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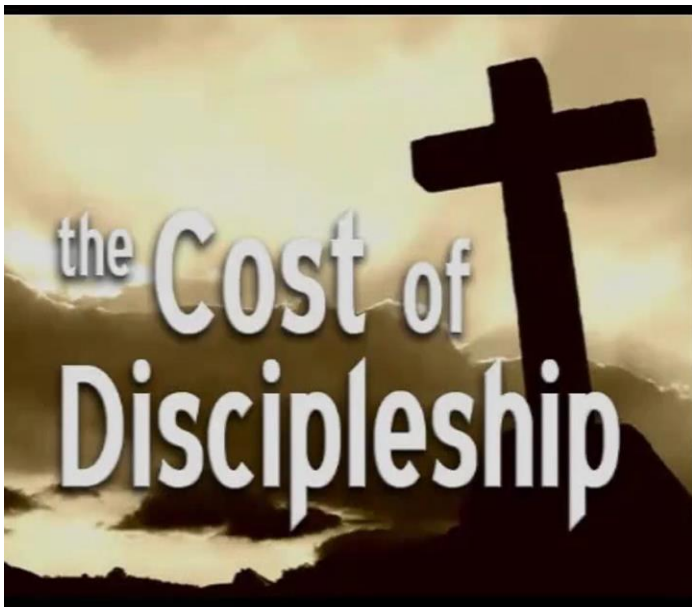
Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Years I ago I lived in Milwaukee for a while, and as I traveled back then through downtown and near Lake Michigan, I would pass a highway bridge, sitting all alone. There was no way to drive up on the bridge; no ramps had been built leading onto or away from it. There seemed to be no construction going on anywhere near the bridge. I often wondered about this strange sight. Had the bridge been completed before there was enough funding to build the connecting highways?

That story reminds me of today's *Gospel*: Jesus cautions his audience about the cost of discipleship. Jesus will embrace his cross completely, giving his all. We his followers, must do the same. Jesus urges us to give our all, carrying our own cross and following after him. How does he drive home his point? Jesus uses a couple of down-to-earth examples: A builder must calculate the construction costs before beginning to build. A king must know if he can win a battle with the troops at his disposal. Jesus' stark conclusion: we cannot be his disciples without a total commitment.

I'm sure that bridge in downtown Milwaukee has since been completed. But how are you and I doing as we work on our lifelong project of Christian discipleship?

Father Greg Friedman, O. F. M.



Sacraments for Children

Children who are not registered in a Catholic School and wish to receive the sacraments of ***Reconciliation, First Holy Communion (Grade 2) & Confirmation (Grade 6)***. The city wide **Family Faith Formation**, at St. Mary's, begins on **Sunday, Sept. 22nd at 2:30 pm**. Registration fee is \$32/child and registration takes place on the first Sunday. If you are taking this program please email Fr. Chris at clynch@pgdiocese.ca.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you or anyone you know interested in the Catholic Faith? The RCIA is a journey of faith for Unbaptised Adults, Baptised Adults from another Christian Faith, and Baptised Adults from the Catholic Christian Faith who have not received their First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. St. Mary's will be hosting RCIA sessions on **Thursday** evenings from **7 pm – 8:30 pm** starting on **October 10th** in the St. Mary's Eugene Room. Those who belong or wish to belong to Immaculate Conception Church need to contact Fr. Chris at 250-964-4898 or clynch@pgdiocese.ca.

Immaculate Conception School

Opening School Mass is on **Friday at 9am**.

Parish Ministry

Next Sunday (**Sept. 15th**) we will be asking you to be good stewards of your time and talents. We will be asking you to sign up for ministries in our Church as: **Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion, Lectors, Coffee Sunday, Altar Linen, and Children's Liturgy**. We want to strongly encourage more of our young people to take on these ministries. If you wish to continue with your current ministry, please sign up again.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Next Sunday after the 9 am & 11am Masses.

**St. Vincent de Paul Soup/Sandwich
Preparation at Immaculate Conception
Church**

Tuesday, September 17th at 9:40 am preparing sandwich and soup ingredients and **Wednesday, September 18th at 9:40 am** making soup and sandwiches in the Church hall.

Moving Lectern

In accordance with liturgical norms, we will be moving the Lectern to the other side of the altar.

Monthly Adoration

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesday** at the Domano Chapel. Mass will be celebrated at **7:30 am** and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from **8 am – 8 pm**.

Diocesan Annual Appeal – “Called Together”

Along with all other parishes and missions throughout the diocese, today we kick-off the Annual Diocesan Appeal: **“Called Together – Giving, Sharing, and Serving.”**

Called Together supports the mission of our local Church across our diocese. Your gift to Called Together is one way that you can practice stewardship and participate in the mission of the Church.

You are invited to participate in this task in providing for the needs of our Diocesan Church

Our Parish Goal is: \$39,599

Please make cheques payable to:

RCEC – Diocesan Appeal

Diocesan Goal: \$400,000

Thank you for your generosity.

Employment Opportunities

THE DIOCESE OF PRINCE GEORGE is seeking individuals for the following positions:

Administrative Assistant to provide support in the Bishop’s office. The successful candidate will work in a fast-paced and collaborative environment, supporting the work of the Bishop and his Vicar General; will possess excellent oral and written communication skills and be proficient in Microsoft Office; knowledge of video editing programs would be an asset. Excellent benefits package, including pension plan.

Resident Caretaker for Camp Morice.

The Diocese requires a resident caretaker for the Camp Morice property in Ft. St. James. The position is responsible for grounds keeping and routine maintenance of the buildings, vehicles and equipment. Please submit a résumé and cover letter with the job title in the email subject line to:

Very Reverend Rectorino M. Tolentino, Jr. Vicar General Roman Catholic Diocese of Prince George 6500 Southridge Avenue Prince George, BC V2N 5P9 E-mail: vicargeneral@pgdiocese.bc.ca Thank you for your interest; only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

A SOLEMN HIGH MASS CELEBRATED IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM OF THE MASS

of the Roman Rite – **Latin** - (according to the 1962 edition of the Roman Missal) is scheduled for Sacred Heart Cathedral next **Sunday, Sept. 15th at 3:00 pm**. Fr. Daniel Geddes from the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, Pastor of Holy Family Parish in Vancouver, will be the celebrant.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Please consider offering some volunteer time to the Society of St Vincent de Paul here in Prince George. To learn more about our services, please check out our website at www.ssvdppg.com or call the Centre at 250-564-7871. We will do our best to accommodate your availability. An application and Criminal Record Check is required.

Hope for Women Site Manager Job Opportunity

- Hope for Women Pregnancy Services, a community initiative of Advocate Life & Education Services Society, is searching for an experienced and passionate individual to manage the pregnancy care centre in Prince George, BC. The role is instrumental in providing help, information, and resources for individuals who are experiencing an unintended pregnancy. Email jared@advocate.ca for more information or visit www.advocate.ca.

Happy Birthday to our Blessed Mother Mary!