

**PROJECT ADVANCE**

**2024**

**Building Our**

**Parish Community**



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**June 16, 2024 ❖ 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Pro-Life Sunday**

On Pro-Life Sunday, we reflect on the sanctity of human life from its beginning at conception to its natural end. This weekend's second collection will help further the pro-life cause by supporting crisis pregnancy centres, anti-euthanasia groups, university pro-life groups, post-abortion ministry and others. Tax-deductible donations can be made in person at the parish or online at [rcav.org](http://rcav.org)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On this Father's Day, we express our gratitude to all fathers who love and protect their families. It is fitting that this is also Pro-life Sunday in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Cardus, a Canadian think tank, recently released a research paper titled, *Still Christian, What Canadian Christians Actually Believe*. When respondents were asked whether they agreed with the statement that abortion is the killing of an unborn human being, just 39% of Catholics said yes. It is very disturbing that over 60% of surveyed Catholics did not agree.

The Declaration On Human Dignity, published by the Holy See this April, quotes Pope Francis as saying, "the dignity of every human being has an intrinsic character and is valid from the moment of conception until natural death" (n. 47). The Declaration continues, "The acceptance of abortion in the popular mind, in behaviour, and even in law itself is a telling sign of an extremely dangerous crisis of the moral sense, which is becoming more and more incapable of distinguishing between good and evil, even when the fundamental right to life is at stake."(n.47)

On "Medical Assistance in Dying" the Declaration has this to say: "There is a widespread notion that euthanasia or assisted suicide is somehow consistent with respect for the dignity of the human person. However, in response to this, it must be strongly reiterated that suffering does not cause the sick to lose their dignity, which is intrinsically and inalienably their own" (n. 51).

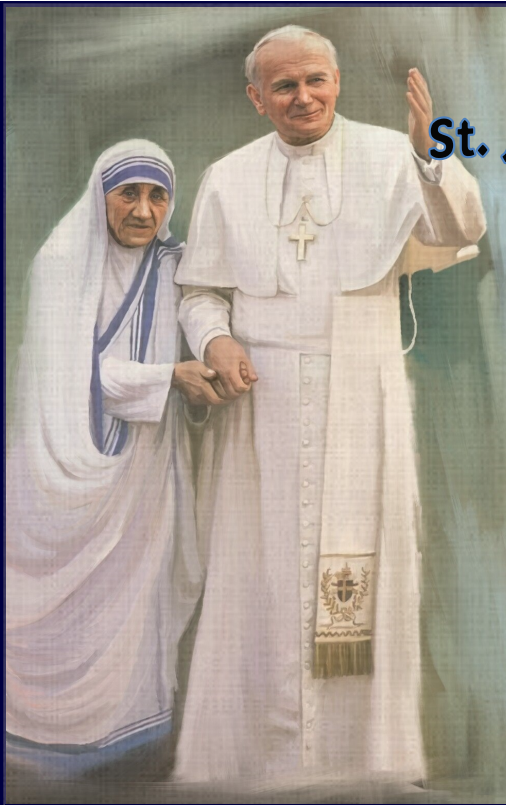
We must take every opportunity to proclaim the sacred value of human life, by prayerful intercession, by witnessing to others, and by supporting organizations whose goal it is to help those facing times of crisis. Ours is the voice of truth about life to our family, friends and the wider community. Let us ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Life, to guide us in our efforts to increase reverence for life and a culture of life in our world.

With my blessing and the assurance of my prayers for you and your families, I remain



Archdiocese  
of Vancouver

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
✠ J. Michael Miller, CSB  
Archbishop of Vancouver



# TWO SAINTS IN VANCOUVER

## St. John Paul II & St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

**The TWO SAINTS PROJECT For Our Cathedral  
will be held at All Masses on June 15 & 16**

Deacon Richard Podurski from the Archdiocese will be here to present to us this fundraising campaign for the commissioning and installation of a beautiful statue of St. John Paul II and St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, to be located at the Holy Rosary Cathedral in Vancouver.

*For information please contact Deacon Richard: [rpodurski@rcav.org](mailto:rpodurski@rcav.org)  
Donations can be made online at [twosaintsinvancouver.ca](http://twosaintsinvancouver.ca)*



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### 🌸 NEWS & NOTICES 🌸

♦ **MEET & GREET with Development and Peace** : Sat, June 22, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Langley. Come and learn more about Catholic social teaching and social justice. This is a potluck event, so please RSVP at 604-723-8897 or [ybroderick@gmail.com](mailto:ybroderick@gmail.com). If you need a ride, contact Deirdre (604)736-0714 or Mary (604)263-6008.

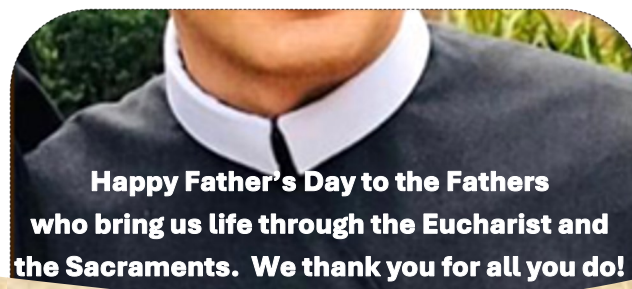
♦ **Project Advance 2024** : Thank you to all those who made a pledge/donation to Project Advance Appeal. Your gift will help grow our Parish and spread Christ's love to the needy. Donations can be made online at [projectadvance.ca](http://projectadvance.ca), in person at the Parish office or drop off in the Sunday collection baskets.

### 🌸 UPCOMING EVENTS 🌸

Food Bank Donations	Every Weekend	Before and after Masses, Foyer
Two Statues Appeal St. John Paul II & St. Mother Teresa	June 15 & 16	All Masses

### 🌸 OLPH SCHOOL NEWS 🌸

Rockapalooza	June 19	1:00 pm
Grade 7's Leaving Mass & Dinner	June 21	4:30 pm
Last Day of School	June 26	



A Message from OLPH's to All Fathers and Father Figures on This Beautiful Day

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**