conversation had begun; I got my first bite!

Meanwhile back at UVic, we've enjoyed a fantastic start to the academic year. Many new faces have joined our many regulars from last year as the student leadership and I have made a concerted effort to welcome the newcomers and integrate them into the community of the Church. September is the month requiring huge expenditures of energy and faith in order to get the Sunday and weekday liturgies up and running, student council functioning, our annual fall retreat organized and implemented on Thetis Island, the post Sunday Mass pastoral/catechetical Soup and Soul operational, students registered for the Western Canadian Catholic Student Association in Vancouver at the end of October, as well as registered for *Rise Up*, the annual Catholic Christian Outreach conference after Christmas which this year takes place in Vancouver—and all this with the primary responsibility that we pastorally support the faith of those on campus. By God's grace and a wonderful crew of student leaders, we're off to a great start.

As you'll read elsewhere in the *Messenger*, exciting news on campus is the commencement of a Newman House community with four young men becoming our first UVic members. While getting the foundations laid for the community has been a long, prayerful and thoughtful process in dialogue with Diocesan leadership, the actual practical implementation of the house has gone relatively quickly. In short order, we had a community leader in recent grad Jeremy Côté, committed to leading the guys in daily prayer and weekly meals, as well as collecting from various people and places all the necessities to fill a four bedroom townhouse. A huge thanks to the wider community that has supported this initiative of the Diocese which is of spiritual benefit to the whole Diocese. Our prayerful petition to God, through the intercession of Blessed John Henry Newman, is to see a house established for women, and in due course, a permanent Newman House to extend the mission of the Church on Campus.

Off campus, I've been part of a new initiative that fulfills, in part, one of the objectives of our Diocesan Pastoral Plan. With Bishop Richard, I hosted a number of couples from the Diocese to inaugurate a new Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Council. We're still in the dialogue stage as to the membership, goals and objectives of the Council, but it will be given initial leadership by a Victoria couple, Ian and Reine Mykyte, along with a Port Alberni couple, Dr. Al and Michele Fraser. The Council will assist the Bishop in developing such Diocesan Ministries as Marriage Preparation, Fertility Awareness teaching and Natural Family Planning, Family Counseling and ongoing Catholic marriage and family support.

As one of my student friends would say ... all this ministry is "cool". ✠

## A Reflection On Life In a Newman House

by Jeremy Côté, Newman House Leader, Catholic Students Association of the University of Victoria

It was indeed a grand occasion on the night of October 9, 2011, the feast of Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman. After the 4 pm UVic students' Mass at Holy Cross Parish, over 30 students, UVic Catholic Chaplaincy council members, our UVic Chaplain Father Dean Henderson and Most Reverend Bishop Richard Gagnon packed into the little townhouse on Wolf Street to commemorate the official opening and house blessing of the UVic Newman house. It was a great event as the house was officially blessed by the Bishop of Victoria and Fr. Dean; and to celebrate, we had a Thanksgiving dinner with the UVic Catholic Students Association "family!"

As the Community Leader of the first Newman house to be established west of Ontario, it is literally beyond my comprehension how blessed I am! So far the experience of living in the Newman house for a little over a month has been amazing. Every moment of the day is filled with opportunity to serve and to love and to pray. Prayer and service are big parts of the "House Rule" that residents of the Newman house agree to and embrace. Morning Prayer as a house is one of the greatest blessings I could have ever asked for. Not only does prayer together begin my preparation for the day, I am constantly reminded of God's love for His children whenever I enter our house.

Nearly every piece of furniture that we have in our Newman house was donated through the amazing outpouring of support from the local community. There are large pictures of Blessed Newman, St. Michael the Archangel and Blessed John Paul II on the walls, as well as a large crucifix in the entranceway. Not the kind of decoration found in an

everyday residence for university students, they serve as a constant reminder of Christ's love for us and our mission to evangelize the campus and the world. I am especially thankful for the opportunity to read and learn about Blessed John Henry Newman and his example of faith and wisdom. To me, the Newman house is a most welcome place to come home to, as Blessed Newman himself writes:

*May He support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done! Then in His mercy may He give us safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last!*

Thank you to the CCSA for their support of the UVic Newman house! ✠



Members of the CSA enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner





## On the Road

by James E. O'Reilly

The Diocesan Pastoral Plan continues to inspire and impact the life of the Diocese. Responding to the needs of the Diocese at the grassroots level, the Diocesan Team provided workshops for Pastors and their Parish Pastoral Councils in Victoria at Holy Cross Parish, and Up-Island at Ascension Parish in Parksville, in the Spring. These well-attended, well-received gatherings looked at the essential pastoral nature of the Parish Pastoral Council.

The model for parish life is “relational” epitomized by the Trinity, a community of mutual, other-focussed, life-giving love. The sacramental, catechetical and evangelical dimensions of parish life form the core of parish life, touching and influencing all aspects of living. Gathering in the Lord, to be nourished at the Table of the Word and the Table of the Eucharist; having the Faith passed on through instruction and practice in living it out, as well as outreach to others is what we are about. Such a community is based on and realized in both communion and mission—coming together in the Lord, and bringing the Lord to others.

The Pastor’s role as shepherd, representative of the Bishop, is complemented with his collaborative Parish Pastoral Council gathered around him, reflecting the diversity of the parish community. This “hub” of hearts and minds reflects on needs and discerns direction and means for fulfilling the Parish’s Mission, a mission integrally connected to the Diocesan Mission as well as that of the Universal Church.

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us to continue on the Road, for we will  
recognize the Stranger among us, and  
know that we do not journey alone.*

Thus begins an on-going “dialogue” between the Parish at large and its elected and appointed representatives, the Parish Pastoral Council, supporting their Pastor in a cycle of listening to needs, reflecting on the greater good, responding with compassion, and realistically assessing outcomes to further refine the process. It is a body which recognizes the charisms of the community, calls them forth, empowering the exercising of these gifts for the good of the Church, the greater community and the world.

This is an exciting, revitalizing awareness in its embracing of the baptismal call, in community, centered in the Eucharist for the building of the Kingdom and the good of the world. The blueprint for renewal can be found in the writings of John Paul II (especially *Redemptoris Missio*, *Novo Millennio Ineunte*, and *Christifideles Laici*), Benedict XVI (*The New Evangelization; Building a Civilization of Love*) as well as in the Canadian Bishops’ recently released formation document, *On Good Soil: Pastoral Planning for Evangelization and Catechesis with Adults*.

We are well on our way to exploring this exciting chapter in our Church’s history — our history — as we enter this territory together at our First Annual Diocesan Conference and as we work to develop and refine Parish Pastoral Plans. As we come together to share insights, successes and challenges, we enter sacred ground with each other, for it is in coming together in the name of Christ to find him that we in fact will find him. Our sincere sharing and seeking in a mutually supportive dialogue will inspire and encourage us, and equip us to continue on the Road, for we will recognize the Stranger among us, and know that we do not journey alone. ✠

## Youth Ministry Update

by Stuart Andrie, Youth Ministry Consultant  
for the Diocese of Victoria

*Dear young people, the Church depends on you!  
She needs your lively faith, your creative charity and the energy  
of your hope. Your presence renews, rejuvenates and gives new  
energy to the Church.*

~ Pope Benedict XVI at World Youth Day 2011

This message, given in Madrid to the nearly two million youth who gathered at the feet of the Holy Father this past August, reverberates now more than ever in our own Diocese of Victoria. We must proclaim with a united voice to our youth that they belong in our Church and that the Church, our Church, needs them to be active and vibrant members of our parish communities.

The report of the Diocesan Pastoral Planning Committee found through their consultation process that Youth and Young Adult Ministry is an absolute priority in the hearts and minds of the faithful. In conjunction with this report and with the ever-present words of the Holy Father, we are beginning a process to proclaim this message throughout the entire Diocese to make it known to everyone; most importantly, to our Youth and Young Adults. “Youth and young adults are vital and integral members of our faith communities. As a part of the body of Christ, our mission is to help our young people experience a greater sense of welcome and belonging in our faith communities, and grow to love Christ and His Church.” (Diocese of Victoria Pastoral Planning Report, pg. 32).

Based on the recommendations of this report, we have begun laying the groundwork for a Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office for our Diocese. It is our hope that we will be able to develop an Office which will be a resource for Pastors and for Youth Ministry Coordinators from various parishes—one to which they can turn to obtain for assistance with programs and for practical resources in ministry. It is our hope that such an Office would provide opportunity for greater communication among the Youth Leaders; a forum through which they will be able to share success stories, ideas and solutions to the many challenges and difficulties that they face.

This Fall, I have been travelling the entire Diocese meeting with Pastors and Youth Leaders who are working hard in the service of our Youth. It is overwhelmingly clear to me that our Youth are well cared for pastorally. People all across this Diocese are abundantly supportive of the initiatives that have been outlined in our Pastoral Plan. I have found that men and women, young and old, are freely giving of their time and energy to ensure our Youth are given an opportunity to be supported and nourished on their faith journeys. It is my conviction that with a new office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, these programs will be strengthened and better equipped to thrive and grow. With an emphasis on communication and support, this office will be a beacon of hope to our Pastors and Youth Leaders; but most importantly to the Youth themselves, who will know that our Diocese is reaching out to them to meet their deepest spiritual needs.

*The Comprehensive Model of Youth Ministry* put forth in the document *Renewing the Vision. A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry* (USCCB, 1997), outlines three main goals of Youth Ministry for us to collectively aim for:

- To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today;
- To draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community; and
- To foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person.

“Ministry with adolescents utilizes each of the Church’s ministries—advocacy; catechesis; community life; evangelization; justice and service; leadership development; pastoral care; prayer and worship—in an integrated approach to achieve the three goals of youth ministry.” (*Renewing the Vision*, pg. 27) This model proposes a framework for integrating the Church’s ministry with the Youth that incorporates a broader, more comprehensive vision than the traditional Youth Group model from the past. It is a model of total integration into the Church community: “The comprehensive approach is not a single program or recipe for ministry. Rather it provides a way for integrating ministry with adolescents and their families into the total life and mission of the Church, recognizing that the whole community is responsible for ministry.” (*Renewing the Vision*, pg. 19)

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Our Diocese supports and advocates this approach to Youth Ministry and sees the wisdom and value of its framework. Part of my recent consultation visits have been to promote and facilitate a better understanding of this model to Pastors, Youth Leaders and Parish Councils to give us a roadmap and a unified vision of where we are headed with regards to Youth Ministry, and how we can get there together.

“What is needed today is a Church which knows how to respond to the expectations of young people. Jesus wants to enter into dialogue with them and, through his body which is the Church, to propose the possibility of a choice which will require a commitment of their lives. As Jesus with the disciples of Emmaus, so the Church must become the traveling companion of young people...” (*Youth: Sent to Proclaim True Liberation, World Youth Day 1995, Philippines*)

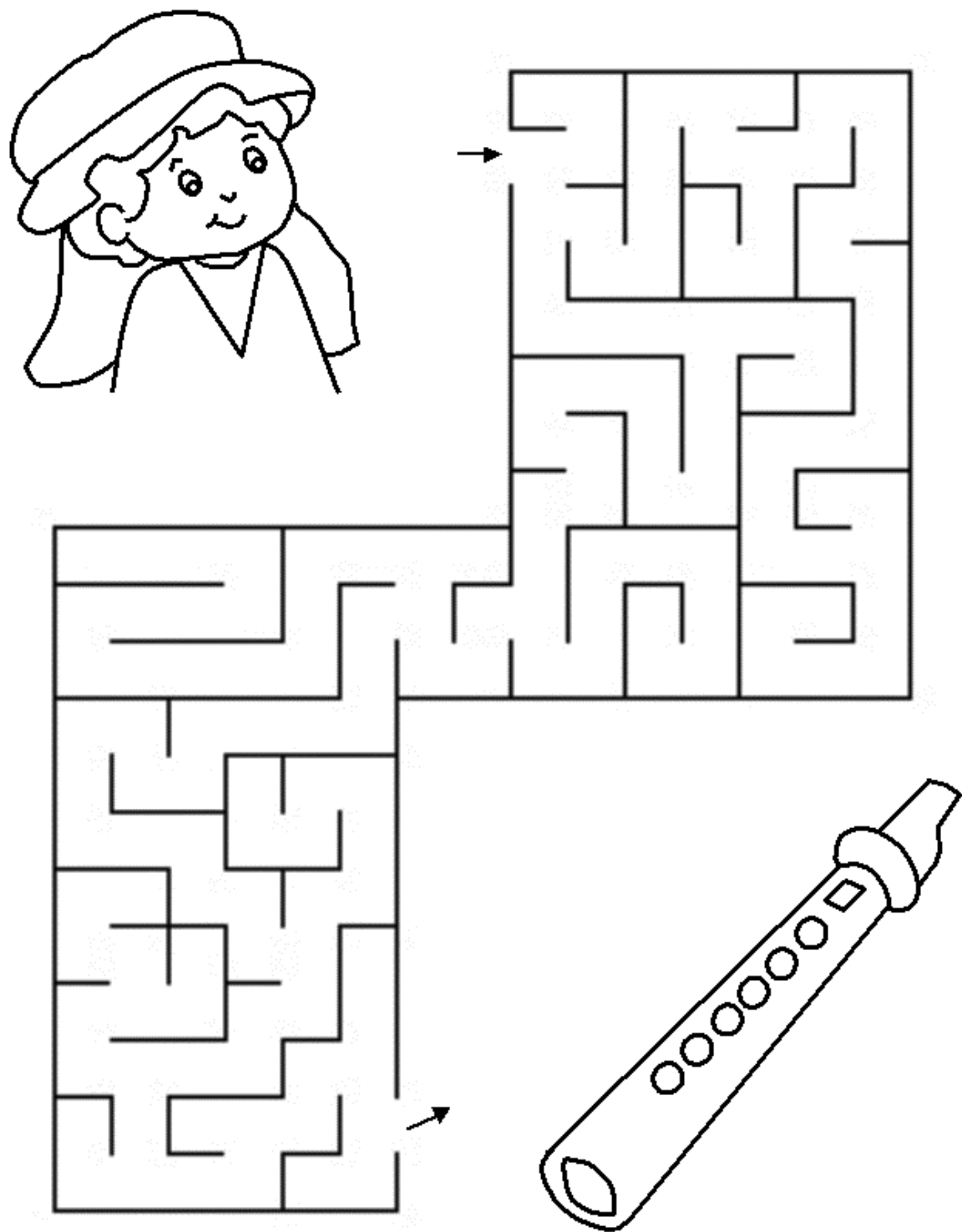
Let us ask God for His continued blessing on this mission. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact me here at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre or by email: youthoffice@rcdvictoria.org. The future of Youth and Young Adult Ministry in our Diocese is bright indeed. ✠





# Child of God Maze

Help David find his instrument so he can sing and praise God.



## Have You Seen Us Lately?

by *Connie Dunwoody*

If you haven't had a chance to visit our website lately—it's time to say "hello" again. The website for the Diocese of Victoria was recently revamped, with the assistance of Tom Walker, Managing Director of TWS Interactive, as well as input from Diocesan staff and website users.

The website was officially launched for the weekend of October 28. It is simple to navigate, and includes links to parish websites, a "Service Finder" that can help visitors find worship times, and—in keeping with the times—a link to the Diocese's Twitter account (RCDVictoria)! There is also a Calendar, under "News & Events" that provides information about events taking place in and around the Diocese.

To submit information for the Calendar of Events, please email: [editor@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:editor@rcdvictoria.org). And thanks for dropping by! ✂

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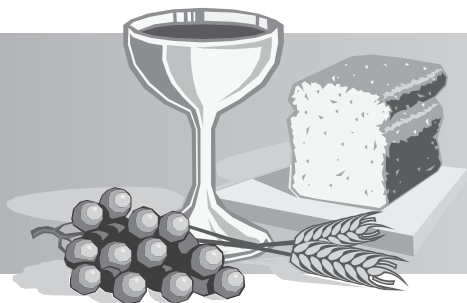
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# Vocations



## The Call to the Priesthood and the Religious Life

### Discern This!

by Fr. Sean Flynn

*...be not afraid. God does not reveal  
himself through fear.*

Why, as we soon enter into Advent, do some live in fear rather than in the joy or even the wonder of the time? In humility, we know ourselves as not worthy of the gift of God's Son. This time of preparation to join in celebration leads us to look closely at our weaknesses and positions us to fear our unworthiness. But the whole point of the Incarnation is to free us from the bond of sin so that we can hear God, know God and experience God in our lives.

I imagine another reason for Mary's Immaculate Conception was to allow her to live receptive to God and not in fear (the fear of reprisal) as this would diminish her pure and utter "yes" to the call of God. Christian belief holds that every human being through faith, through baptism and through the grace of Jesus Christ is freed from sin—original sin and personal sin. Roman Catholic Christians simply claim that Mary was the first one to be free from sin from the moment of her Immaculate Conception.

The Angel Gabriel says to Mary, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God." Luke 1:26-30. Mary's heart experienced fear; "she was greatly troubled." Throughout sacred Scripture God comes and proclaims peace: fear is not from God but from the flesh. It is our sinful humanity that brings fear.

When Pope John Paul II first spoke from the balcony of the Vatican about not being afraid it was as though the Holy Spirit himself was proclaiming, "Do not be afraid." Fear is an condition that can keep people from doing God's will.

We can see the greatness of the Lord as He presents His love throughout salvation history in the people He has chosen, sometimes the most unlikely candidates, starting with His Apostles. Before the Apostles there was not a prophet who did not beg God to choose another. Committing to God's will takes a spirit of trust. The Apostles did not commit themselves until after Pentecost as they were under a great burden dealing with the death of Jesus.

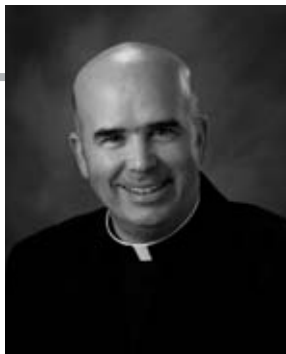
When burdens accumulate, Mass can be something that one may try to avoid, resulting in one focusing on himself and neglecting the call that God is giving him to follow a religious vocation. This is when the spirit against God will highlight the central role of the priesthood to him, causing him to become afraid.

But it is not the priesthood that brings fear. In fact, when quiet time is spent with God, one can find it comfortable to consider the idea of being God's instrument in this way. Taking the step to enter seminary for greater discernment does not require one to be completely convinced that the priestly vocation is for him. Actually to be open to deepening God's call allows it to be more affirming.

Now it can happen that, once one enters seminary, time passes and in the stillness one might discover the desire for sacramental marriage begin to grow. Being considered natural, one would share this desire with one's spiritual director. If it persists to the point of being a continual discussion with one's spiritual director fear might keep one from being open to God's call to the married life. Questions start, "what will the family say?" No one wants to let their loved ones down. Now the discernment becomes based on the fear of making the wrong decision. This pressure to stay in the seminary is coming from the spirit against Christ. With the guidance of a spiritual director and in prayer the discerning seminarian can put a stop to the work of the spirit against God, remove the fear and hence be open to God's true calling for him to the married life.

Commitment to live a good and holy life is the beginning of discernment to the priesthood. From that starting point, like Mary, trusting in God will bring the joy He wants all His children to have.

Let us be prepared to sing with Joy at the celebration of the Incarnation of our Lord. Let joy capture our hearts and send fear packing. ✠



### Franciscans Celebrate 50th Anniversary

by Fr. Tony Gonsalves, OFM, Guardian of St. Joseph's Friary, Victoria

Pivotal in the minds of the small committee established to plan the 50th Anniversary celebrations were a prayerful gathering and Masses of Thanksgiving, keeping in mind the small size of the chapel and the meagre space at St. Joseph's Friary at 1076 Joan Crescent in Victoria.

Two Masses were celebrated, the first on Saturday, October 1 at 7:00 pm with Retired Bishop Remi De Roo presiding and the second on Sunday, October 2 at 9:30 am with Bishop Richard Gagnon presiding. Both had drawn inspiration from the person of St. Francis of Assisi, the Founder, whose Mass was chosen. Throughout the past 800 years, St. Francis has fascinated those of Catholic and Anglican traditions and the public at large by his sense of respect for creation as God's gift.

Bishop Remi De Roo, with his long association with Franciscans dating back to Winnipeg, Manitoba, could cite the priorities of the Franciscan mandate when asked to address the Franciscan branches soon after the Second Vatican Council. Fully aware of the spirit of the Church in the 1960s, he could identify with the Christo-centric spirituality of St. Francis, and encouraged his audience to understand that they were on the right track.

Bishop Richard Gagnon, who had celebrated the 50th Anniversary of St. Joseph the Worker Parish the previous evening, clearly made a distinction between a parish contact and a religious foundation. He brought out the element of a charism that was new to the Diocese of Victoria and the people of God. The charism of St. Francis, who embraced a life of poverty depicted on the cross and accepted "death as a sister" (see box below), became a life-long inspiration to people of all walks of life. He was also glad to share his recent experience in Madrid at World Youth Days where he and a group of Victoria Diocese Youth enjoyed the generosity and hospitality of the Franciscans who billeted them.

Our regular musicians and singers provided a sense of peace and gratitude with appropriate hymns. At both Masses, I was honoured to welcome all who came to celebrate and took pride in sharing my insight into the pioneering work begun by Spanish Franciscans along the Pacific Coast, bringing Christianity for the first time on June 24, 1789 to Vancouver Island at the Santa-Cruz Mission (Nootka). Six years among the First Nations is depicted in a mural by artist Orville Fisher, displaying George Vancouver, Captain Quadra and the Franciscans at the Nootka Convention in 1792. The mural is still prominent today in the BC Electric Building in Victoria.

After an absence of 175 years, the Franciscans returned to Port Alberni on Vancouver Island in 1950 for Parish Ministry, and in 1957 to St. Jean Baptist Church in Victoria to care for the Francophone Community. The present home of the Franciscans was purchased and blessed by Most Rev. T.M. Hill, Bishop of Victoria, on October 4, 1961. The first Community totalled five priests and brothers, all now resting with the Lord. The Poor Clare Sisters who were in the neighbourhood (the new St. Patrick's Parish) were overjoyed at this Franciscan Foundation.

Of those who participated in the two days of celebrations this October were friends of the Friars; Retired Anglican Bishop John Hannon and his wife; Fr. Tom Bowe OSB visiting from France; two of our trustees, Roger Bourbonnais and Doug Steinburg; and our Provincial, Fr. Dennis Vavrek OFM.

With a tent set up for the occasion in the parking lot, a cake was cut and shared both days and a lunch was enjoyed after Sunday Mass.

Our community appreciated the visit on September 15 of the Honourable Steven Point, Lieutenant Governor of BC, and his wife, Her Honour Mrs. Gwendolyn Point, to a tea followed by a tour of the house and chapel. ✠

*Saint Francis is said to have composed most of the canticle in  
late 1224 while recovering from an illness at San Damiano,  
in a small cottage that had been built for him by Saint Clare  
and other women of her order.*

*According to tradition, the first time it was sung in its  
entirety was by Francis and Brothers Angelo and Leo,  
two of his original companions, on Francis' deathbed,  
the final verse praising "Sister Death" having been added  
only a few minutes before.*

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# Muriel Jean Loftus

Muriel Jean Loftus, born December 20, 1927 in Kamloops, BC, the daughter of Florence Marie Carlin Loftus and William Austin Stephen Loftus, died October 4, 2011 at St. Ann's Residence in Victoria, BC.

In 1945 after high school graduation Muriel entered the Sisters of St. Ann (SSA). She prepared for her ministry in Education by attending Montreal University to receive a Diploma in Pedagogy, a Provincial Normal School Diploma in Victoria and a BC Professional Permanent Teaching Certificate. Muriel taught in Catholic Schools in Victoria (St. Ann's Academy), New Westminster (St. Ann's Academy, St. Peters), St. Ann's Academy and the Indian Residential School in Kamloops as well as at Smith Memorial in Port Alberni, BC. She obtained a Bachelor's Degree from Seattle University and a Masters Degree in Religious Studies from the University of Ottawa. In 1966 Muriel traveled to London, England to Study Catechetics at Corpus Christi College.

Following her studies Muriel took up the position of Diocesan Director of Religious Education for the Diocese of Victoria. She hosted the first RCIA Institute in North America. Muriel left the SSA Community in 1975 and continued to work for the Church, receiving a Certificate of Recognition for her outstanding contribution to Church and Community in the Diocese of Victoria. Muriel then became Program Specialist of Childhood Catechesis at the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, National Office of Religious Education in Ottawa. Muriel was responsible for the development of the elementary level programs, Born of the Spirit series that was used throughout Canada.

After her retirement in 1993 she returned to Nanaimo and continued in volunteer ministry working with RCIA, leading scripture study courses, and providing sacramental preparation with children and parents on the First Nations Reserve in Nanaimo. Muriel's special quality was to recognize and call forth the gifts in others.

Muriel was predeceased by her parents, Florence and William, brother Darrell, sister-in-law Jeanette. She is survived by her brother Howard John Loftus, niece Debbie Davies, grandnieces Amanda and Ashley Davies, as well as several cousins.

The Mass of the Resurrection was held on Friday, October 7, 2011 at St. Ann's Residence, followed by interment at Hatley Memorial Gardens. ✠



# Fr. Steven Basarab, Priest of the Ukrainian Rite

by Cath McGeragle

"Glory be to Jesus Christ!" So exclaims Fr. Steven Basarab in greeting, in true Ukrainian Rite tradition.

Fr. Steven grew up in Chemainus and experienced a call to the priesthood as a young man. Interestingly, he confides that a Jehovah's Witness was in part responsible for causing him to think more deeply about the Holy Bible. An article in *The Watchtower* magazine was on Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, a condition with which he was diagnosed before considering the priesthood. The process of discernment continued.

Fr. Steven subsequently attended the Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Ottawa for six years in the 1980s, and was then ordained as a deacon. His first assignment was in Victoria at St. Nicholas the Wonder Worker parish in 1990. Once ordained as a priest, Fr. Steven's first parish assignment was at Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in Kamloops. After three and a half years living and loving his new life as parish priest, ill health required that he return to his family home in Chemainus for rest and medical help. When he was well enough to exercise his priestly duties again he went back to the Bishop's Palace in New Westminster and assisted there, as well as travelling to Pt. Alberni every second Sunday to say Mass.

In 2009, increased fatigue made it impossible for Fr. Steven to serve in a parish and he went to St. Joseph's Home in Saskatoon. For a while his health improved, but ultimately after a few years he left when told there was nothing more that could be done for him there. He returned to Duncan and was living with a friend until recently being admitted to Duncan Manor, an assisted-living facility.


As a parishioner of St. Joseph's in Chemainus I have witnessed the rapid deterioration of Fr. Steven's health in the last few years. He has osteoporosis and additional health problems. While concelebrating Mass at St. Joseph's a couple of months ago, Fr. Steven tripped on a stair when returning to the altar after distributing communion. He was taken to the hospital by ambulance and fortunately released to return home the same afternoon. However, while he was prone in our church I had a very strong conviction that we are being called as a church community to increase our efforts to really hold this man of God in prayer.

In John 16:24, Jesus says, "Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete." This is written therefore to invite individuals, prayer groups and parishes to commit Fr. Steven to your prayers. When I asked Fr. Steven how he would like us to pray for him, he said, "Pray for all needs of soul and body." Pray also for his doctors, that they will know how to best assist him.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if Fr. Steven knew there was daily prayer being offered for him all over our Diocese? A group at St. Joseph's in Chemainus is meeting on Tuesday evenings to pray for him, and another prayer group in Nanaimo prays for him on Thursday nights. If you would like to pray at a particular time and day and would like to let Fr. Steven know this, please feel free to send me an e-mail at [cathmcgeragle@yahoo.ca](mailto:cathmcgeragle@yahoo.ca) and I will pass on your information to Fr. Steven. Cards could also be sent to his address at:


Fr. Steven Basarab, #111, 280 First Street, Duncan, BC, V9L 4T3.

On behalf of Fr. Steven, I'd like to thank you for your kind thoughts and prayers. Let us build the city of God! May our tears be turned into dancing! And in response to Fr. Steven's heartfelt greeting, let us respond together with our lives, "Glory be forever!" ✠



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## Hollywood: three Biblical epics planned

Studios in Hollywood are beginning preparations for three huge Biblical film productions - two based on stories from the Old Testament; Noah, and Moses, and one from the New Testament: Judas Maccabeus. On 3 October Paramount Pictures announced the start of the movie production 'Noah', starring Christian Bale. <http://www.indcatholicnews.com/news.php?viewStory=19198>  
*Posted: Saturday, October 29, 2011 4:05 pm*

## EU Bishops call for long term political vision to deal with financial crisis

COMECE Bishops have called on the European Union and its citizens to refrain from blaming one another, and instead assume co-responsibility for finding solutions to the current financial crisis. They also call on European leaders to adopt a long-term perspective to overcome the crisis. These were the main messages of the Autumn Plenary Assembly of COMECE, which took place on 26 to 28 October 2011 in Brussels. <http://www.indcatholicnews.com/news.php?viewStory=19192>  
*Posted: Friday, October 28, 2011 3:57 pm*

## Church leaders welcome announcement on Royal Succession

Catholic Church leaders in the UK and Scotland have welcomed today's announcement on the Royal Succession by the Prime Minister, David Cameron, at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Summit in Perth, Australia. The Most Reverend Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster and President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales said: "I welcome the decision of Her Majesty's Government to give heirs to the throne the freedom to marry a Catholic without being removed from the line of succession." <http://www.indcatholicnews.com/news.php?viewStory=19191>  
*Posted: Friday, October 28, 2011 3:32 pm*

## Turkey: Church rushes aid to earthquake survivors

Church organisations have been rushing to assist survivors of the devastating earthquake which struck Van in Turkey this week. Archbishop Ruggero Franceschini, Archbishop of Smyrna and head of the Turkish Bishops' Conference, said: "It is a terrible human tragedy. The population of Van is devastated, especially because there are hundreds of children and mothers in need and at risk of survival. Caritas Turkey has moved swiftly to send humanitarian aid and medical supplies." <http://www.indcatholicnews.com/news.php?viewStory=19186>  
*Posted: Thursday, October 27, 2011 11:06 pm*

## Cardinal Pell tries to sow doubt on climate action

Speaking at the annual lecture of the Global Warming Policy Foundation (GWPF), a climate sceptic think tank, chaired by former British chancellor Nigel Lawson, he expressed his controversial view that the evidence on human-induced climate change "is insufficient to achieve practical certainty on many of these scientific issues". <http://www.indcatholicnews.com/news.php?viewStory=19177>  
*Posted: Thursday, October 27, 2011 1:13 am*

## Glimpsing A Future With Hope

by Yvonne A. Zarowny

While in Mongolia this summer, I had the good fortune to connect with Caritas Mongolia (CM), one of the Development and Peace sister organizations through our Catholic development family Caritas Internationalis. Thanks to them I was able to glimpse a future with hope.

*Anybody doubting the reality of climate change  
... should visit Mongolia.*

Mongolia is a landlocked country in eastern and central Asia that is largely a mineral-rich high plateau ringed by mountains, with a continental climate and areas of grasslands, steppes, gobi, "true" desert, a few trees and even fewer cities. Over 40% of Mongolians make their living from nomadic herding.

Anybody doubting the reality of climate change and the need for global solidarity to achieve the social and ecological justice essential to avert the disasters triggered by it should visit Mongolia.

In Mongolia, there are winter storms called *zuds* or *dzuds*. These are storms with extreme snow or ice that cause the death of livestock by preventing them from foraging for food. When the livestock die, people also die or are thrust into increasing poverty. Mongolia experienced zuds the three winters of 1999 through 2002—each worse than the previous "worst" of 1946.

It was in response to the crisis generated by this climate chaos that CM was formed. If you are a contributor to D & P's Share Lent campaign, you helped CM respond.

The devastating effects of these storms were compounded by the sharp rise in food prices (2006 – 2010) largely due to speculation by global hedge fund managers. Now not only was there a shortage of meat, but the rest of their food supply was priced out of reach of the average Mongolian.

In 2010, another zud hit, killing more animals than the previous three, plunging even more people into poverty and despair.

Today, CM is one of the few NGO's working in the more remote areas of Mongolia. Besides helping feed people and animals through emergency assistance, they are assisting with the transfer of appropriate technology such as solar panels for electricity and warm water, improved greenhouses that withstand these winter storms as well as windmills for pumping water. Wherever I travelled in the remote regions, I saw solar panels on the portable homes (gers) of the nomads.

Both in the remote areas and in the cities, CM is working to promote small-scale sustainable agriculture. Even at their summer camp for orphans outside Ulaanbaatar, CM is teaching young people about small-scale organic gardening while growing the food consumed at the camp.

In addition to these programs, CM is working with local partners to stop human trafficking; to bring back grandmothers on death row in China who were caught up in the poverty cycle and thought they could help their families escape it by being drug mules; plus they have ongoing programs in vocational and life-skills training to aid people realize their full potential as self-determining children of God.

*If Mongolia can make these changes, we can.*

Please show your solidarity with our partners by signing the Development & Peace Fall Action card as well as making lifestyle changes that contribute to our realizing social and ecological justice.

Together we really do hold the future in our hands. ✕

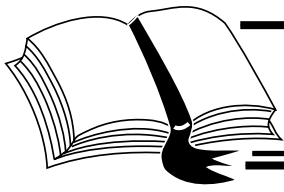
**Yvonne A. Zarowny is on the Executive of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace's Diocesan Council and is chair of Church of the Ascension's Social Justice Team.**



Yvonne (far right) with orphans at the Gachurt summer camp operated by Caritas Mongolia, along with Fr. Pierrot Kasemuna, CICM and two Mongolian staff members







# Impressions



*Forget not to show love unto strangers;  
for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.*  
~ Hebrews 13:2

by Connie Dunwoody

I never knew her name.

I didn't have a chance to ask it, at the time, and in the final analysis, it didn't really matter. Rather, it didn't make much difference to my part in her story; because of course her name mattered to someone—someone who wasn't there in that icy pre-dawn December morning.

It started like every other Friday in the winter of 1988. I'd awaken while most of the occupants of my building slumbered, reluctantly slip out of my warm bed and into cold clothes, carefully laid out the night before to enable a swift getaway. A quick stop to pick up my work clothes, hanging like a pale ghost on the closet door, hastily shove my feet into my well-worn aerobic shoes, grab my gym bag and car keys, and descend in an ancient elevator to the garage.

Start the car. Rub my hands. Shiver a little. Head down the Don Valley Parkway even as my thoughts hung before me, exhaled into the still-cold car. I knew that route by heart and sometimes, arriving at the Elmwood Club in the heart of downtown Toronto, I'd wonder how I got there. This particular morning, the car was barely warmed by the time I reached my destination.

In the mid-1980s The Elmwood was a women-only fitness club populated by businesswomen whose companies supplied their membership to enable them to network and stay healthy. Or memberships were purchased by those wanting to make connections to others and further their own corporate goals. And me? I was there to teach an aqua-fitness class that started at 6 am, leaving enough time for the participants to shower, change and make connections, before heading to the real business of the day. The usual Friday-morning routine for us all.

But this day was different.

I pulled up front and parked my car, and as I did so, I noticed an older woman (how my perception of that adjective has changed since the mid-1980s!) shuffling along the sidewalk. Not so unusual in a downtown location; what was strange was that she had no coat over hunched shoulders, no hat covering grey hair, no gloves over fingers that clutched and un-clutched her rumpled shirt. She walked half-bent, shoulders rounded in an attitude of protection and fear, hands defensively across her middle, untucked shirttails flapping over her beige skirt. She stumbled. She swayed. She muttered. I thought perhaps she was Under the Influence or Not Quite Right. Somewhat nervously, I got out of the car, though I really didn't see anything to fear.

I started up the steps, aware that I had only 10 minutes in my tight-knit schedule to get to my class. I turned to look after her one last time—and saw with a shock that she was barefoot.

Bare. Feet. On an unforgiving winter sidewalk, lined with crusty remnants of snow, ice and salt. Bare. Feet. Bare. Hands. Bare. Head.

Bare. Feet ...

... refused to register. I hesitated, torn between my obligation to my class and wanting to go after her. I wasn't sure if these powerful and occasionally haughty women would understand if I was late for *any* good reason. And I wasn't sure I'd really seen what I'd seen. I was in my early 20s; too young and too protected and too blessed to have seen anything like this before.

As I stood there, wavering on the brink of my decision, two ladies from my class came down the stairs towards me.

"Did you see that woman?" one of them asked.

"Yes," I said, desperately. "She has no shoes!" I blurted, dismayed by the possibility.

"Yes, I know," she consoled, "we're going after her."

I was massively relieved, both that she would be taken care of by these competent, powerful women, and that I didn't have to make a difficult choice. Without hesitation, I slipped out of my shoes.

"Here. Take her these," I said.

They hastened after her, breath showing thickly in tensile air. She shrank back in fear, and I heard her say, even as I ran with bare feet up the cement stairs to the cheerful, welcoming warmth of the Club, "don't let them cut me!" My eyes filled with tears and a piece of my heart shattered, splintered in icy realization.

Bare. Feet ...

... haunting me. I was keenly aware of the absence of two members of our usual class. Even more so when one person said disparagingly, "Did you *see* that *woman*?" I said, quietly, "yes. I saw her," as my heart shouted questions that bounced off her thin, judgmental soul. "They really should have a place for such people," she sniffed. I was so stunned by this I didn't answer. To my shame I let the moment pass with only a darkened glower in her direction.

They came back. Those two kind women took me aside and told me they had taken her first to one shelter and then another. How all were full: the night was cold and many sought protection. Finally, they took her to the police station, where she was eventually identified, claimed, named. Saved. *Safe*.

They told me, too, how afraid she was of them, and how they had comforted her and put their own coats about her, their own gloves on her hands. And they told

me, as a deep, primal distress washed over me in unfamiliar waves, that when they gave her my shoes—my poor, battered shoes, victims of a thousand fitness classes—she wept. "It feels just like walking on air," she had exclaimed, as tears of mingled gratitude and fear trickled down her lined face.

And then they ran down mine, too, burning my cheeks and giving substance to my sorrow—a cruel lesson learned in an instant.

Bare. Feet ...

... haunt me still. Sometimes I weep afresh for my nameless angel. It's a connection that eludes understanding, that still puzzles and moves me, thirty years older but somehow, about this, no wiser. Both of us characters in each other's stories. Me, in the right place, at the right time. Her, with a need I could fill. She, quietly instructing with ineffable simplicity. Me, sadly learning one of life's painful truths.

That I didn't know her name was irrelevant. That I had something she needed—eminently germane. That I gave it without hesitation—a credit to my parents who taught me well. That each of us has the capacity for compassion or dismissal—a grave responsibility. There is still so much to share.

Bare. Feet.  
In mine.  
My. Shoes.  
On hers.


I never knew I could feel so proud of my shoes. I never knew it would break my heart. ✂

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# Mass Prayers and Responses

(Text in bold represents the wording that has changed in the Roman Missal.)

## Greeting

Priest: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And with your spirit.**

## Penitential Act, Form A (Confiteor)

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have **greatly sinned**  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done  
and in what I have failed to do,  
**through my fault,**  
**through my fault,**  
**through my most grievous fault;**  
**therefore** I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

## Penitential Act, Form B

Priest: **Have mercy on us, O Lord.**

People: **For we have sinned against you.**

Priest: **Show us, O Lord, your mercy.**

People: And grant us your salvation.

## Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,  
and **on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,** we give you thanks **for your great glory,**  
Lord God, heavenly King, **O God, almighty Father.**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
**Only Begotten Son,**  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
**Son of the Father,**  
you take away the **sins** of the world, have mercy on us;  
**you take away the sins of the world,**  
**receive our prayer;**  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
**have mercy on us.**

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Dialogue at the Gospel

Priest: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And with your spirit.**

Deacon (or Priest): *A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.*

People: Glory to you, **O Lord.**

## Nicene Creed

**I believe** in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all **things visible and invisible.**

**I believe** in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only **Begotten** Son of God,  
**born** of the Father **before all ages.**

God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
**consubstantial** with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
**and by** the Holy Spirit  
**was incarnate** of the Virgin Mary, and  
became man.

For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate,  
**he suffered death** and was buried,  
**and rose again on the third day**  
in **accordance with** the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

**I believe** in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
**who** with the Father and the Son  
**is adored** and glorified,  
**who** has spoken through the prophets.

**I believe in** one, holy,  
catholic and apostolic Church.  
**I confess** one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins  
**and I look forward to** the resurrection  
of the dead and the life of the world to  
come. Amen.



## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,

**and** in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,  
**who** was conceived by  
the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended **into hell**;  
on the third day he rose again  
**from the dead**;

he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand  
of **God** the Father **almighty**;  
**from there** he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

## Invitation to Prayer (Response)

May the Lord accept the sacrifice  
at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name, for our good  
and the good of all his **holy** Church.

## Preface Dialogue

Priest: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: *Let us give thanks  
to the Lord our God.*

People: **It is right and just.**

## Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of **hosts**.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## The Mystery of Faith

(Memorial Acclamation)

Priest: **The mystery of faith.**

People:

A — **We proclaim your Death,  
O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.**

or B — When we eat this Bread  
and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death,  
**O Lord,**  
until you come **again.**

or C — **Save us, Savior of the world,  
for** by your Cross  
and Resurrection  
you have set us free.

## Sign of Peace

Priest: *The peace of the Lord  
be with you always.*

People: **And with your spirit.**

## Invitation to Communion

Priest: **Behold** the Lamb of God,  
**behold him** who takes away  
the sins of the world.

**Blessed** are those called  
to **the supper of the Lamb.**

All: Lord, I am not worthy  
**that you should enter under my roof,**  
but only say the word  
and **my soul** shall be healed.

## Concluding Rites

Priest: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And with your spirit.**