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EDITOR'S CORRECTION

With apologies from the editorial staff of the Diocesan News.

In the 2019 Easter edition of the Diocesan News, Page 19, the title of the article "St. Joseph's Social Justice Ministry Reaches Out – Armstrong, BC" should have read "St. Joseph's Social Justice Ministry Reaches Out – Salmon Arm, BC". In addition to this notice, this has been corrected in the online version of the Diocesan News at www.rcdk.org. The editor extends apologies for any confusion.



ABOVE: Confirmands partake in activities at the annual Confirmation Rally held this year at St. John Vianney Parish.

BELOW: God Squad Youth at Senior's Tea at Holy Family Parish.



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"All love craves unity. As the highest peak of love in the human order is the unity of husband and wife in the flesh, so the highest unity in the Divine order is the unity of the soul and Christ in communion."

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

Journey to the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites

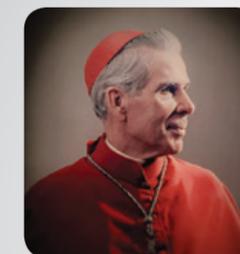
On February 27, 2019, during the Mass at Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Vernon, Elizabeth Thomas became a member of the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites. She has now taken a three year promise of poverty, chastity, and obedience to the Carmelite Order.

She has expressed her thanks for the last three years of support she has received from her family and friends at Sacred Heart Church for helping her achieve this part of the program. It made time pass quickly and with enjoyment.

The work she is now entrusted to undertake in working for our church community is to pray for those in need, our priests, the sick, the elderly, and the deceased.

Over the next three years of study, she will be working with Father Vincent to increase her understanding of how she can build this vocation of service to benefit those of Sacred Heart Parish. At the end of her studies, she will be making her perpetual vow as a full Carmelite Sister of the Carmelite Order of Saint Teresa of Jesus of the Andes OCDS Community.

She wishes to thank you to all of you for your time, help, friendship, and support as she walks this special journey.



Venerable Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

May 8, 1895 – Dec 9, 1979

Bishop Fulton John Sheen, ordained to the priesthood in 1919 quickly became known as recognized as a theologian. He taught philosophy and theology at the Catholic University of America and also was a parish priest. He was appointed as Auxilliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of New York in 1951. In 1966, he became the Bishop of Rochester and later became the Titular Archbishop of Newport, Wales.

Bishop Fulton Sheen is best known for his late night radio programs from 1930-1950, The Catholic Hour. With the advent of television, he began his tv program "Life is Worth Living" in 1951 until 1957. From 1961 – 1968, he hosted the Fulton Sheen Program. His programs drew as many as 30 Million people weekly and he is touted as being the first televangelist. The later rebroadcasting of his programs on several networks reflects the timeless message of the gospel that he boldly delivered.

Light of the World Retreat – Sacred Heart Cathedral



"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16

Sacred Heart Cathedral held its third Light of the World retreat this past March 2019 in Kamloops. Parishioners from previous retreats came together to serve 25 new retreatants at this beautiful community continues to grow.

"Helping out as a musician at the Light of the World retreat was both in-

spiring and uplifting. Such wonderful fellowship and Spirit filled company with new attendees and helpers. As well, attending for the second time allowed me to catch what I missed in the first retreat. The testimonies of fellow parishioners was precious and overall the weekend was a blessing". ~Deb Noel

Jesus knows we need each other and He has called us to love one another. Together, the disciples prayed, spoke about the Kingdom of God with one another, and shared the Good News with others. Jesus teaches us to live in community the same way He taught the disciples. He knew that the best way for us

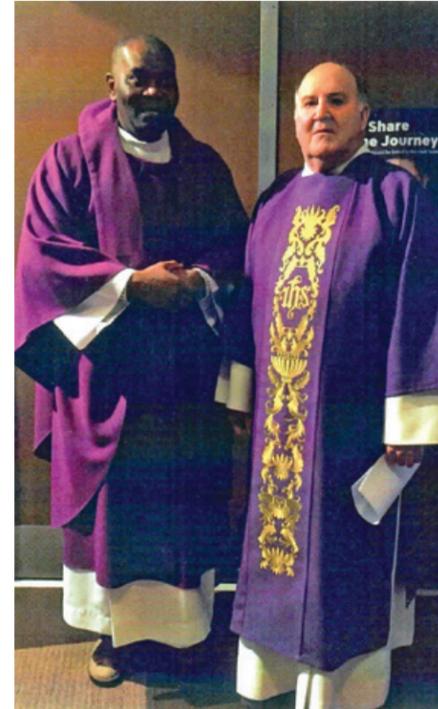
to experience the Kingdom of God on earth is in connection with one another and in the grace and the holiness that we share.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to experience the Light of the World retreat there is Good News! The next Light of the World retreat at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Kamloops will be held September 27, 28, and 29, 2019. Please call the Cathedral office to reserve a space.

If you would like to bring this beautiful retreat to your parish, please contact JoEllen Gregus at (815) 893-9862 or at jgregus@lotwem.org.



Sacred Heart Parish, Merritt Hosts Advent Retreat with Deacon Paul



Who is Deacon Paul?

Deacon Paul Murphy has been married for 34 years to Nancy, and together they raised five children. With the support of Nancy, Paul entered the Formation to the Permanent Diaconate in the year 2000 and he was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate on June 14, 2004. Upon ordination, he was assigned to the Cathedral Parish in Calgary, AB, St. Mary's and after seven years of service there, he moved to the BC Okanagan where he has served the Parishes of St. James, Vernon and Our Lady of the Valley, Coldstream since 2011.

After leading a number of retreats in his and surrounding parishes, he was encouraged by a number of retreat attendees to take his message further. As a result of this support, he developed a Mission focusing on Forgiveness, Reconciliation, and Mercy.

Testimonies

"We appreciate your testimonies and honest self." Mission at St. Edward the Confessor, Duncan, BC

"Your mission is like a resurrection bringing hope and energy to run the race as St. Paul encourages." Mission at Sacred Heart Parish, Merritt, BC

"May God bless you and may you continue to bring healing hope to others." Mission at St. James Parish, Vernon, BC

"Your Mission is just what our parish needed. Encouragement, hope and trust in God." Rev Father Luyen Dau, C.S.S.R., Baltimore, Maryland

For more information, please contact Deacon Paul at deaconservant1@gmail.com.




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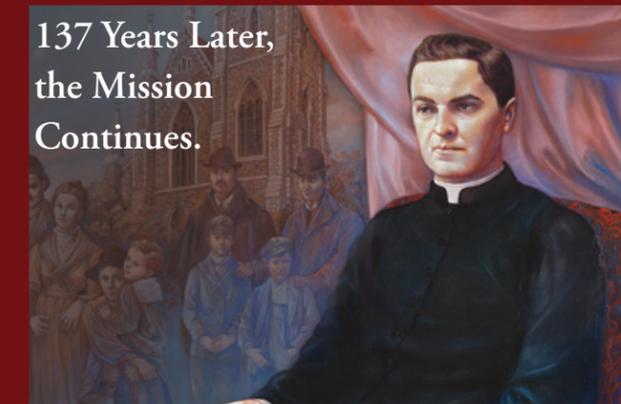


Bishop Joseph Nguyen has given the direction to begin a Permanent Diaconate Formation Program in the Diocese of Kamloops, effective September 2018.

This formation program will be a 4-year period of prayer and faith development, study, and pastoral development. Men between the ages of 31 and 60 are invited to inquire about this Ministry and Program by contacting
Deacon Paul Murphy
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The Bishop's Message



Dear Friends in Christ,

As we are preparing for our diocesan 75th anniversary, we look back with gratitude and look forward with hope that what we have received we will continue to communicate the beauty of our Catholic faith in our diocese so that it can be received with enthusiasm and joy, as Saint John Paul II once

reminded us, "Faith is strengthened when it's given to others." (*Redemptoris Missio* 2).

With so many challenges in our local Church, I truly believe God's grace is always enough for us. However, we need to work very hard together, as St. Augustine reminds us: "Pray as though everything depends on God. Work as though everything depends on us."

We are grateful to those who have built our faith community. Everything that we have today: all of our facilities, churches, schools, gymnasiums, many organizations, and programs...comes from the effort and generosity of many parishioners in the past. In turn, we are invited to look forward with hope and generosity by responding this question:

Who keeps our churches and our schools open and alive? God certainly, but never forget that God has chosen to

work through his people. If we do not remain generous in our commitment to God, his work through his Church is hindered. It is simply amazing how our Church is alive and well when each and every one of us is generous to God and his Church.

May we enthusiastically work together for God's glory in our Local Church.

+ Joseph Phuong Nguyen

✠ Joseph Phuong Nguyen
BISHOP OF KAMLOOPS



OBITUARY

GARY COOPER

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It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Gary Cooper who passed away on Tuesday, April 9, 2019. Since 1989, Gary was the financial administrator for the Diocese of Kamloops. Gary served under three bishops (Bishop Lawrence Sabatini, Bishop David Monroe, and Bishop Joseph Nguyen) and one diocesan administrator (Monsignor Jerry Desmond) during his tenure and he was responsible for strengthening the financial wellbeing of the diocese.

After reading The Diary of St. Faustina, Gary was inspired to bring the Divine Mercy to the diocese. He was instrumental in implementing the Divine Mercy Sunday Mass which is still celebrated annually at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Thomas Garrick "Gary" Cooper of Kamloops passed away on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 80 years of age. He is survived by his children, Glenn (Joanne) of Revelstoke, Grant (Shelley) of Vernon, Michelle (Chris) of Brentwood Bay and Jason of Kamloops; grandchildren Ryan (Tammie), Crystal (Steve), Preston, Hillary, Alex, Elaina and Gemma; great grandchildren Blake, Ashton and Hayden; siblings Mel, Wayne and Lynne, and numerous nieces and nephews. Gary was predeceased by his parents, Ronald and Mildred Cooper, sister Stephanie, and brother Ron.

Dad's involvement with Cooper's Foods, the Blazers Hockey Club and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Kamloops, gave Dad many fond memories.

We love you Dad, Grampa and Brother.

We will miss you, but our treasured memories will be with us forever.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to all who cared for Dad during his short illness, Dr. Jason O'Connell, the Nurses at Royal Inland Hospital, Interior Health, and the Nurses and Care Aides at Trinity Hospice.

Memorial donations may be made in Gary's name to the Autism Society of British Columbia or the BC Cancer Foundation.

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Bishop Joseph and Father Paul Simms at the CWL Convention

Catholic Women's League Kamloops Diocesan 2019 Convention

Kamloops Diocesan 72nd Annual Convention, hosted by Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Kamloops April 26-28, 2019 was themed **"Speak Lord ... I'm Listening."** Registration and meetings began Friday morning; with the official start at 7 pm Eucharistic Celebration. Opening Ceremonies and a wine and cheese reception, hosted by Knights of Columbus 8132, topped off the evening. The opening Mass collection went to Kamloops Pro-Life Society and to a bus bench advertisement against human trafficking.

Saturday included spiritual programs, enlightening business sessions and very effective presentations. "Human Trafficking – Canada's Secret Shame" was presented by the Diocesan Anti-Trafficking Committee, Doreen Gowans, Christine Mason and Nancy Simms. Informative and disconcerting, the problem of

trafficking is real and we need to be aware. The Committee is available for presentations throughout the Diocese. Our Provincial Communication and 2nd Vice-President, Sylvia Jurys, presented on Saints with a personality survey to link our character to a particular saint.

We were also entertained with two invitations from our 2020 convention host councils – Salmon Arm's passionate cheer for the diocesan and Vernon's delightful song 'Ode to Vernon' for provincial.

Five resolutions were passed regarding life and health issues. Forwarded to Provincial and, potentially, National Conventions, if passed they will be discussed with government as grassroots concerns. Saturday evening Mass and Convention Banquet completed a full day of faith, fun, and fulfillment.



(L-R) Front Row: Lynne Langley, President Elect/Organization; Dianne Nadeau, President; Dorothy Hruby, Past President; Carol Ann Taphorn, Community Life; Kathy Dahl, 1st V-P/Education and Health; Minnie Mathieu, Legislation; Back Row: Gail Kopp, Secretary; Domenica Spina, Resolutions; Jeanette Melnychuk, Spiritual Development; Anna Gilbert, Treasurer; Terry Mae Sinclair, 2nd VP / Communications. Missing: Sonya Barrett, Christian Family Life; Pat Dorigo, Life Members Liaison; Fr. Andrew L'Heureux, Spiritual Advisor.

In support of the National theme, 'Care for our Common Home' CWL parish councils raised funds for 'water systems or wells' through Chalice Canada. Donations resulted in six water systems at \$750 per system!

Sunday, the final day of convention, began with presentations by Jeanette Melnychuk and Domenica Spina on Walking with Purpose, women's Bible study as well as Seek, young adult Catholic Conference. CWL members joined the OLPH parish for closing Mass and Installation of new Kamloops Diocesan CWL Executive for 2019-2021.

Convention Masses were concelebrated by Diocesan clergy Bishop Joseph Nguyen, Fr. Andrew L'Heureux, Fr. Paul Simms, Fr. Tony Ackerman, Fr. Fred Weisbeck and Fr. Andrzej Wasylanko from Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Kathy Dahl and Terry Mae Sinclair

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2019 - 2021 CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE THEMES:
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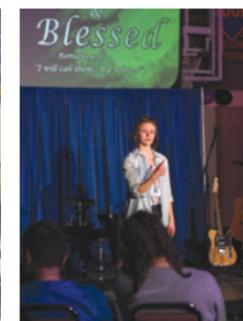
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Diocesan Youth Retreat 2019

The Diocesan Youth Retreat (DYR) was fantastic. Pure Witness Ministries (PWM) excelled in inspiring us to know we are Beloved and Blessed, which was our theme for the 4th annual DYR held here in Kamloops. PWM took us on a journey towards rediscovering and affirming God's unconditional love. Together we learnt how to set Christ at the heart of our lives and to understand what it truly means to be "**Beloved and Blessed!**" We all spent a vibrant weekend packed with games, prayer and inspirational talks led by faith filled, enthusiastic and vibrant young adults. Youth from all over the diocese participated, growing in their relationship with God, meeting new friends and building on friendships made last year at the DYR. By the end, many positive comments from the youth were heard and there was excitement already for the next year's DYR. Countless people volunteered their time and talents to make this event work. Prayer warriors, chaperones, bakers, cooks, typists, creative artists to name a few, all gave generously. Homemade meals ensured we were not only well fed but eating was eagerly anticipated. Prayers in untold ways ensured God worked his amazing plans. A special thank you goes to our priests who shared many moments and meals with us. We enjoyed the company of Fr Paul, Fr Derrick, Fr Fred, Fr Andrzej and Monsignor Jerry. The youth are the future of Christ's Church and the priests' presence were examples for all of us to follow. In addition to the enjoyment of their company, their priestly participation enabled us to have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thank you to OLPH parish for welcoming us to their Saturday evening mass. It was a grace filled weekend. Thanks be to God. Many thanks also to Bishop Joseph for his support and to all people of the Diocese of Kamloops as they supported us through Faith In Action.

DYR Leadership Team



Reflections from Youth

Anastasia Wasylinko (Ukrainian Catholic Church Kamloops)

The 2019 Diocesan Youth Retreat was an absolute blast! The Pure Witness team was very friendly and lots of fun to spend time with. They led us in many amazing songs and we played really fun games. (We were constantly playing impromptu games of Ninja!) The team performed some hilarious skits, and gave interesting talks on topics like how God should be our first priority, and the lives of Blessed Chiara Luce Badano and Father Vincent Capodanno. The food was delicious - the chefs did a fantastic job! We had great small group time and made new friends. Everybody left the retreat on fire for their faith and looking forward to next year!

Noah Rosario, Sacred Heart Parish Williams Lake, Gr 7

On the weekend of May 3 - 5, I got to participate in DYR (Diocesan Youth Retreat). It was pretty cool. My highlight of the weekend was meeting a bunch of other homeschoolers from our diocese. The Pure Witness team was good as usual, lots of singing, actions and skits. It was funny seeing some of the Pure Witness team that I already met last year in Williams Lake. The food was really good and that's amazing because at other retreats (like at the seminary) it's not so great. For Sunday Mass at OLPH, Fr Paul celebrated and it was funny in his homily he was telling everyone he was going to Williams Lake and all around there were moans and groans of sadness but I was pretty excited that he is coming to Williams Lake. Above all, I had a pretty darn good time.

Christa Lester (Holy Family Parish Kamloops)

This was my first year at DYR, I was expecting it to be like your typical retreat; songs, prayer and games. The members of Pure Witness provided us with the aspects of your usual retreat and so much more. They made an effort to get to know us, to know our struggles and our achievements. They did their best to make sure every single person was engaged and having fun. DYR went above normal retreats and brought all of us closer to God through song, prayer and adoration.

'Carmelite Corner'

Spring has arrived – Easter Season upon us – summer to follow – oh the Lord is good! The Sisters and many of us are busy outside – grooming our land for flowers, vegetables and fruit – bees are buzzing - birds are singing – kids are playing and dandelions are growing – did you know dandelions are the 'first food' for bees and other pollinators – don't be too hard on them! Even that yellow weed has a purpose. Beautiful is creation and all that is in it!

GOOD NEWS!

Thanks be to God! The Guild is alive! Your prayers and ours have been answered – thanks to those members who stepped up and agreed to be part of the executive for the Carmel of St. Joseph's Guild! We had an emergency 'special' annual general meeting on April 10th, at the Monastery. I am very pleased to report we have a full executive and the prospect of other members who may take on positions/duties as needed.

Guild Membership: On that note, for those of you that have sent in your 2019 membership dues, your membership cards are on their way, thanks for your patience as our membership convenor strives to catch up. We are going to make every attempt to contact all lapsed members as well - who will receive a mail out or email with a letter of information and renewal form. We pray for an abundant response! Please contact us if you need a membership form or any information regarding the Guild.

FROM MOTHER ANN

We are so thankful for the meeting of Carmel of St. Joseph's Guild which was held here, (monastery). God bless and thank you to all those present – you persevered through thick and thin, and thanks to all new and returning members as well! We appreciate your support so much and feel any little thing you do for us is great for the glory of God.



We are pleased to hear two new priests, our brothers in the Carmelite Order, are coming to our Diocese. We wish to extend our congratulation and prayers to the SFIC (*Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception*) in celebrating 175th Anniversary; these are Filipina Sisters in Kamloops.

Our Vocation Weekend: 'Come and See', will be over by the time this publication is released, however, we depend on the help of your prayers, especially those of the Sierra Club – and we hope to report a grace filled weekend, and a successful outcome for those discerning God's call to the contemplative life.

Mother Ann also sent a picture – it is the 'handmade' crèche the Sisters made for the sanctuary this past Christmas – there are many beautiful items for sale at the Monastery, you are free to shop anytime! Say a prayer in the chapel – enjoy a chat with the Sisters.....**come and see!**

NOTES AND REMINDERS:

Remember to mark your calendars: Sunday - July 15, 2019 is celebration day for 'Our Lady of Mt. Carmel' and begins with **Mass 2:00 p.m.** at the Monastery, followed by a luncheon. If you wish to bring your favorite dish or dessert to share - that would be great – all are welcome! **Come & See!**

Donations appreciated: Thank you to those that provided honey to help us stave off seasonal colds and flues. Canning jars for our jams and jellies are always needed, as well as sugar.

Pray always: Especially for the success of the Guild - as we renew our efforts to support our Carmelite Sisters - and for an increase in religious vocations.

Mass is celebrated every day at the monastery at 7:30 a.m., you are welcome to attend, come & see!

The Carmelite Nuns of Armstrong are deeply concerned about the problems and the difficulties of the people of God in the surrounding area and around the world. Everyone is invited to phone, write, email or visit the Monastery to request prayers for special intentions.

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God Bless all you do in His name,

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Make a Defense: An Introduction to Mary, the Mother of God

Rev. Dale Normandeau, Pastor at Our Lady of the Mountains in Whistler

As stated at the conclusion of my last essay, I am beginning a new apologetics series, focusing on the Virgin Mary, Mother of God. I do this because Mary plays a unique and extremely important role in salvation history, which needs to be explored in depth. Mary is also, however, the focus of a lot of misconceptions, followed up by the resultant misinterpretations. This new series of essays will especially focus on clearing up the misconceptions that often surround Mary, her nature and her vocation.

For many Protestant converts to Catholicism, Mary is often the last hurdle before their acceptance of the Catholic faith can happen. The reason for this is simple: many potential converts come to the faith with misconceptions of who Mary is and what the Catholic Church teaches about her. The biggest misconception is that Catholics worship Mary, giving her divine qualities. This is rooted in a misunderstanding between worship and veneration. While worship is exclusively reserved to God alone, one can offer veneration and devotion to Mary because of her intimate proximity to Christ Jesus and her role in salvation history. God is worshipped for he is the ground of all being, one whose existence has no beginning or end. Mary cannot be the object of worship because she is not divine. She is a creature who was created,

having been brought into being by God. Simply put, Mary cannot be an object of our worship because she is a human person, not God. We offer her veneration and devotion, not idolatrous worship.

While this distinction is understood by Catholics, it can be difficult to appreciate if one has no understanding of Catholic devotional practice. For example, if a non-Catholic unfamiliar with Catholic devotional practice, walked into a Catholic Church and encountered a statue of Mary surrounded by votive candles, with people kneeling before the statue and praying, it could be perceived, as a first impression, as an act of idolatry. While this of course is not the case, an authentic understanding of Catholic devotional practice may need to be explained to non-Catholics so that there are no misconceptions concerning the Catholic Church's understanding of devotion to Mary. There are three forms of praise the Church offers to God and the saints; latria, hyperdulia and dulia. Latria refers to the adoration and worship that is reserved for God alone. Hyperdulia is veneration due to Mary alone, and dulia is praise and veneration directed towards the saints. Mary receives superlative dulia because of her proximity to Jesus and his saving mission and the unique role she plays in salvation history.

Undergirding Catholic Marian devotion, however, is the answer to the question: why are Catholics so devoted to Mary? While the answer to this question will be explored in the following essays in this series on Mary, I'll briefly touch on some of those reasons here.

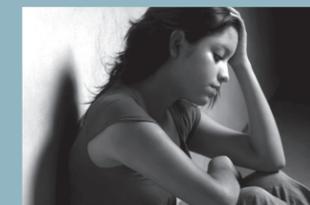
What the Catholic Church understands and teaches concerning Mary is found in a series of Marian dogmas and doctrines. It would be prudent, therefore, to define what a dogma or doctrine is before proceeding further. Fr. John Hardon's *Modern Catholic Dictionary* defines *dogma* as "Doctrine taught by the Church to be believed by all the faithful as part of divine revelation." These are doctrines "the Church proposes for belief as formally revealed by God" and the acceptance of these dogmas are necessary for salvation. Whereas a doctrine is "any truth taught by the Church as necessary for acceptance by the faithful", and can take the form of a formally revealed truth (the real presence in the Eucharist), a theological conclusion (canonization of a saint) or as part of the natural law (*Modern Catholic Dictionary* Fr. John Hardon, S.J.).

"The biggest misconception is that Catholics worship Mary..."



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Making Your Defence cont'd

Mariology, the theological study of Mary, centres around four dogmatic teachings: The Motherhood of Mary, her perpetual virginity, her Immaculate Conception and her Assumption into heaven. The Immaculate Conception of Mary means that she was created, from the first moment of her conception, free of the stain of original sin. From this follows her Assumption because Mary, not being subject to the corruption of sin, was assumed body and soul into heaven. Mary is called Mother of God because she gave birth to Jesus Christ the incarnate son of God by means of the Holy Spirit, despite remaining in a virginal state, a state she retained throughout her life. These dogmatic teachings will be elaborated on in future essays.

As well as dogmatic declarations, a theology of Mary is also described in a series of doctrinal teachings. Among these doctrines is Mary's role as mediatrix. While Jesus Christ is the only mediator between God and human beings, having reconciled us through his death on the cross, this does not exclude a secondary mediatrix role for Mary. The belief that Mary intercedes for all believers has been upheld since ancient times. The 4th century Church Father St. Ephraim the Syrian said Mary was "after the mediator a mediatrix for the whole world". This understanding of Mary continues in modern times, with Pope Benedict XV calling her the *Mediatrix of all Graces* in 1921 and Pope Pius XII describing her as the *Mediatrix of Peace* in 1954.

The Church's doctrinal teaching also describes Mary as Co-Redemptrix, which means that she participates in the salvation process. This does not mean that she equally participates in the redemption of the human race along with her Son, for Christ is the only redeemer and she was herself redeemed by Jesus Christ. This teaching means that she participates in the redemption process through giving birth to the redeemer, sharing him with the world and suffering with him. In his 1918 Apostolic Letter *Inter Sollicitudo*, Pope Benedict XV described Mary's Co-Redemptrix role: *As the Blessed Virgin Mary does not seem to participate in the public life of Jesus Christ, and then, suddenly appears at the stations of the cross, she is not there without divine intention. She suffers with her suffering and dying son, almost as if she would have died herself. For the salvation of mankind, she gave up her rights as the mother of her son and sacrificed him for the reconciliation of divine justice, as far as she was permitted to do. Therefore, one can say, she redeemed with Christ the human race.*

As inheritor of his ancestor King David's crown, Jesus Christ exercises a universal and eternal kingship. Given Mary's participation in her Son's mediation and redemptive act, she has a share, though in a limited way, in his role as King. She is rightly called Queen. Following the Old Testament practice, the

title of Queen was not given to any of the King's wives, but to the mother of the king, who was given the title *Gebirah* (Great Lady) and reigned as queen in her son's kingdom. As queen, the mother of the king served as his counselor, advocate, and intercessor on behalf of the people before their king. She also shared in the king's role of shepherding his people, of looking out for their welfare. As Christ is engaged in these responsibilities as universal and eternal King, so Mary shares in this as Queen.

Misconceptions about Mary and participation in her Son's saving mission are not the exclusive realm of non-Catholic Christians, for even many Catholics come to Mary with a lot of misunderstandings concerning her nature and mission. I hope that the following essays in this series will help to clear away the misconceptions.



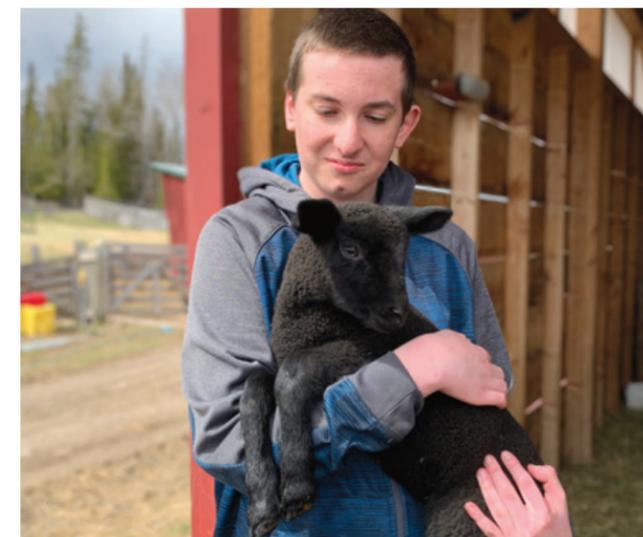
Father Tony Ackermann of Armstrong/Enderby parishes took in the spring sunshine as he welcomed parishioners. Father Tony also serves Falkland and the Carmelite Monastery. Photo and submission by Pat Weninger



Outdoor Schooling

Ascend Students attended some "outdoor schooling" at the Blue Sky Ranch, located between Lone Butte and Bridge Lake. This is a part of the great programming for students with Autism and other related disorders.

Submitted by Lauraine Wakely



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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

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Washing Hands

At the Mass, before the consecration, the priest pours water over his hands and then he uses a white cloth to dry his hands. Have you seen the priest wash his hands at Mass?

This gesture is called, "The Washing of the Hands" and it happens at every Mass.

Why do you think the priest is washing his hands? Do you think his hands are dirty? Did you see him use soap?

When the priest pours the water over his hands, he says these words; "Wash me oh Lord from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin". Iniquities are things that get in the way and keep us from being close to God.

Where have we seen water at Mass before? At baptism one of the many gifts we received was the holy water which transformed and cleansed us from original sin, from the things that keep us from God.

When the priest uses the gesture of "The Washing of the Hands", the cleansing is an internal cleansing and he does this for all of the people in the church. Throughout the Mass we are preparing ourselves to be in union with the Risen Christ. Using these words and this gesture, the priest purifies and unifies all of us as we prepare to receive Jesus in the Eucharist.



Atrium

My daughter Kaitlyn and I were so joyfilled to travel to Enderby and visit Mary Kate Langer and her son at the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium at St Ann's Parish.

Mary Kate received lots of help building the atrium from the people of the parish, her husband, and her mother and father in law. The materials in the atrium are incredible and the works of the children were filled with the Holy Spirit.

The atrium opened in October 2018 with seven children, Mary Kate and her sister in law, Paulette Langer. Both catechists look forward to continuing to come together to listen to God with the children in this beautiful program again this fall.

Pictured in the atrium are Mary Kate Langer with her son and Kaitlyn Milne-Berdusco.

Sign of Peace

When we are at Mass there is a gesture that we all get to participate in called, "The Sign of Peace". During the Mass, the priest invites us to offer to one another the sign of Christ's peace. When the priest invites us, we turn to the people next to us in the church and we look into their eyes, shake their hand and we say, "Peace be with you."

When we offer the peace of Christ, we offer great things! Who's peace is it? The peace of the Risen Christ. What does Christ's peace look like? Wow!

Who do we offer peace to? Our family, our friends, even people we don't know at Mass. Do we offer the peace of Christ to our enemies? This gesture of Christ's peace goes out to everybody, everywhere; beyond our church, our community, to churches all over the world. The peace of Christ goes out to all of creation, uniting our universal church to God and to one another.

Thank you, Jesus!



St. Ann's Academy Childcare Activities



Mother's Day

The month of May at the Childcare is dedicated to our Blessed Mother, Mary and all Mothers. Happy Mother's Day from all of us to all of you moms out there! When we asked the children to tell us about their mothers they used the words; a miracle, gorgeous, love, wonderful, beautiful, amazing, fabulous, and brilliant! We are so blessed to be able to look to our mother, Mary as a model for all mothers. Thank you, Jesus!



Prayer Time

Prayer time at St. Ann's Academy Childcare is a very special part of our day. Each day at 3pm, our daycare and our school aged program come together in prayer. Children from 30 months to aged 12 lead the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet offering prayers for you as we pray for our Diocese, the souls in Purgatory, vocations to the priesthood, our families, friends and loved ones, those in need, our brothers and sisters who are not well, and much more. We are so blessed to be able to come together and share in our faith and love of God and one another in prayer.



Risen Christ

As we celebrate the Risen Christ, we celebrate renewal and as Bishop Joseph shared in his Easter Vigil Homily, the opportunity to "begin again", new life. The children plant seeds and learn how to nurture them with good things as they watch them grow. We share in the story of creation and all of God's gifts to us. The children are always very excited to share their ideas of how we can collaborate with God and one another to care for our common home.

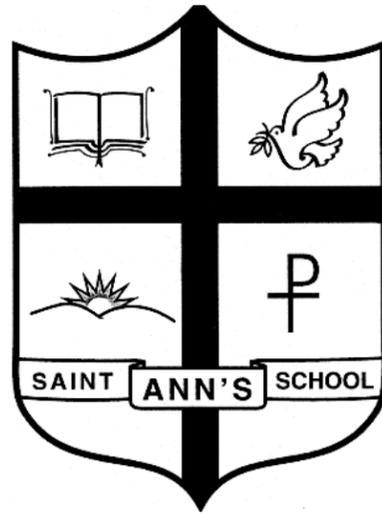
St. Ann's School, Quesnel Prepares For Easter



Mr. Weston's Grade 3/4 class made a "Last Supper" craft. Cody Rodman shows off his creation.



Mrs. VanBakel's Grade 1 class performed the Palm Sunday story. Lila Small, Daniel Rempel, Liam Parker, Lexi Ward and Tanner Marsh.



Sophia Risma and Douglas Devine.



Cailyn Thomson, Juliet Howe, Addi Leggett & Kinsley McTavish.

Rachael's Vineyard International Conference and Silent No More Awareness Campaign

"You cannot support human rights and not support the baby in the womb."

– Father Frank Pavone, Priests for Life

On September 24-28, 2018 the Kamloops Diocese sent the Rachael's Vineyard Team to Philadelphia to attend the Rachael's Vineyard International Conference and Silent No More Awareness Campaign. Roughly 30 priests and 280 delegates from England, New Zealand, Africa, Korea, Australia, Ireland, Canada and the United States attended.

Dr. Theresa Burke developed Rachael's Vineyard (RV) to heal post abortive men and women. She later developed Grief to Grace for victims of physical and sexual abuse and neglect. A Duty to Heal, a healing ministry for the war affected, was recently piloted. The Living Scripture Institute is the umbrella organization assisting with funding and future development of these programs and is heavily supported by Priests for Life and the Vatican.

Pro-life supporters from the United States are enthusiastic and their enthusiasm is infectious. Father Frank Pavone from Priest for Life declared that abortion will "in our lifetime" be illegal again. Dr. Burke writes, "We are at a tipping point for truth in a strong current that demands an end to the secrecy and cover-up of dehumanizing violence that has dominated traumatic experiences worldwide."

Topics

Our RV facilitator and abortion survivor, Nancy Hadden was a presenter and her focus was to assist women to share their own abortion story. Other topics included: Men and Abortion, Prison Ministry, Leadership, Healing, Abortion Recovery Research, Shockwaves of Abortion, Clinical Skills, Self Care, Protection of Electronic Data, Drugs and Addiction, Ritual Abuse, Media, Divine Healer, and Service.

Conference Highlights

We cannot remain silent on the issue of abortion. The gospel cannot be pre-empted by fear of what the institution or what people might say or do. We are to stand on the "platform of Jesus Christ" and we will be given the courage to speak out. We were reminded of the words of St. Therese Lexieux, "Our fragility is not a barrier to becoming a saint."

Keeping secrets adds to the intergenerational trauma of families. Abortion and abuse, once "forbidden secrets," must be disclosed. Within the person, trauma splits the logic from the feelings thus creating behaviours separating us from our relationship with God, family and community. Disclosure and healing integrates the body and soul, the logic and the feeling.

Silent No More has a website where women and men can register regret of their abortion. These registered regrets are the portals demonstrating to policy and lawmakers that abortion is not good for women. Please encourage men and women involved in an abortion to register their regret in one of three ways:

1. Register anonymously
2. Make a written statement and/or
3. 3Make a short video

To register an abortion regret:

<http://www.silentnomoreawareness.org/rc/canada.aspx>

The conference was excellent and the team very much appreciates the diocesan support of Rachael's Vineyard. If you know someone who needs healing from abortion, they can phone/text Nancy at 250-267-5081 or email at rvmkamloops@yahoo.ca. The next retreat will be held at Cache Creek Shrine October 24-26.



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