

MARIAN CONSECRATION

Marian Consecration: 70 Years Later

Canada's bishops are marking the 150th anniversary of Confederation by re-consecrating the nation to Mary this Canada Day weekend.

The re-consecration takes place 70 years after Canada was first consecrated to Mary at a huge Marian Congress in Ottawa in 1947. In dioceses across Canada, bishops are consecrating their individual diocese or eparchy on July 1. In the Archdiocese of Vancouver, the consecration will take place at Holy Rosary Cathedral July 2, while the faithful make the consecration in their own parishes.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops will jointly re-consecrate Canada following a Eucharistic celebration at their annual plenary assembly in September.

"Beginning with the early Jesuit missionaries who consecrated their missions to Mary Immaculate, a number of Canadian dioceses, eparchies, parishes, schools, cities and buildings have been named in her honour," the CCCB said in a news release. The first consecration of Canada to the Blessed Mother took place at the 1947 National Marian Congress in Ottawa, which, at the time, was the largest religious gathering in North America. "The celebration marked the centenary of the Archdiocese of Ottawa and focused on the hope for lasting world peace," the CCCB release said, "A message by Pope Pius XII was broadcast during the Eucharist and was carried by a number of radio stations across the country."

Two federal cabinet ministers, Louis St-Laurent, then Secretary of State for External Affairs, and James J. McCann, Minister of National Revenue and Minister of War Services led the prayer of consecration in French and English.

The CCCB has posted catechetical material for adults and children at ccb.ca to help them make a personal Marian consecration. The adult resource explains that consecration is a "renewal of our first consecration at Baptism," in the "particular form of a personal pledge."

"Today, the Blessed Mother continues to shine forth in the community of believers as the perfect example, icon, and model of what it means to live by faith, to welcome grace, and to cooperate with the Lord in the fulfilment of his plan of salvation," the adult resource says.

"In entrusting ourselves to Mary's maternal care and protection, we benefit from her intercession, joining our feeble efforts to her powerful prayers and her closeness to Jesus," it says. "Mary helps us through her companionship and counsel." The CCCB release also noted Canada's bishops consecrated Canada to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in 1954 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Cape near Trois-Rivières.

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Blessing & Consecration Prayer At Our Lady's Shrine

OLPH Parish is among the earliest parishes consecrated to Our Lady to mark the 150th anniversary of the nation's history. The Consecration was timed to take place on our Feast Day celebrations and shrine blessing last Sunday while most parishes will do the Consecration this weekend. Archbishop Miller who led the prayer opened with the following text:

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church, when the first Christian believers came to these shores, they planted a Cross made of the fresh timber of the New World as a sign of their faith in your Son and the power of his Resurrection, placing their lives under your maternal protection and venerating you as the Immaculate Conception. You show us how to live a life free from sin in Christ Jesus and, by our baptism, we hope to share fully with you in the freedom of the glory of the children of God. You have accompanied us on our path through history, in times of peace, conflict, and reconciliation, and as we arrived at a greater sense of unity and nationhood.

The closing prayer before the litany reads:

May the Cross of your Son, planted on Canadian soil and in Canadian hearts, be known as the Tree of Life, whose fruit is visible and available to all in the garden of this world. Mary our Mother, we place our country Canada in the sanctuary of your Holy Heart for we know that there we will find Jesus, who lives and reigns with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

This was followed by the Litany calling on Our Blessed Mother by the titles with which she has been especially honoured in Canada.

Among them: *Our Lady of Perpetual Help... pray for us!*

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Saturday: 5pm

(Anticipated Mass)

Sunday: 9am, 11am & 5pm

Monday – Wednesday 8am

Thursday Mass/Novena:

8am & 7pm

Friday, Saturday, Holidays: 9am

(Fridays in July & August: 8am)

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4-4:45pm

Adoration

Saturday 9:30-10am

Library Hours

Sunday: 10-10:45am, 4:30-5pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 9am-4pm

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OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

July 2, 2017

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Celebrations

Dear Friends & Parishioners,

What a wonderful celebration we had last week! The weather was beautiful and the turnout for the Mass and reception was impressive. I do wish more people could have come to the Triduum Mission. My guess is there were 70-80 people each evening. Archbishop Pettipas' talks were so thought-provoking and insightful... all delivered in his kind, fatherly manner. Hopefully we can have him back for a visit soon.

I was also pleased to have so many children take part in the celebrations. They read the Prayers of the Faithful, brought up the Offertory gifts and sang a hymn for us at the outdoor blessing very reverently. Thank you to all who made our Feast Day celebrations so successful. I enjoyed some of those nice desserts you brought with you. The joys of the potluck!

On Tuesday, we celebrated the actual feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at morning Mass. May our blessed Mother intercede for all our parish families this summer and always!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Babu Mathew, C.Ss.R



Forever I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord. - Psalm 89

NEWS & NOTICES

Project Advance: Our Project Advance Appeal for this year has been launched. Please check your mail for a pledge form. There are also brochures at the church which you can use to make your donations. Our target for this year's appeal is \$102,000. After we have met the diocesan target of \$51,000, remaining funds will go toward the church's seismic upgrade. You can also make donations at www.rcav.org.

PREP Teachers & Teaching Assistants Needed: Would you like to share your talents by helping out as a teacher or teaching assistant? PREP is for children Grades 1-7 who do not go to Catholic school but need to be educated in the Faith. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Towers at 604-440-8809 or email prep@olphbc.ca.

Applications for Permanent Diaconate: Deacons are official teachers and preachers of the Gospel, and they may preside at baptisms, marriages, funerals, and other forms of community prayers. They also share in the pastoral responsibilities of outreach, such as visiting the sick, the homebound, those imprisoned and in need. They cannot celebrate Mass, hear confessions, or anoint the sick. "By its very nature, the ministry of permanent deacons will help all of us -priests, consecrated women and men, and lay faithful - to live our baptismal call. An introductory seminar will be held soon. Sessions run Sat Sept 23, Oct 28 and Nov 19. Register at www.stmarkscollege.ca/programs/ of building up the Body of Christ. Men interested in this ordained ministry, along with their wives, are invited to attend.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based program of Christian formation for children ages 3 through 12. The Level I course is the foundation for all three levels of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and aims to prepare the adults to work, to listen and to learn with children. Sign up for Level 1 - Part 1 Training today! Join us August 14-18, from 8:30am - 5:30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary, ECE Centre, 789 Alderson Ave, Coquitlam. To register visit rcav.org/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd-training/

350 Years of Sisters of the Child Jesus and Associates: Come celebrate the Anniversary of the Sisters of the Child Jesus on Friday, Aug. 11. Join us for Mass with Archbishop Miller at 5 p.m., followed by a mix and mingle reception with the Child Jesus family at St. Mary's Parish, Vancouver.

CISVA is hiring: Catholic Independent Schools Vancouver Archdiocese (CISVA) is currently looking for teachers for September. If you're interested or know someone who is, please check out the CISVA employment page for more information: <https://cisva.bc.ca/info/employment/>

Chinese Marriage Encounter Weekend in Cantonese: Join us for this upcoming Marriage Encounter Weekend in Cantonese from Friday, Sept. 22, at 7 pm to Sunday, Sept. 24, at 6 pm at Carey Centre (UBC Campus). Cost is \$450 per couple. For registration, please contact Catherine and Dr. Kwang Yang at 604-889-8378 or cyang9@hotmail.com or Margaret and Dominic Lee at 778-863-2303 or dominicmargaret@gmail.com. Visit www.ccmea.com for details.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ray Mawhinney.

His funeral will be held at OLPH Church at 10am on Thursday July 6 with prayers on Wednesday evening at 7pm.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

-- Psalm 23:6

Stewardship Reflection

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."
-- MATTHEW 10:32

Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith or do you remain silent when the situation arises? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself.

Stewardship Office, Archdiocese of St. Louis

CALENDAR

JULY

OLPH Jr.K Summer Camp

Junior Kindergarten is offering a fun-packed, half-day summer camp for children aged 3-6 years with field trips, beach expeditions, clay-making and yoga. Camp Dates: Week 1 July 3-7 | Week 2 July 10-14 | Week 3 July 17-21. For further information please email jrkindergarten@olphbc.ca. Registration forms are available from the Jr.K classroom. Cost: \$175 per week.

Youth Bake Sale July 8 and 9



The OLPH Youth Ministry is organizing a Bake Sale on (July 8 & 9) to raise funds for their Road Trip to the Prairies. You can support them by buying their baked goods or by giving a donation toward this effort. Donation cards and envelopes will be available at the Bake Sale table as well as at the Parish office.

Dare-2-Dance Summer Camp

The Dare-2-Dance is a dance arts pedagogy that engages children through the arts, and motivates them toward excellence. Dare-2-Dance empowers children to develop/enhance memory strategies and to learn fundamentals of dancing. Location: OLPH Parish Hall Age: 7-12 Yrs. Cost: \$250 per week. Snacks are included. For info contact Kathy Mok. Email: communications.olph@rcav.org. Web: <http://Danzkool.ca> Camp Dates: Week 1: July 11 (Tue, Wed & Thurs) 10am - 1pm Week 2: July 18 (Tue, Wed & Thurs) 10am - 1pm Our Camp Instructor : Tim Mah, BC Champion and Canadian Championships Finalist in 10-Dance and Latin American categories; Level 3 NCCP (Coaching) certification



OLPH: FEAST DAY

A Feast Day For Our Mother Like No Other

By Bertilla Watanabe

Jubilation and high numbers on the UV index marked last Sunday's Feast day celebration and Marian Consecration. Coming together for the special 4pm Mass were two archbishops, priests from our neighbouring parishes, a full choir with visiting musicians, the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus in capes, swords and feathers and a church full of happy people.

The main celebrant was Archbishop Michael Miller with homilist, Archbishop Gerard Pettipas, who concluded his series of meditations on the Hail Mary begun at the Mission Triduum on Thursday.

The lively Mass was followed by a procession to the newly installed shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help set in a mini-garden of hostas, fuschia and silvery greens next to the Parish Office. Archbishop Miller blessed the freshly-restored bronze statue of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and said the Prayer of Consecration of Canada to Mary. Children from Our Lady's School then sang the Immaculate Mary while parishioners followed along.

After Grace was prayed, everyone made their way to the front lawn of the rectory for dinner. Apart from trays of Indian and Chinese food, we were all treated to a delightful selection of fruit and potluck desserts to the accompaniment of music by Tim and Bernadette Mah and friends.

