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August 20, 2017

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASSES & SERVICES

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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OLPH St. Vincent de Paul Aids Food Supply to Arctic

By Mark Thompson

The area “North of 60” is over one-third of Canada’s landmass. Natural resource industries provide a few high-paying jobs, most of which are filled by workers from the South. The Inuvialuit, who have lived in the region for thousands of years, seldom share in the wealth their homeland generates. One of their most pressing problems is the lack of affordable and healthy food.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is an international lay Catholic organization dedicated to helping the poor. Local councils in many Canadian parishes, including OLPH, serve the poor in their immediate areas and elsewhere. Recently, the Society launched a new initiative “North of 60,” to address the lack of healthy food in the North. This spring, the OLPH Conference participated in this program in collaboration with the parish council of the Knights of Columbus and a faith-based organization in Abbotsford, the Fraser Valley Gleaners. The Gleaners receive donations of vegetables that cannot be sold in local markets. They freeze dry these products to make a healthy vegetable soup mix. Normally, the mix is distributed to the needy abroad. The Gleaners readily agreed to deviate from this policy to provide food to Northern Canada.

The North of 60 program asked OLPH to arrange transportation of 1500 kilos of soup mix providing 17,000 servings from Abbotsford to the Canadian Coast Guard base in Victoria. The Coast Guard will carry the food on a vessel sailing through the Arctic to Halifax during the summer and deliver 750 kilos each to Taloayok and Gjoa Haven, two villages in the Western Arctic, where the residents lack healthy and affordable food. The Society is active in these villages.

The problem of transporting the food from Abbotsford to Victoria was solved when Bob Douglas, a member of the OLPH Council of the Knights, offered the support of Mitsubishi Electric Equipment. Mitsubishi, which supplies machinery for the North, agreed to transport the supplies to Victoria. The OLPH Conference of Saint Vincent de Paul coordinated the transportation.

The Canadian Coast Guard Ship Sir Wilfrid Laurier departed from Victoria with the food on July 3, and will deliver it to the two villages later in the summer. As a member of a national organization, the OLPH Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul organized the transfer of valuable aid to the poor North of 60 at no cost to the Conference. Additional members will help the Conference carry out its other missions of helping the poor.

Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you. - Psalm 67

NEWS & NOTICES

Project Advance Update: Well done friends and parishioners, we're at the halfway mark! Our total amount of pledges for this year's Project Advance Appeal has just passed the diocesan goal by \$3,015, making our current total of pledges \$54,015! Thank you to all who have given so generously of your gifts in support of the good work of the Archdiocese of Vancouver! Let us set our sights now to our parish goal of \$102,000. The extra funds beyond the diocesan goal will now be rebated to the parish.

For those who have not donated yet, please give prayerful consideration to this Appeal. Funds raised will go toward the seismic upgrade of the church. If you have not received a Project Advance Appeal form in the mail, please pick up a brochure at the church entrance which you can use to make your donation. You can also make donations online at www.rcav.org.

9am Coffee: The 9am Coffee hospitality is something we have done for many years. We are looking for more volunteers to sign up to help. Please make a sacrificial offering of your time to carry out this wonderful service to our parish community. Sign-up sheets are at the church entrance.

Knowing Our Catholic Faith: Basics of the Faith I & II makes it easy for Catholics to know what they believe and to feel confident in sharing those beliefs. This two-part course follows the structure of the four pillars of the Catholic Church (creed, morality, prayer and sacraments), a wonderful source for discovering your faith. Register for this workshop at the Summer Institute on Saturday, Aug. 26, at Holy Cross Secondary School. Visit <http://rcav.org/oc-summer>

Active Listening - Standing on Holy Ground: Have you ever wondered what to say or how to assist those who express their grief, anger, disappointments with life or doubts about their faith? Explore the theological basis and key components for active listening. Br. John Gale, a member of the Christian Brothers is professionally trained in pastoral care and worked with Providence Health Care for nearly ten years. He will facilitate a training session at the upcoming Summer Institute on Saturday, Aug. 26 at Holy Cross Secondary School. To register or for more course offerings, visit www.oc-summer.ca.

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.

Ecumenical Prayer Service for Unity: 2017 marks two significant international commemorations: the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation and the 50th anniversary of international Roman Catholic-Lutheran Dialogue. In marking this significant anniversary, Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB and Bishop Greg Mohr, Bishop of the B.C. Synod are coming together for a joint ecumenical prayer service on Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017 at 2:00 pm at St. Clare's Catholic Church, Coquitlam. Reception to follow in the Parish Hall. This prayer service is open to wider participation. <http://rcav.org/event/ecumenical-prayer-service/>

A Lifeline for Marriages: Retrouvaille helps married couples get back to a loving relationship, providing the tools you need to get your marriage back on track. You will rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped thousands of couples rekindle romance, reaffirm their commitment, and stay married, regardless of how far apart they may have drifted. For confidential information or to register for the program in the Lower Mainland commencing the weekend of October 20 - 22, 2017, call Marc and Candice at 604-530-6710, email us vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org or visit our website www.retrouvaillevancover.com

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mario Randon of Malta who passed away on July 23, 2017.

*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

"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." - ROMANS 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.

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