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Diocese of Prince George

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	Reconciliation	Before Mass, or by appointment
	Marriage	Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance

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Sr. Michaela
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GRAND KNIGHT:

K of C Meetings 2nd Thursday of the month

VOCATIONS: Fr. Terry Brock

*The Holy Spirit will teach you everthing,
and remind you of all that I have said to you.*

John 14.23-29

Shortly before his death Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago launched “Common Ground.” Distressed by the polarization among Catholics, he believed that people of good will who agreed on basic Catholic doctrine, even while expressing diverse viewpoints within the Church, could come together and seek to listen to one another.



Today’s First Reading reminds me of Cardinal Bernardin’s dream of reconciliation. Centuries ago, Jewish and Gentile Christians found themselves disagreeing on how to follow Jesus. Trusting in the Holy Spirit, they prayed, shared their different approaches—and we read the result today.

The *Gospel* today also reflects something of the early community’s uncertainty about its future. At the Last Supper the disciples realize Jesus is about to leave them. They’re troubled and afraid, not knowing how they will survive without him. Jesus assures them that he will send “the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,” who will teach them and remind them of all Jesus told them. In effect, Jesus is promising that the Church can always rely on the Spirit to guide it in troubled times.

When we face difficulties and even disagreements within the Church we mustn’t forget what Jesus promises in today’s *Gospel*: He sends us his Spirit to be our “Advocate” and teacher. The Spirit will help us discover the peace that Jesus gives—a peace the world does not know.

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

DATES and EVENTS

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

- **Last day of live-streaming—
May 29, 2022 @ 11AM**
- **Daily Mass 8:00AM for the week of May 30 to
June 2 – as the Priests of the Diocese are on retreat**
- **No morning Mass June 3, 2022**
- **The Celebration of Fr. Chris’s 25th Anniversary
of Ordination
June 3, 2022
Mass 7:00PM
Reception to follow in the Church Hall**

Baby Bottle Campaign

Sunday, May 8th to Sunday, June 19, 2022.

Annual Baby Bottles Campaign sponsored by Advocate Life & Education Services.

These baby bottles represent HOPE for vulnerable women and families in need. By filling a bottle, you're taking part in literally changing and saving lives.

Please watch this video

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CATHOLIC BISHOPS WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENT OF PAPAL VISIT TO CANADA

On May 13, 2022, the Vatican formally announced the dates and hub cities for Pope Francis’ visit to Canada. The visit will take place from July 24-29, 2022. Due to the vastness of Canada, the limited time-period of the visit, and the health of the 85-year-old Pontiff, only three communities will be used as bases for his Canadian visit: Edmonton, Quebec City, and Iqaluit.

These locations were chosen to “limit travel for the Holy Father while still allowing an opportunity for both intimate and public encounters, drawing on participation from all regions of the country.”

The President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB), Bishop Raymond Poisson, said: “We are immensely grateful that the Holy Father has accepted our invitation to continue the journey of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of this land. In late July, Pope Francis will have the opportunity to visit Indigenous Peoples here in their homeland, as he promised when he met them recently in Rome. We pray for the health of the Holy Father as we undertake the intensive planning for this historic visit.”

[Click here for full media release statement from the CCCC](#)

PG4UKRAINE – SHARE HOPE REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

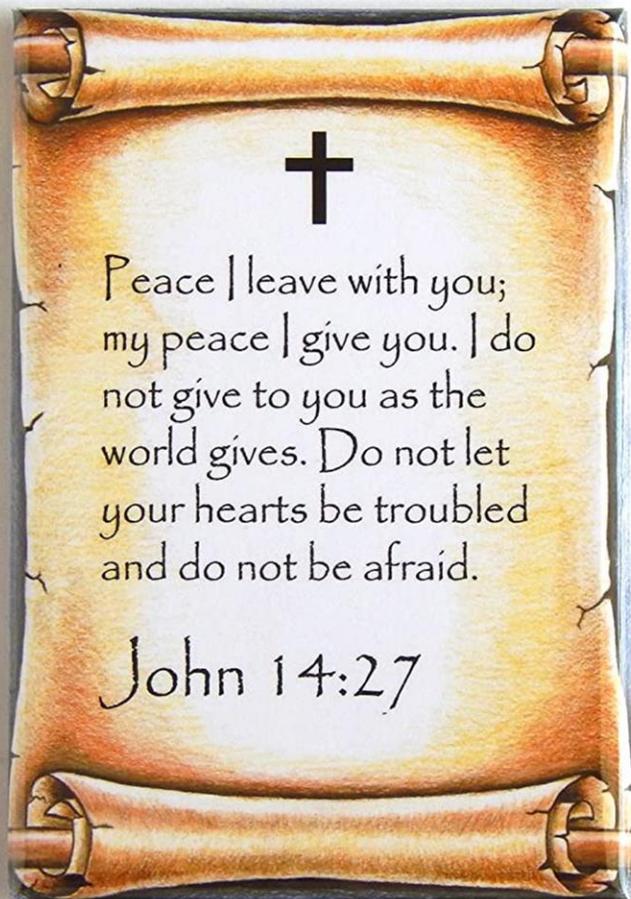
The Share Hope Refugee Sponsorship Committee is part of a city wide PG4Ukraine initiative. They are raising funds and awareness in an effort to help displaced persons and refugees fleeing from the war in Ukraine.

If you would like to help with our fundraising efforts, you can donate directly to your Parish and mark it “in support of the Share Hope Refugee Sponsorship Committee.”

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>.

We are always looking for new members to join in our efforts.

For more information, contact Dick Mynen from St. Mary's at 250-565-4764 or Eva Gillis from Immaculate Conception at 778-349-7001.



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 and Dawson Creek. Please help spread the word! Postings found at <http://cispg.ca/careers/>
- Principal for Sacred Heart School, PG: Catholic Independent Schools is looking for a principal for Sacred Heart Catholic School in Prince George. [Click here to job posting for details.](#)

St. Mary's Parish Secretary

St. Mary's Parish in Prince George is looking for a full-time secretary. Hours are 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week. Benefits included. For more information or to apply, send your resume to hr@stmaryspg.ca

CCCB Submits Brief to the Special Joint Committee on MAiD

The CCCB has submitted a brief to the Special Joint Committee on MAiD urging them not to allow the expansion of euthanasia eligibility. They warn that euthanasia is a deterrence from improving access to viable alternatives and erodes the common good of society.

[Click here to read the CCCB's full brief.](#)

[Link for the Diocesan Wednesday Weekly for May 18, 2022](#)

Prayer for Peace

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms.

Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

[Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace](#)

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