



In the late 19th century, Franciscan Friars from my home province in Cincinnati, Ohio, went to minister among the Navajo people in the

territories of Arizona and New Mexico. The friars reached the Southwest by train, but their travels around the mission field were by horse, wagon, or on foot. Their adventures on the road in that frontier territory were often quite hazardous. A sudden storm could wash out desert roads. And there were other dangers: One old photo shows a friar in his habit and seated nearby is a cowboy with a vicious-looking six-shooter. Today, my confreres still minister in that same mission field, but they crisscross Navajo land by car or truck like everyone else—including the Navajo people.

Like our missionary forebears, the journey Jesus begins in today's *Gospel* was difficult—not only because robbers, deserts, and wild beasts lay along the road to Jerusalem. At the end of his journey Jesus will face crucifixion and death.

In these summer *Gospel* selections from Luke, our author uses the *journey* theme to explore what being a disciple means. Your trip to church this weekend might not be hazardous--until you reach the parking lot at least!--but let's hope you hear loud and clear the challenge to discipleship in our Sunday scriptures.

From Father Greg Friedman, OFM
[Listen here to the Sunday Soundbites](#)

With sincere gratitude to all the people of Immaculate Conception Parish for helping me to celebrate 25 years of Priesthood.

Thank you for your gifts, cards, and best wishes. Thank you also to the organizing committee for their hard work behind the scenes, the music ministry, and all who helped at the Eucharistic Celebration.

Thanks also to Bishop Jensen and the priests of the diocese for their presence and for joining the celebration.

May God Bless you all abundantly!

Fr. Chris Lynch

DATES AND EVENTS

SEE ATTACHED CALENDAR

- **Year End School Mass – June 28, 2022 at 9:00AM Daily Mass**
- **Last day of school** is June 28, 2022 --Dismissal 11:45AM
- **Fr. Chris' last Sunday in the parish** will be July 24, 2022.
- **Fr. John Garden's first Mass in the parish** is August 1, 2022.

Please note that this is the last bulletin for the summer.

The bulletin will resume Sunday, August 28, 2022.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the parish office at: 250-964-4898 or email icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca

Parish updates and news will be posted on our website at <https://www.icparish.ca/> when necessary.

SHEPHERD'S CORNER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Shepherd's Corner is a ministry and outreach of the Diocese to the homeless and street people in the downtown area of the city. It is an opportunity to live out what Jesus asked in Matthew 25: 35 - 40.

Due Covid-19 we have been unable to invite people inside, although many restrictions have been lifted. Currently, we provide front door services of drinks, snacks, and clothing (if available).

There are strict procedures in place to ensure safety of all, and to maintain cleanliness and good hygiene.

Hours of operation are Monday to Friday from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

The primary focus of the ministry is to see those served as children of God.

Please note that **ALL** volunteers require to have a Criminal Record Check completed prior to being scheduled for this ministry.

If you feel called to serve in any way, please contact: Sister Marife Macalam at mmacalam@pgdiocese.ca or (778) 675-6547 or

Peter Ranson at p-ranson@shaw.ca or (250) 552-8980.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George (CISPG):**

Teachers: Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George (CISPG) is hiring for September 2022, full-time teaching positions in Prince George, Terrace, Kitimat, Smithers and Dawson Creek. Please help spread the word! Postings found at <http://cispg.ca/careers/>

[Link for the Diocesan Wednesday Weekly for June 22, 2022](#)

PG4UKRAINE – SHARE HOPE REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

Share Hope Committee has been very active since the invasion of the Ukraine. Numerous families who made their way to Prince George and northern BC to seek refuge temporarily or permanently have received assistance. This has come in the form of travel, housing, language, job searchers, education and health, wellness and more. There is also support to families and individuals to connect socially with others. If you would like to get involved, please contact Eva Gillis at Immaculate Conception or Dick Mynen at St Mary's via email at pg.sharehope@gmail.com.

Share Hope is also fundraising to financially support those arriving in PG and the Northern region. There have been requests from many families, and funds have been distributed to those in need. If you would like to help with the fundraising efforts, please donate directly to your parish and mark it “in support of the Share Hope Refugee Sponsorship Committee” or you can also donate through CanadaHelps using the “Ukraine” option on the page for the Diocese of Prince George located [here: https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/70838](https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/70838). If you have a fundraising idea or initiative you would like to promote, contact pg.sharehope@gmail.com

HOW TO SUPPORT UKRAINE THROUGH CNEWA

The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) is a papal agency dedicated to addressing the needs of near-eastern countries and implementing solutions with and through the Church in those countries.

Donations for Ukraine can be sent to CNEWA the following ways:

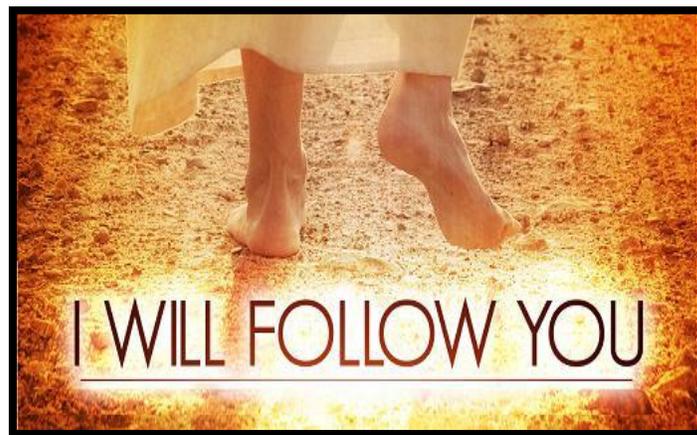
- Visit <https://cnewa.org/ca/campaigns/ukraine/>
- Call 1-866-322-4441
- Send cheques to CNEWA Canada, 223 Main Street, Box 80, Ottawa ON K1S 1C4

CNEWA CANADA RAISES \$4 MILLION TO SUPPORT UKRAINE

In the early weeks of February after the invasion of Ukraine by Russia, CNEWA Canada launched a campaign to raise money for relief efforts in Ukraine. In the 100 days since then, people across Canada have donated a historic \$4 million.

Msgr. Peter Vaccari, president of CNEWA, said “We’re working quickly to direct this aid to those who need it most through our partners on the ground in Ukraine as transparently and securely as possible.”

The full news release can be read here: <https://cnewa.org/ca/cnewa-canadas-ukraine-campaign-tops-4-million/>



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUMMER 50/50 CHARITY APPEAL

Tickets are now on sale for this year’s Summer 50/50 Charity appeal.

Did you know? Funds raised from this Charity Appeal are given back to the dioceses in BC to help fund education and social programs. [Check out the poster click here.](#)

This summer we pray:

- that we count our blessings
- that we enjoy and relish each moment of sunshine and fun
- that we share our blessings with others
- for refreshment of mind and body
- for joy, love, peace, and safety
- for God's blessings upon our families, friends and community.