

## September 1, 2024 \* 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



#### Archdiocese of Vancouver ARCHBISHOP'S OFFICE

August 31, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

You all deserve my heartfelt gratitude for your generous support of Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation in past years. Your prayers, actions and donations have been instrumental in advancing meaningful relationships with our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

As we enter September, I want to share some updates on the progress we have made. Three years ago, the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund was established to support local initiatives focused on healing, education and cultural revitalization. This fund prioritizes projects determined locally in collaboration with our Indigenous partners.

Your support over the past year has made a significant impact, launching over 20 local and Indigenousled projects. These include new cultural wellness practices at the Dr. Peter Centre in Vancouver, which provides care that honours Indigenous traditions for those living with HIV and other complex health needs. Additionally, "The Cost of Silence," a film addressing the trauma of sexual abuse, has been shown in 35 communities, empowering survivors to share their stories and seek healing.

One of the most significant milestones this past year has been the signing of a "Sacred Covenant" with the First Nations in Kamloops. This Covenant formalizes our ongoing relationship, ensuring that our journey together is grounded in truth, mutual respect and justice.

As the Apostle Paul reminds us, "All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation." Your participation in the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund embodies this ministry, and I am deeply grateful for your continued support. Together, we are making meaningful strides toward healing and reconciliation.

As we prepare for next weekend's second collection, I ask you to pray, to consider getting involved, and to give generously, knowing that every contribution makes a profound difference.

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ J. Michael Willer CBB

J. Michael Miller, CSB Archbishop of Vancouver

# సంసా NEWS & NOTICES సంసా

#### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: HEALING AND RECONCILIATION

Thank you for your generous support of Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation in past years. Collections will be taken up on the weekend of Sep 7 & 8. Every contribution makes a difference. Thank You!

### **REGISTER NOW! CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENT PREPARATION CLASSES**



If you child is in Grades K-7 (or beyond G.7 if they have not yet Confirmed) who does not attend Catholic school, consider joining PREP for Sacramental Preparation: First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. To register, visit https://olphchurch.ca/join/prep/ or email prep.olph@gmail.com for more information.

#### REGISTER NOW! ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?



Have you been wondering what it means to be Catholic? What does life mean to you? If you want to become Catholic, you will participate in a process called RCIA (Rite of Christian BECOMING Initiation of Adults. Classes will begin in September. If you are interested, visit CATHOLIC <u>olphchurch.ca/join/become-catholic</u>/ or contact the Parish office.

 OLPH YOUTH GROUP We are excited to announce the formation of a Youth Group for young adults aged 18-35 at our Parish. Our goal is to create a supportive community where we can explore our faith OUTH and find our place in the world as young Catholics. Contact Abigail aj.henick@outlook.com GROUP or Mariana marifribuqq@gmail.com, or meet us after the Sunday 5pm Mass. To join us, scan

• VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: MEAL PREPARATION FOR THE HUNGRY - SAT, SEP 14

Our next Meal Preparation for the needy will be on Sat, Sep 14. If you can help, please sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4BAFAA2DA1FB6-46459533-inner#/\_Thank You!

save the date			
ALPHA Promo Weekend Meal Preparation for Inner Hope Society	Sep 7 & 8 Sep 14	At all Masses 9:30am - 12noon	Alpha is coming to OLPH! Everyone is Welcome! COME LEARN MORE
Commissioning Mass & Back to School BBQ	Sep 14	11:00am Mass	
Lectors Workshop	Sep 21	10:00am - 11:30am	ABOUT ALPHA Next Weekend: Sep 7 & 8
Parent Info Session: Catholic School Identity	Sep 25	Via Zoom	explore
Baby Go Round Collection Harvest Fair	Sep 28 & 29 Oct 5	At All Masses At School	life faith
Parish Ministries Fair	Oct 5 & 6	At All Masses	meaning Approved the second seco
Alpha: Explore the Meaning of Life (1st Session)	Oct 21	6:30pm in the Parish	n Hall

## **MASSES & SERVICES**

Saturday Anticipated Mass: 5pm Sunday Masses: 9am, 11am, 5pm Daily Mass : Mon - Fri 8am Thurs OLPH Novena: After 8am Mass Sat & Holidays: 9am Mass Sat Adoration: 9:30am – 10:00am Reconciliation: Sat 4pm – 4:45pm Or by appointment: 604-224-4344

## **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Friday 9:30am-4pm

Stat Holiday, Sat & Sun: Closed

Pastor: Fr. Leo English, CSsR

Associate Pastor: Fr. Alfredo Medina Ramos, CSsR

### CONTACT

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