



Bishop Joseph and Bishop McGratton (Calgary) with Kamloops diocesan priests at priest's retreat in June 2019.

# Diocesan NEWS



News and Views of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Kamloops





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# The Rosary

## OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Words from our secondary patron, St. John Vianney:

*“After God, we should have a great confidence in the Blessed Mother of Jesus, who is so good.” – Sermon on Hope*

### OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY— INTENTIONS LIST FOR OCTOBER 2019 TO OCTOBER 2020

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. A great love for the Eucharist               | 17. Reverend Father Thomas Dieu Nguyen                          |
| 2. A great devotion to Mary                     | 18. Reverend Father Dale Normandeau                             |
| 3. For our Mother Church                        | 19. Reverend Father Emmanuel Onomadu                            |
| 4. Reverend Father Anthony Ackerman             | 20. Reverend Father Vernantius Ononiwu                          |
| 5. Reverend Father<br>Peter Altamirano, OMI     | 21. Reverend Father Donal O'Reilly                              |
| 6. Reverend Father Vincent Asomugha             | 22. Reverend Father Clinton Pendleton                           |
| 7. Reverend Father Raphael Boansi               | 23. Reverend Father Paul Simms                                  |
| 8. Reverend Father Derrick Cameron              | 24. Reverend Father<br>Praveen Jaison Tellis, OCD               |
| 9. Reverend Monsignor Jerry Desmond             | 25. Reverend Father Fred Weisbeck                               |
| 10. Reverend Father Robert Haggarty, OMI        | 26. Deacon Eddie Lavoie   |
| 11. Reverend Father Swann Kim                   | 27. Deacon Paul Murphy  |
| 12. Reverend Father<br>George LaGrange, OMI     | 28. Religious Sisters and Religious<br>Brothers and Seminarians |
| 13. Reverend Father Andrew L'Heureux            | 29. Our Catholic Schools—<br>staff and students                 |
| 14. Reverend Father<br>Vijay Duming Martin, OCD | 30. For protection of human life<br>and families                |
| 15. Most Reverend Joseph Phuong Nguyen          | 31. For the work of St. Vincent de Paul<br>and the marginalized |
| 16. Reverend Father Peter Hoan Nguyen           |   |

**My sisters and brothers in Christ, when praying the Rosary, besides your personal intentions, please keep the following intentions:**

First decade – for peace

Second decade – for our families

Third decade – for priests and deacons and religious

Fourth decade – for seminarians and vocations

Fifth decade – for our Diocese

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# Financial Summary 2018:

## Roman Catholic Bishop of Kamloops



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### Review Engagement Report on Summarized Financial Statements

To the Roman Catholic Bishop of Kamloops:

We have reviewed the accompanying summarized financial statements, which comprise the summarized statement of financial position as at December 31, 2018, and the summarized statement of operations for the year then ended are derived from the complete financial statements of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Kamloops for the year ended December 31, 2018 on which we prepared our review engagement dated April 23, 2019 with a qualified conclusion related to donation and fundraising activities.

#### Management's Responsibility of the Summarized Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these summarized financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

#### Practitioner's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying summarized financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with the applicable Assurance Guideline of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada with respect to summarized financial statements.

#### Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these summarized financial statements, derived from the complete financial statements of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Kamloops for the year ended December 31, 2018, are not a fair summary of those financial statements, in accordance with the criteria described in the Guideline referred above.

#### Emphasis of Matter

The summarized financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the complete financial statements of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Kamloops.

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April 23, 2019  
Kamloops, BC



# Financial Summary 2018:

## Roman Catholic Bishop of Kamloops

### Statement of Financial Position and Net Assets

December 31, 2018

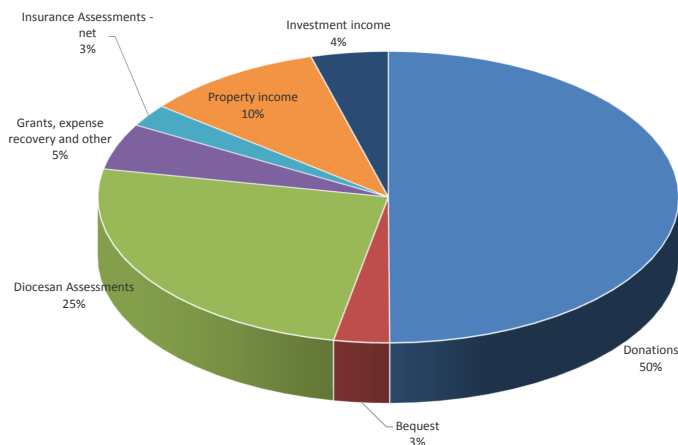
	2018	2017
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 524,731	\$ 827,194
Marketable securities	2,399,297	2,015,782
Accounts receivable	154,612	165,624
Prepaid expenses	179,338	172,837
	<u>3,257,978</u>	<u>3,181,437</u>
<b>PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT</b>	<u>1,688,449</u>	<u>1,750,911</u>
	<u>\$ 4,946,427</u>	<u>\$ 4,932,348</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accruals	\$ 89,623	\$ 86,220
Deferred revenue	195,994	199,819
	<u>285,617</u>	<u>286,039</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>INVESTED IN PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT</b>	<u>1,688,449</u>	<u>1,750,911</u>
<b>FAITH IN ACTION</b>	<u>1,026,694</u>	<u>1,183,770</u>
<b>MONIES IN TRUST</b>	<u>1,930,667</u>	<u>1,696,628</u>
<b>CHANCERY</b>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
	<u>4,660,810</u>	<u>4,646,309</u>
	<u>\$ 4,946,427</u>	<u>\$ 4,932,348</u>

### Statement of Operations

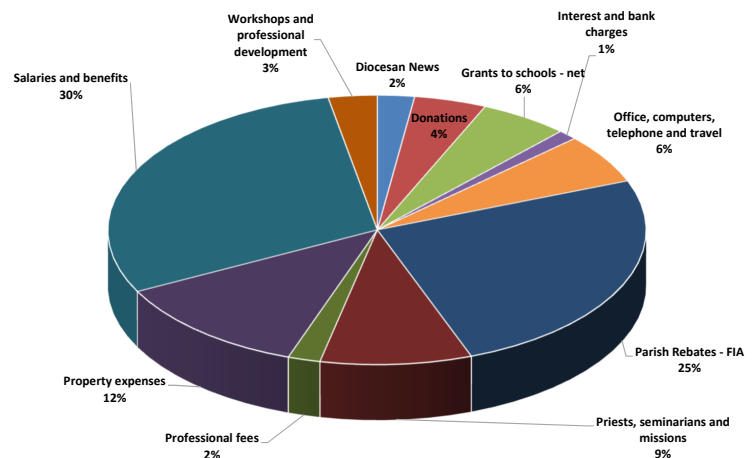
Year ended December 31, 2018

	2018	2017
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Donations to:		
Faith in Action	\$ 662,917	\$ 771,079
Monies in Trust and Chancery - Donations	124,918	491,638
Bequest	48,794	138,000
Diocesan Assessments	395,576	373,094
Insurance Assessments - net	39,147	40,775
Investment income (loss)	67,823	24,335
Property income	157,850	35,400
Grants, expense recovery and other	81,003	65,596
	<u>1,578,028</u>	<u>1,939,917</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>FAITH IN ACTION</b>		
Donations	4,000	-
Diocesan News - net	32,800	27,969
Grants to schools - net	79,527	202,477
Office, computers, telephone and travel	29,581	30,141
Parish allocations	373,121	315,412
Salaries and benefits	77,098	101,425
Workshops and professional development	43,295	22,954
	<u>639,422</u>	<u>700,378</u>
<b>MONIES IN TRUST</b>		
Donations	59,034	28,020
Office, computers, telephone and travel	9,830	2,256
Priests seminarians and missions	134,032	218,710
Professional fees	20,233	14,950
Property expenses - buildings	49,440	68,221
Property expenses - IHM Shrine and Centre	105,000	76,500
Salaries and benefits	99,219	119,570
	<u>476,788</u>	<u>528,227</u>
<b>CHANCERY FUND</b>		
Bad debt (recovery)	(5,000)	(20,450)
Donations	1,000	25,000
Interest and bank charges	17,503	17,180
Office, computers, telephone and travel	48,323	62,493
Professional fees	8,405	8,291
Property expenses - Chancery	24,015	20,912
Salaries and benefits	261,263	257,776
	<u>355,509</u>	<u>371,202</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>1,471,719</u>	<u>1,599,807</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$ 106,309</u>	<u>\$ 340,110</u>
<b>NET</b>		
FAITH IN ACTION	\$ 51,924	\$ 93,265
MONIES IN TRUST	(274,876)	59,873
CHANCERY FUND	329,261	186,972
	<u>\$ 106,309</u>	<u>\$ 340,110</u>

REVENUES



EXPENSES





Fr. Derrick and Fr. Ajin came out to join one of Sacred Heart Cathedral's small faith communities as they gathered together for fellowship and fun at Jandana Ranch. We are so blessed to come together and share our love for God with one another.

*Submitted by Susan Berdusco*



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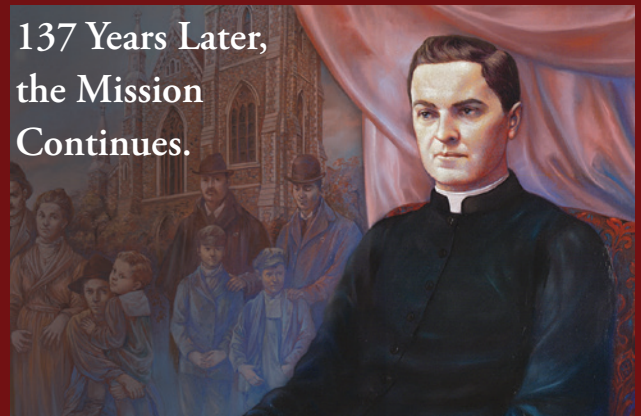
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# The Bishop's Message



Dear Friends in Christ,

We thank God for a much better summer of this year compared to the last 2 years, when many parts of our Diocese were covered with smoke and ashes. I hope that you had a wonderful break and enjoyed a relaxing time with friends and family. Time away from

your everyday tasks can be remarkably restorative. I am confident that you return to your work and study with renewed enthusiasm and excitement.

It is exciting for us to prepare for the celebration of the 75th anniversary of our Diocese in May 29 and 30, 2020. It is a great opportunity to reflect on where we have been and where we are heading as a local Church. With that reflection, we need to look back with gratitude and look forward with excitement and hope to the future.

We look back with gratitude for all the blessings we have received from God through the generosity of so many people in the past and present. We also recognize our personal gifts of talent, time and treasure in building up our Church.

If people today are to find Jesus, we must make him visible to them. With

that commitment, we welcome NET (National Evangelization Team) to our Diocese to build and strengthen our youth ministry. The Church is not the place but the people who gather around Jesus who commends us "*you are the light of the world*" (Mt 5: 14)

We are the light of the world, but our light must be turned on!

*+ Joseph Phuong Nguyen*

**✠ Joseph Phuong Nguyen**  
BISHOP OF KAMLOOPS



**JOIN  
IN CELEBRATION  
MAY 30, 2020**

at  
**THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY  
GRAND HALL**

**75<sup>th</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY**



**KAMLOOPS  
DIOCESE**


**LOOK BACK with GRATITUDE  
LOOK FORWARD with HOPE**

1:00 pm ... Eucharistic Celebration  
Ongoing Displays

2:30 - 5:00 pm ... Bus and Steam Train Tours  
to Kamloops Churches  
and St. Ann's Academy


7:00 pm ... Gala Banquet

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**Have you heard of the Permanent Diaconate?**  
**Ever wondered what this Roman Catholic Ministry is all about?**  
**Have you ever felt a call to serve God in this way?**



**Bishop Joseph Nguyen has given the direction  
to begin a Permanent Diaconate Formation Program  
in the Diocese of Kamloops**

**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**  
**[deaconservant1@gmail.com](mailto:deaconservant1@gmail.com) or 778-212-2020**

"Deacons play a vital role in evangelizing both to the gathered and scattered in our faith community.  
 Their ministry is of great importance to our Diocese answering the call of Jesus to love and service."  
 Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto



# Catholic Women's League of Canada —Kamloops Diocesan Council

The Kamloops Diocese was well represented at the BC & Yukon Provincial Convention of the Catholic Women's League held in Nanaimo, June 13–15; and our National Convention held in Calgary Alberta, August 18–21.

Delegates of the Provincial Convention, under the provincial theme—'**Witnessing to the Truth**'—heard from several amazing speakers: Amber Zole, from CCO (Catholic Christian Outreach) addressed this theme stating that a poll in 2017 indicated that 49% of Canadians are non-believing! She advised the most effective means to evangelize or build relationships is through 'witness', giving us 10 ways to accomplish this and to remember that as a successful witness we need to: 'take the initiative, motivate others, trust in the Holy Spirit and leave the results to God'. [www.cco.ca](http://www.cco.ca)

Alissa Golob, co-founder of a new pro-life political organization called 'Right Now', with a presentation titled '**Pro-Life Politicians—How to Elect Them**', was very appropriate with Federal election slated for October 21st. She stated that J Trudeau is the first Prime Minister to disallow pro-life people from running for office. Website: [www.itstartsrighnow.ca](http://www.itstartsrighnow.ca)

We were blessed to hear moving and inspirational presentations from the Snaw-Naw-Was First Nations and school personnel on an educational initiative titled SYEYUTSUS—meaning '**Walking Together**'. Bishop Gary Gordon along with Joan Brown and other elders from the Nanaimo area also addressed this project, it is all about witnessing together—wisdom, knowledge and truth—to protect and care for creation and one another – in line with our National theme.

Anna Hudson, addressed elder abuse in her workshop titled "**It's Not Right, Neighbours, Friends and Family**"—an important and critical issue in our society today.

We also heard from, Fr. David John our Provincial CWL Spiritual Advisor, giving his usually inspirational talk—riddled with humour and love.

The 99th National Convention was centered on our National theme '**Care for our Common Home**' with presentations and breakout sessions, allowing the **850** attendees opportunities to hear a variety of speakers. Titles included: Living Laudato Si—Practical Tools on How We Can Care for our Common



**'BC Delegates at the 2019 National Convention, Calgary'.** B.C. was second for number of delegates after Alberta's 400 plus attendees, and our Diocese had the highest representation from B.C. Yahoo!

Home; Spiritual Practice and Care for Common Home; What the Catholic Church Says about Care for Creation; and A Carbon Conversation – Why is it So Hard to Change? How can we Respond to the Cry of the Poor? The main keynote speaker was Sr. Dorothy Ederer, Grand Rapids Dominican Sister and Catholic Chaplain at Holy Cross Services, with humour, life stories of miracles, struggles and joy she addressed "**What is our Common Home?: We care for our homeland, our homes, our hearts.**"

Business sessions of conventions included—passing of resolutions, reports and updates from a variety sources—including our national CWL Strategic Planning process—Future of the League, Year One; executive and chairpersons reports, Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation, WUCWO (*World Union of Catholic Women's Organization*) and the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada. We also heard from the following organizations that were presented with donations collected from members through the National Voluntary funds: Catholic Missions in Canada; CNEWA (*Catholic Near East Welfare Associations* or Christians in the Holy Land); COADY International (*support of education for the underprivileged*); Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, (Alex Schadenberg director).

No convention is complete without the beautiful opening and closing Masses, the amazing spiritual programs given each day, including Memorial Service for deceased members and the celebration of new 'life members'; the love and laughter shared by new and reacquainted friendships. Offering special events/tours, amazing food/banquets, entertainment, (like the provincial beach party—ooh la la, and the national western shin dig—Yahoo!), raffles, door prizes, 50/50 draws and shopping or gathering information from the tables and displays of various vendors and organizations! **Wow!! Truly conventions have it all!** An experience that provides everyone with the information, inspiration, hope and joy to bring back to their communities as we strive to meet our goals of faith, service and social justice. Are you a member? Please come and join us! Change is coming and it's exciting!

*Submitted by: T Mae Sinclair, Diocesan CWL Communications Chair*



**Kamloops Diocesan delegates, CWL Provincial Convention, Nanaimo June 2019**



# Fr. Derrick

Bishop Joseph ask me to be the Vocation Director for the Kamloops diocese. I thank Father Paul Simms, the former Vocation Director, for leading the way to help people find their vocation in life. We are all responsible in helping to build up the Kingdom of God on earth, helping others to find their vocation in life. As a vocation director, I need your help. I would like to work with the Serra Club, who help out specifically with vocations in our diocese (as well as other dioceses). Every priest is to help people find their vocation, and every parent is responsible for helping their children find their vocation, and help their spouses to live out their call to married life. Siblings, extended family, and friends are also to help their neighbors to find their vocation in life.

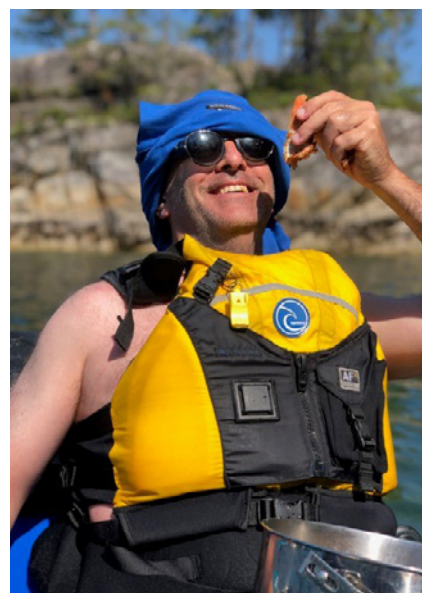
Each parish should have a person, or even better a small team of people, to help the priest in their own parish to promote vocations, to build a small culture of young people. So, do not be

surprise if your parish priest asks you to help out with this special task.

I had the privilege of going down in July to the seminary at Mission, BC, with two young men from Saint Ann's Academy in Kamloops and members of Serra Club to explore and get a small taste of what the seminary life is like. They also get the experience of being around the monks as well. When going down to the seminary for a weekend experience, there is no pressure to join the seminary. This is an awesome experience to see the Catholic faith lived out in a simple and ordinary way of life with the monks.

Taking the lead from Fr. Paul Simms, I would like to have opportunities for women to experience the religious life by having retreats at convents. Also, to have retreats for the families at Cache Creek, and also retreats for the young people as well. All these things will help build the culture of life and vocations.

Please do read the other articles from some of the young people from across the diocese. We need to build a culture of healthy families and healthy



Father Derrick kayaking Sunshine Coast taking a fish break

young groups to support one another. If you have any ideas, comments, or suggestions that may help out, please let me know. You can contact me at [office@sacredheartkamloops.org](mailto:office@sacredheartkamloops.org)

# Warren Swoboda

In the fall of 2018 I joined the minor seminary for grade 11. I honestly could not tell you why at the time but as my year progressed I came to realize that it was all in Gods plan. I absolutely loved my first year at the seminary, at times it is hard to be away from family and friends but the peace and joy that I experienced was far beyond what I have found anywhere else. Things that I most enjoyed about the seminary are the prayer life and the brotherhood that I experienced. The prayer life is amazing we start every day with morning prayer and the mass, another great thing is that we live only a few flights of stairs away from our God it is incredible, to go talk to Him is the best way to end your day, it makes such a impact just to stop for twenty minutes every night, I honestly cant explain how much it has improved my prayer life. When I say brotherhood some

people think of close friends but that is only part of what we experience at the seminary. At the seminary we live together eat together play sports together and most importantly "I think" we pray together. At first you get to know each other as friends but as time goes on we begin to bond and support each other in our journey to become catholic men. This to me is so important I think that support from one another is what gets most of us through our hardest days. And of course the laughs we get from pranks and games is great as well. As far as sports in the seminary we play roller hockey "it seems to be the favourite for most of us" as well as Frisbee, capture the flag, soccer, basketball and the occasional game of football with many other games and hikes in between. I found sports to be such a big help to forget about studies for a while, to put your books away for a while and go play some hockey is the best way to relax and enjoy yourself. However our studies can be very interesting we have many subjects including Math, French, English, Physics, and many more, it is lots of work and



sometimes can be quite overwhelming, but the best advice that I got was that if school came between me and my prayer time with God I needed to change my schedule and make time for God, because God is the real reason we are there. Not to play or make friends or get good grades, that is all part of it but to listen to Gods call and strive become men of God that is whats truly important.

I am looking forward to going back this year and I cant wait to meet all the new young men who are answering Gods call and are joining us for a year at the seminary.



# Kyle Buhrke

Madonna House, a lay apostolate made up of men, women, and priests who take promises of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Now at first glance the idea of priests living in community with everyday lay men and women all living by the same oath of chastity under God, might come as a rather odd and unnatural situation. Whatever ones' thought may be on the matter, it is this aspect that brought this 'Madonna House' to my attention for a search of Spiritual Formation.

As I began taking my faith more and more seriously and asking myself questions like "why am I catholic" or "do I really believe what the church teaches cause... it sure aint easy and, sometimes not very fun!" I gradually found myself reluctantly coming to the question "does God want me to be a priest?" Now understand that this did not come easy or hastily, (and I had already started to be more embracing with my Faith at this point) for I honestly did not want to be a priest! However, at that point it turned from "yes my will" to "yes your will, Father." Anyhow, long story short I signed 7 months of my life from more or less: Pleasure to Passion, Meat to Beans, and Showers to Stinks, so that I could try to dispose myself to the will of God. That's exactly what Madonna House is, it is a community of Men and Women who offer up the absence of simple LITTLE everyday pleasures to instead "walk the LITTLE way." Now experiencing this for 7 months first hand I can say in all honesty that it was not easy or well communicated at times. Sometimes I found myself really deeply wondering if that spirit of "Pax Caritas" (love and peace) was actually what they believed in and tried to communicate by way of example.

Nevertheless, we as fallen human beings fail time and time again, and loving our neighbor is not an easy task. But I know that despite the obstacles and shortcomings of myself and all my brothers and sisters within that community, that that was where I needed to be and love unites us all. That said it wasn't just a big tumble downhill from day one, and there were times of joy and happiness amidst those troubles as well. I am ever grateful for denying myself and going to that tiny town out in the Ontario countryside because the experience has truly changed my life for the better and grounded my vocational discernment.

Godspeed, your brother in Christ, Kyle Buhrke.

# Brother Joshua

I was recently visiting my old stomping grounds: the Benedictine monastery in Mission, BC. This is the place where I lived for 4 years while studying as a seminarian for the diocese of Kamloops. Besides being able to immerse myself in the rhythm of the monastic prayer life, my biggest joy was seeing Brother Joshua (formally known as Caleb Rosario). I consider him as one of my boys because he was one of my parishioners in my previous parish in Williams Lake. To be able to put your hand into the toxic secular swamp of society and pull out a young man willing to give his life for Christ in this particular way is so beautiful, so hopeful. God is so good. Thank you God.

Brother Joshua and I went for a walk together, conversing about the spiritual life, the journey with Jesus. So precious, So beautiful. A walk that I will treasure in my heart. I was the privileged one to walk with him. I was honoured. May God bless Brother Joshua, and may he lead many souls to holiness and the land of heaven, just a Joshua in the Old Testament lead the Israelite people to the promised land. Brother Joshua is praying for us.

Fr. Derrick Cameron



Brother Joshua (formerly Caleb Rosario) from Williams Lake and Father Derrick Cameron



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# Ellie Rosario

Upon the completion of my Second year at St. Therese I look back and wonder how I can possibly share with others the work that was done in my heart during the time spent there. I will never be able to recount fully the adventure that St. Therese was, but I hope that the fruits of my formation there will continue to grow throughout the rest of my life and benefit my ongoing spiritual growth and that of others who I may encounter throughout this earthly pilgrimage.

If I had to offer a nutshell view of my Second year experience I would simply use the words "Beauty, Ache, and Hope"; a seemingly strange combination, but one that offers meaning to our lives here on earth.

God created all things beautiful and is perfect Beauty Himself, meaning

true beauty has the ability to awaken our deep ache for the infinite God who wants to fulfill every one of our right ordered desires. Through my year long study and thesis on the topic of human loneliness I found in my research that we were created with these seemingly insatiable longings so that we might turn to the only One who can fully satisfy this ache. Coming to this recognition that we were created to be filled by our Creator suddenly brings light to a world darkened by hopelessness; it gives the possibility of leading a life worth living.

Living in the world today it is so obvious that hope is a message that needs to be restored. If more of us are convinced of this truth and willing to take up the challenge of living in the hope Christ offers perhaps others, lost in confusion and hopelessness, may raise their gaze heavenward once more.

May we allow ourselves to experi-



Kyle Buhrke and Ellie Rosario

ence true beauty, feel the ache for God through it, and constantly live with an eternal perspective ever in mind.



## National Evangelization Team

Bishop Joseph and Diocese of Kamloops welcomes the NET (National Evangelization Team) which consists of 5 young adults who are going to work with the young people of our diocese to build relationships with the young people and bring them to Christ.



Back (L-R): Remi Lambert (Southbank, BC), William Danahy (Belleville, ON)  
Front (L-R): Catherine MacLean (Ottawa, ON), Michelle Pacheco (Brampton, ON), Angie Sanchez (Toronto, ON).

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# Lorissa Hohmann

My two years at St. Therese School (STS) have been life changing. This school has been a beautiful atmosphere for me to draw closer to the heart of God my Father, to be loved by Him, and to learn how to better share that abundant love. This atmosphere is rich with the sacraments, personal prayer, community life and prayer, lots of learning, and many other beautiful things.

A very special aspect of STS is the constant presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. What a beautiful place! To sit at His feet and be made whole again, one step and one broken piece at a time. It is different from anything else we can experience in this life. In this presence, He has allowed me to see more clearly His role as my spouse, whether that be in the "ordinary" way that He is for each one of us, or in the way of a religious vocation. I have yet to fully discern that!

STS has taught me to pray specifically to the person of the Holy Spirit, and has facilitated growth in my relationship with Him. It is a daily journey and struggle to discern His voice, and it takes courage and humility to follow it. Day after day I find myself failing in this, following illusory ideas that I know better or that heaven is not worth humiliations. Yet, as our dear St. Therese has shown us, the infinite mercy of God overcomes our weaknesses in the blink of an eye. I know He is ever ready and waiting to pick me up from the dust and hold me to His heart, if I will only let go and allow Him.

My time at STS has been such a blessing. I hope that I will open myself up to God's grace enough to allow the experience to transform me, for the rest of my earthly life and onward for eternity!



Lorissa and Bishop Hagemoen of Saskatoon

# Courtney Buhrke

How can one attempt to put into adequate words the healing and transformation which God has effected in my heart this past year at St. Therese School of Faith & Mission? Through the community and formation, I have received a renewed passion for the life that Christ offers us through the Catholic faith. I have gained a greater conviction to joyfully fulfill the unique and unrepeatable mission that God has planned for me. Although He has not yet revealed to me exactly what Vocation He is calling me to, I can trust that by just moving forward He is with me as I take each small step in His plan. *"My Vocation is love!"* (St.

*Therese of Lisieux*). He is a gentle Lover Who pursues my heart with such tenderness. You have nothing to lose by giving Him your desires, for *"He takes nothing away from you, but instead helps you find all that you need, and in the best possible way"* (Christus Vivit, 131). Our desires are good, and at the root of every desire- if we dig deep enough- is God. When we permit the enemy to get a hold of our desires, he twists and distorts them, and then we fall short of the glory that God wants to bring about through the pursuit of our desires. God is constantly speaking to us through our desires, but do we seek Him in the silence of our hearts so that we can actually hear Him? I feel that by inviting God into every moment of my day, I am able to catch little glimpses of how He is revealing His love for me in the small and often ordinary things. Do not be afraid of



falling in love with God, for He is relentlessly pursuing your heart! May the Peace of Christ be with you always!

# Reflection on Last Year's Seminary Experience

A common question I am asked outside the seminary is; how was your year? It is a fine question, but usually asked in a way that anticipates a brief response. While it is true to say 'my last year in seminary was good,' I think it can be misleading. I think some people may hear that and think 'following my vocation ought to be always good and joyful and I should be absolutely sure of what the next step is.'

The truth is my last year in seminary was tough. I truly believe God is calling me to the priesthood, but I do not have any rock-solid guarantee. I was shaken by the various scandals erupting in the States and throughout the world. I am pained by the conspiracies and rumours about the pope and hierarchy circulating. When I look at the Kamloops diocese and its particular struggles, its shortage of priests and resources I waver like how St. Peter began to sink when he noticed the storm around him (Mt. 14:28-31).

But you know the interesting part of this Bible story? We usually remember it as another one of St. Peter's shortcomings and I think we forget the fact that St. Peter was WALKING ON WATER!!! Even if it was for just a few



LEFT: Dominic Rosario's installation as Lecturer



RIGHT: Dominic Rosario

moments, he would never have forgotten that. In my journey through seminary there have been times when Jesus worked powerfully in my life, calling me to come to Him over the waters of temptation, doubt and discouragement and it is these moments I can choose to hold on to. Yes, it was a tough year, and for a lot of it I didn't "feel" Jesus calling me to the priesthood; I didn't have constant signs or confirmations, but I

remember times when I did.

That's what I want to share about my last year of discernment. I don't think discernment is about always asking for new signs and achieving unshakeable certainty. I think a lot of it is remembering what God has done and staying the course in faith.

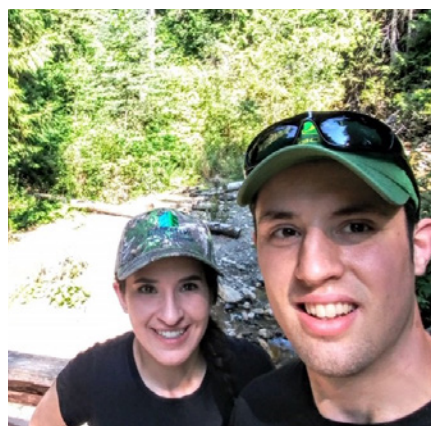
Please pray for me as I begin my second to last year of seminary this September! God Bless, Dominic Rosario

# My Brother Isaac

On August 14th, 2019 my little brother Isaac set off on his new adventure in joining the monastery at Westminster Abbey, in Mission B.C. Isaac is going for a year to practice the religious order of becoming a monk. After a year, Isaac can decide if he wants to stay there and work towards doing his temporary profession, which means he vows to live as a monk at the Abbey for three years of intense formation. After this period, he will either choose to make perpetual profession or leave the monastic community.

I couldn't be happier for Isaac in embarking in this incredible journey. I am also proud of Isaac for finding something that he is so passionate about and how he strives to put God first in everything he does in life, it is truly amazing to see. All through our life people said we were inseparable "which is true".

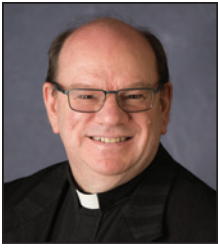
We loved playing sports together and being way to competitive, seeking new adventures, like going on hikes that were way to dangerous. Watching Isaac grow closer to God and listening to God's calling for Isaac was amazing. Watching my brother narrow down on finding his vocation in life was amazing and inspiring to see and be a part of. Encouraging my brother to go into the monastery was extremely hard for me but I knew in my heart that God was calling him for a greater pursue in life. Isaac would be able to share and use the many talents that he has at the monastery. I am incredibly proud of my brother for taking a leap of faith in listening to God's calling. Watching God work through Isaac in his decision of going was amazing. I look forward to our relationship growing more spiritually, although it is tough not to



Isaac and Natasha Bruno

be able to converse frequently and doing things together like we use to do. I know he listened to what God has called him to do at this time in his life, which I am ultimately blessed and so grateful for. Even though our contact is limited we are even more spiritually connected than ever before.





# Make Your Defense: Mary the Mother of God

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

This series of essays on Mary begins with a reflection on her greatest title: Mother of God. This title slips off our lips so easily, that it is difficult for us today to appreciate the burning controversy that arose around this Marian title during the fifth century.

The controversy began in 428 A.D. when the Patriarch of Constantinople, Nestorius, preached a series of sermons describing Mary as the mother of the human Christ, but not the mother of the Second Person of the Trinity. He denied her the title of *Theotokos* (God-bearer in Greek). Although it was not Nestorius' intention, his misunderstanding of Christ's nature and personhood seems to imply that Jesus Christ was two people: the divine Second Person of the Trinity and the human Jesus born of Mary. Mary, according to Nestorius, while being the mother of the human Jesus, is therefore not the Mother of God. This premise became the heresy that bears his name—Nestorianism.

At the heart of the Nestorian heresy is a philosophical problem: how can Mary, a created human person brought into existence in time, give birth to God, who is a divine person, the ground of all being and therefore uncreated, who has neither beginning nor end? It is the tendency of heretics, however, to overthink such questions and provide them with inadequate answers. A Church Council would be needed to provide a response to Nestorian's heresy.

In 431 A.D., Catholic bishops gathered in Ephesus to convene an Ecumenical (world-wide) Council. They condemned Nestorianism by affirming that Jesus was not two persons but one person having both a divine and human nature. This is known as the *hypostatic union*, which means Christ's divinity and humanity are united in one *hypostasis*, or individual existence. As Jesus Christ is one person, human and divine, it follows that Mary gave birth to God and is rightly called Mother of God. The Council of Ephesus therefore affirmed Mary's title, Mother of God (*Theotokos*), as right and proper. Nestorius retired to a monastery where he later recanted his Nestorian heresy.

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*“The meaning behind the title, Mother of God, must begin with Jesus, rather than Mary, as its focal point.”*

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A more fundamental issue arising from the Nestorian heresy, perhaps one that even Nestorius himself did not foresee, was its attack on Soteriology, or the theology of salvation. If Mary is not the Mother of God and Jesus Christ, born of her, is therefore not God, then he cannot be a perfect sacrifice for sin, for only God alone

can offer a perfect efficacious sacrifice for sin. If Jesus was only a man, then his death on the cross did not acquire salvation for sinful humanity. Nestorianism makes Christ's sacrifice ineffective and, therefore, our salvation through him impossible.

It becomes clear that Mary's title, Mother of God, must necessarily be given her as it means that Jesus Christ is a divine person, the Second Person of the Divine Trinity, who has a divine and human nature. The meaning behind the title, *Mother of God*, must begin with Jesus, rather than Mary, as its focal point.

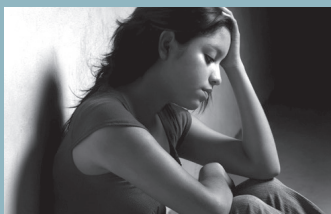
The unity of Christ in the fullness of his divinity and humanity is verified in the scriptures. The *Gospel of John* refers to his divine nature when St. Thomas, upon touching the wounds on Jesus' resurrected flesh, acknowledged his divinity when he acclaimed him as “My Lord and my God!” (John 20.28). St. Paul, in his *Letter to Titus*, encouraged Titus to live an upright and godly life “while we wait for...the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.” (Titus 2.12). St. Paul is referring to only one person, Jesus Christ, when he says God and Savior. *The First Letter of John* also acknowledges Christ's divinity where it is stated “we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.” (1 John 5.20b). St. Paul, when writing about God's election of Israel, refers to Christ the Messiah as he “who is over all, God blessed forever.” (Romans 5.20).

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## Make Your Defence cont'd

Not only is evidence of Jesus' divinity found in scripture, but divine attributes are also ascribed to him. The *Letter to the Colossians* describes him as creator "for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created" (Colossians 1.16a). The *Gospel of John* confirms this attribute by affirming that "All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being" (John 1.3). The *Gospel of John* also confirms that Jesus is worthy of the same honour that is afforded to God the Father (5.23).

Other scripture passages acknowledge Jesus Christ's humanity. The *Gospel of Luke* describes how Jesus, after his resurrection, appeared to his apostles, reminding them he is not a ghost but a flesh-and-blood man (Luke 24.38-43). The *Gospel of John* begins a description of Jesus as the Word (Logos), who was with God and was God, who "became flesh and lived among us" (John 1.14a). The second chapter of St. Paul's *Letter to the Philippians* contains a passage that describes Jesus as having both the "form of God" and "human form" (2.6-11). This passage, an outstanding description of Jesus' nature, salvific mission and equality to God the Father, is an excellent example of early Christology (the theological study of Jesus Christ).

My earlier assertion that the meaning of the title *Mother of God* must begin with Jesus rather than Mary in no way diminishes her importance in salvation history. St. Paul, writing in his *Letter to the Galatians*, reminded the Christians in Galatia that "God sent his Son, born of a woman" (Galatians 4.4b). Mary is the true mother of Jesus, who first provided him with her own genetic information. (Mary would provide this exclusively

because Jesus had no biological father). She began as Jesus' biological mother, and would continue to provide motherly love, nourishment, and support as he grew and matured. While it is true Jesus pre-existed Mary, being eternal God, she however pre-existed his incarnation (enfleshment).

St. Paul compares Christ with Adam: Adam brought, through pride and disobedience, a rift between God and humankind (Genesis 3). Christ as a

second Adam, however, would heal this rift by giving himself as a sacrifice for sin. Catholic scripture commentators discovered a similar relationship between Eve and Mary. Eve played a part in Adam's fall from friendship with God, but Mary, the new Eve, would help restore that friendship by giving birth to our salvation—Christ, the new Adam. She did this as the true mother of Jesus Christ, God and man.



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# 'Carmelite Corner'

Diocesan News – August 2019

Summer time is passing quickly and the Sisters along with the rest of us are getting ready to reap the harvest from their gardens and fruit trees! Canning season is just around the corner—please remember the Sisters need for small jam jars and sugar.

## MOTHER ANN'S NEWS:

We were so happy to see the great turn out on July 21st to celebrate with us—the Mass of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel followed by a lovely luncheon. It's like having our family with us. It was Bishop Joseph's first time and he was impressed by the love of the people for Our Lady and

the Sisters. Thanks to all the Guild Members who help to promote this feast day. We know the Immaculate Heart of Mary protects each person in this Diocese.

The demolition of the old monastery is in progress. By God's grace a lot of thought and planning went into this project and we are saving what we can for the building of a good garage and workshop. Thank you so much for your support. More news will be coming in our Christmas newsletter.

Thanks also for prayers for vocations, especially for the young ones that are asking to come to visit and discern a call to the contemplative vocation. Thanks so much and God bless.



TOP LEFT: Our new priests before Mass. TOP RIGHT: Overflow people in the viewing area downstairs—participating in Mass via live video—with the food! BOTTOM LEFT: Sisters talking to a workman as porch is taken down. BOTTOM RIGHT: Demolition in progress.

## REMINDERS:

St. Joseph's Parish in **Salmon Arm** will be hosting their **annual fundraiser** for the Carmelite Sisters in **December**. Please watch for details and consider having your own parish fundraiser for the needs of the Sisters.

For you **early Christmas shoppers**—the Sisters have lots of handmade gifts, crafts, Alpaca socks, sewing articles, cards for all occasions, and their delicious homemade jams and jellies, etc., for sale. Stop by the Monastery—take a look—relax in the chapel—enjoy some quiet prayer time—you will be blessed!

## MEMBERSHIP:

Membership time is around the corner for the **'Carmel of St. Josephs Guild'**. Active membership is \$25.00 for the year, and honorary memberships are \$75.00. We have an email address now and we also accept payment by E-transfer for memberships and / or donations. [carmelofstjosephsguild@gmail.com](mailto:carmelofstjosephsguild@gmail.com)

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# Rhythm and Grace Music



Alex and Miriam Duketow and their 9 children from Lakefield, Ontario) shared their love of music, their faith, and family with a packed hall at Sacred Heart Cathedral this July. The dynamic gospel concert included step dancing, fiddles, singing, electric bass, guitar, piano and the Irish whistle. It truly was an entertaining, faith filled evening.



Denise Desy of Merritt celebrated her 100th Birthday on August 4th, 2019.





# St. Ann's Academy Childcare Activities

St. Ann's Academy Childcare celebrated another wonderful Preschool year! Our families came together for Mass at the Cathedral, a delicious breakfast cooked and served by the Knights of Columbus and an amazing mini concert given by the preschool children. Thank you, Jesus!

Community and relationship were our highlights this year as we celebrated the joy of being together each day, collaborating in God's never-ending love for us.

We were also super blessed to receive a visit from our seminarian Dominic Rosario and Fr Ajin who played his guitar

and taught us some beautiful songs.

We wish all of our families moving on to Kindergarten every blessing! And we look forward to the year ahead!

*Submitted by Susan Berdusco*







Sister Cecilia with Victor, their guard dog at the Carmelite monastery in Armstrong.

## A Carmelite life

Answering God's call to become a Carmelite continues every day to be the most peaceful, rewarding and yet most challenging days of my life. I say 'continues' everyday because my relationship and love with God is constantly growing. Everything we do is offered up to God in prayer, and is achieved through His graces (as long as we remember to stay open!). St. Teresa of Avila, our foundress, calls us, her daughters to live as sisters in a family atmosphere of love and unity in Christ. Learning to accept myself, especially my flaws, is helping me learn to grow in my relationship with my sisters and see God's providence in all things.

Being able to use my gifts and talents to help the community is a blessing as we are all different and have different abilities. There is peace as well as comfort in our horarium (daily schedule) as we balance our life of prayer, Liturgy of the Hours (which unites us with the whole Church), work and recreation. Our silence as well as our vows nurtures all this toward growth in the love of God—"the hundred fold," that God promises to those who leave everything to follow him.



Jim Anderson from St. Therese Institute in Bruno, Saskatchewan stopped in at the Cathedral to give our community an enlightening and thought provoking talk about the Theology of the Body. <https://www.sttherese.ca/>



# Development and Peace—Caritas Canada Gathers

Kamloops Diocese was well represented at the Development & Peace/Caritas Canada annual gathering for all of BC/Yukon Region in Nanaimo April 25-27. Social Justice-minded people from every Diocese attended to re-energize and plan for the future, 32 of us in all. From our Kamloops Diocese Teresa McKerral (St Joseph's, Salmon Arm), Lyn Cuikindit (St John Vianney, Kamloops) and Sheila & Peter Hart (St Jude's, 100 Mile House) attended. Mikki Nettles (St John Vianney) was also to attend but got only as far as Horseshoe Bay before the weekend's ferry disruptions prevented her.

Bishop Gary Gordon of Victoria, with his faithful dog Merlin, welcomed us on Friday evening. He commended our focus this past year on the 68,000,000 migrants displaced across our earth, an issue he said that was '...very dear to Pope Francis' heart'. "I grew up with D&P", he said, telling us that we have critical work to do 'right here and now' to get people involved to correct the grass-roots social injustices that exist.

Bishop Emeritus Remi De Roo joined us Saturday. Now 94 yrs old, he was one of the Bishops in Rome who brought Vatican II to life. He quoted the Church Fathers: 'Action or struggle on behalf of justice appears to us as a constitutive (fundamental/necessary) element of the proclamation of the Gospel and the work of the Church for the redemption of humanity'. He told us to work with a fury, to never quit, that our 'blood, sweat and tears' would transform society, that this work must become our way of life. We were affirmed and inspired.

Next year Vancouver will host this large gathering, and after that, our own Diocese of Kamloops. For more information on Development & Peace/Caritas Canada in Kamloops Diocese, contact:

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Here's wishing you many blessings,  
Peter Hart



Bishop Emeritus Remi De Roo (seated), L-R standing: Teresa McKerral, Chair; Sheila Hart, Secretary; Peter Hart, Director; Lyn Cuikindit, Treasurer



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1 Sacred Heart, Merritt	48	10,484	15,125.00	0.00	144.27%	15,125.00	144.27%	0.00	4,641.00
2 St. Michael's, Logan Lake	10	3,528	3,528.00	0.00	100.00%	3,528.00	100.00%	0.00	0.00
3 Sacred Heart Cathedral, Kamloops	177	51,315	74,170.00	0.00	144.54%	74,170.00	144.54%	0.00	22,855.00
4 O. L. P. H., Kamloops	181	39,329	46,855.00	0.00	119.14%	46,650.00	118.61%	205.00	7,321.00
5 Holy Family, Kamloops	114	25,445	44,000.00	0.00	172.92%	43,660.00	171.59%	340.00	18,215.00
6 St John Vianney, Kamloops	66	21,863	24,392.00	0.00	111.57%	24,392.00	111.57%	0.00	2,529.00
7 Our Lady of Lourdes, Heffley Creek	15	2,463	4,850.00	0.00	196.91%	4,850.00	196.91%	0.00	2,387.00
8 St. George's, Barriere	7	2,632	2,780.00	0.00	105.62%	2,780.00	105.62%	0.00	148.00
9 St. James, Clearwater	7	4,671	4,671.00	0.00	100.00%	4,671.00	100.00%	0.00	0.00
11 G. S., Valemount / O. L. S., Blue River	11	4,020	4,020.00	0.00	100.00%	4,020.00	100.00%	0.00	0.00
21 St. Francis of Assisi, Pemberton	14	1,412	3,911.00	0.00	276.98%	3,911.00	276.98%	0.00	2,499.00
22 Our Lady of the Mountains, Whistler	44	8,124	50,492.52	0.00	621.52%	50,492.52	621.52%	0.00	42,368.52
23 St John the Baptist, Lillooet	20	2,804	25,290.00	0.00	901.93%	25,290.00	901.93%	0.00	22,486.00
25 St Gerard's, Ashcroft	13	2,197	2,397.00	0.00	109.10%	2,397.00	109.10%	0.00	200.00
26 Imm. Heart of Mary Shrine, Cache Creek	6	2,072	2,195.00	0.00	105.94%	2,195.00	105.94%	0.00	123.00
27 St Peter's, Clinton	5	989	2,400.00	0.00	242.67%	2,400.00	242.67%	0.00	1,411.00
28 St Jude's, 100 Mile House/ Lac La Hache	42	10,026	10,156.00	0.00	101.30%	10,026.00	100.00%	130.00	0.00
31 Sacred Heart, Williams Lake	84	36,209	42,740.00	0.00	118.04%	42,740.00	118.04%	0.00	6,531.00
32 Chilcotin	3	743	743.00	0.00	100.00%	743.00	100.00%	0.00	0.00
33 Shuswap	1	416	1,000.00	0.00	240.38%	1,000.00	240.38%	0.00	584.00
35 St. Ann's, Quesnel	83	27,546	58,315.00	0.00	211.70%	58,315.00	211.70%	0.00	30,769.00
41 St Joseph's, Salmon Arm	98	30,835	38,675.00	0.00	125.43%	38,675.00	125.43%	0.00	7,840.00
42 Sacred Heart, Lumby	26	5,942	13,050.00	0.00	219.62%	13,050.00	219.62%	0.00	7,108.00
43 St Joseph's, Armstrong	68	10,034	17,505.00	0.00	174.46%	17,505.00	174.46%	0.00	7,471.00
44 St Ann's, Enderby	36	6,559	13,885.00	0.00	211.69%	12,985.00	197.97%	900.00	6,426.00
45 St John's, Falkland	1	125	300.00	0.00	240.00%	300.00	240.00%	0.00	175.00
47 St. James, Vernon	176	42,874	68,105.04	0.00	158.85%	68,105.04	158.85%	0.00	25,231.04
48 Our Lady of Fatima, Sicamous	12	2,025	2,080.00	0.00	102.72%	2,080.00	102.72%	0.00	55.00
49 Blessed Sacrament, Chase	20	6,119	6,119.00	0.00	100.00%	6,119.00	100.00%	0.00	0.00
50 St. Benedict / St. Theresa	17	2,942	2,950.00	0.00	100.27%	2,950.00	100.27%	0.00	8.00
51 Our Lady of the Valley, Coldstream	92	26,288	38,845.00	0.00	147.77%	38,845.00	147.77%	0.00	12,557.00
52 Our Lady of the Lake, Blind Bay	38	7,969	7,969.00	0.00	100.00%	7,969.00	100.00%	0.00	0.00
60 Roman Catholic Bishop of Kamloops		0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,535</b>	<b>400,000</b>	<b>633,513.56</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>158.38%</b>	<b>631,938.56</b>	<b>157.98%</b>	<b>1,575</b>	<b>231,938.56</b>

We are pleased to share our year-end financial report for Campaign 28: Embracing Jesus - The Truth. As you can see in this report, Campaign 28 received \$631,938.58. Of this amount, a total of \$231,938.56 was returned to parishes that exceeded their assessment. Your generosity brought many blessings to our diocese and local parishes. Thank you very much!

We are now in Campaign 29: Proclaiming Jesus - The Life. This is a powerful theme as it identifies the salvific life of Jesus. As the Body of Christ, we are empowered to live and proclaim Jesus' salvific life to others. Our Faith in Action Objectives provides a wonderful opportunity to for us to do this.

Sincerely,  
Fr. Fred Weisbeck,  
Diocesan Coordinator

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