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SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday 4:30 PM Sunday 10:30 AM

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Cancelled until further notice

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

In the Quiet Room
Saturday 4:00 PM to 4:15 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM to 10:15 AM
First Friday before 8 AM mass
Or by appointment. Call Fr. Brennan Ext 1
or Fr. Coyne Ext 4

COMMUNION TO THE SICK OR SHUT-INS

Contact the parish office to arrange for this Ministry

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact Father Brennan at least six months before the proposed celebration as a preparation program is required.

BAPTISM

Please contact Fr. Brennan regarding upcoming preparation

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Sept. 13

8:00 am Doreen Wilken - Don & Anne Andrecheck

TUES. Sept. 14

8:00 am James & Theresa Kusluski - Bob & Tim

WED. Sept. 15

8:00 am Diane Popkie - Don Hunt

THURS. Sept. 16

8:00 am Norman Warren - Michael & Darlene Joyce

FRI. Sept. 17

8:00 am Sylvester Power - Marguerite Power

SAT. Sept. 18

4:30 pm Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

SUN. Sept. 19

10:30 am Margaret Burns - Jan & Roy Leitch

Gilbert Godin - Wife, Teresita Godin

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Sept. 20

8:00 am Nancy Felhaber - Don & Anne Andrecheck

TUES. Sept.21

8:00 am Special Intention - Fr. Michael Coyne

WED. Sept. 22

8:00 am Repose of the Soul of Dolly McDonald

- Daughter, Debra

THURS. Sept. 23

8:00 am In Thanksgiving - Lore Coyne

FRI. Sept. 24

8:00 am Mary McMaster - Marguerite Power

SAT. Sept. 25

4:30 pm Gord Sr. & Leo - Gordie & Sharon

Donna Riopelle & James &

Teresa Hanniman - Ab, Marlene & Chrissy

SUN. Sept. 26

10:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially Loretta Kimberley and Brian Holmes.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Marie Budden, Doreen Ryan-Dagenais, Lois & Leonard Desjardine, Marcella Cybulski, Darlene Shields, Annlea O'Rourke, Gail Caillier, Doris Long, Johanna Mathieu, Margarita Kurth, Betty Sammon, Sylvie Lafontaine, Stella Shalla and Georges and Jeannette Blanchette.

Sunday Offering August 29th: \$3,029.00 Envelopes: \$2,704.00; Weekly EFT: \$240.00; Loose: \$85.00

Sunday Offering September 5th: \$6,523.34

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Loose: \$40.00

Care Fund: \$210.00 (over last two weeks) Education of Priests: \$1,430.00 to date Needs of Canadian Church: \$47.00 to date Parish Supper Donations: \$8,230.00 to date

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Initiation for Adults):

If you know of someone who is interested in the Catholic Faith or someone who is Catholic and wishes to deepen their relationship with Jesus and the Church, this program is for you. For further info please call Father Brennan at 613-432-5825 x1.

COME BACK TO "THE MOUNTAIN" St. Patrick Parish Take Out Supper and Bazaar will be held on Sunday, September 26, 2021. Holy Mass will be offered at the parish at noon. There will be a bake tent and yard sale held in the church yard and in the school hall, located beside the church, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 pm. The take out meal - Shepherd's Pie with a great selection of desserts, salads and rolls - will be held at the DACA Centre and will run from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Adults \$15; children under 12 only \$10.00. For further information or to reserve a meal **(strongly advised prior to Sept. 19)** kindly contact Betty at 613-649-2668 or Gail at 613-649-2236. All the regular COVID 19 precautions will be observed. All are welcome and hope to see you at "The Mountain"!

Marriage Preparation Program. The Fall Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program is coming up on Saturday, October 2nd and Saturday, October 23rd via Zoom. **Deadline to register is September 17**th. Registration is available online at www.pembrokediocese.com, or a form can be obtained from any parish and mailed in. Inquiries can be directed to Ellen Hrkach at 613 297-1496 or ellengablehrkach.com



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~ JONAH ANTOINE STRATHERN, son of Jordan & Rita ~

Statement from the Executive Committee of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops regarding the Corporation for the Catholic Entities Party to the Indian Residential School Settlement 20 August 2021

The Executive Committee of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) wishes to address recent reporting on the Corporation for the Catholic Entities Party to the Indian Residential School Settlement (CCEPIRSS). As a Committee, we have been profoundly saddened by the recent uncovering of unmarked burial sites and wish to play a meaningful role in the journey towards healing and reconciliation. This journey requires long-term commitment, but we are encouraged by recent progress, which includes the confirmation of a meeting between Pope Francis and a delegation of First Nations, Métis and Inuit survivors, knowledge keepers, and youth this December.

We have made every effort to be transparent about the Church's role in the residential school system, however, obtaining and assessing information has been much slower than expected. Notably, CCEPIRSS is no longer operational and we have had difficulty finding definitive information on settlement discussions, as the CCCB was not party to the agreement. Having said that, we have spoken to Indigenous leaders, clergy, and legal counsel who were involved and are able to clarify a few important matters.

Most notably, the Canadian Bishops have not and would not redirect funds meant for settlement payments to residential school survivors away from their intended use. We understand that these payments play an important role helping survivors respond to the lasting pain caused by residential schools and we wish to play a meaningful role in the healing process. As part of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement (IRSSA), our understanding is that the federal government agreed to paying compensations to survivors directly, whereas Catholic entities agreed to support a range of programs that would advance healing and reconciliation. We are told that these included cash payment contributions, in-kind services, and a national "best efforts" fundraising campaign, which were guided by the advice and contributions of Indigenous leaders, with regular updates provided to the Government of Canada.

Our research indicates that all the agreed upon cash payment contributions were provided, with the majority sent to the Aboriginal Healing Foundation and the Legacy of Hope Foundation. The "in-kind services" that Catholic entities worked on were overseen by a multi-party panel with appointments from the Assembly of First Nations, Catholic entities, and the Government of Canada, to ensure projects were sufficiently valuable to the Indigenous communities that they were intended to reach. There was enthusiastic uptake on these efforts across the country, with Catholic entities substantially exceeding their goal. While these services are no longer measured, many of them continue to operate to this day as part of a meaningful and ongoing dialogue between Catholic and Indigenous communities. The "best efforts" campaign represented a sincere, national push to engage Catholics and non-Catholics in fundraising projects that would advance healing and reconciliation. This work included outreach to major donors, regional committees tasked with engaging local businesses, and pew collections across the country. It did not yield the results that many had hoped for. The Bishops of Canada, for their part, are looking at creative new ways to support fundraising efforts across the country.

Reconciliation is a long and ongoing journey that inspires our work every day, however, it is the CCCB's understanding that the Catholic entities party to the IRSSA honoured all their settlement obligations. We will continue to provide updates on fundraising, education, and reconciliation initiatives taking place as this important work progresses.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CEMETERY CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Due to COVID 19 and the ongoing health concerns the Memorial Service has been cancelled for this year.



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