

New Guidelines on the Protection of Minors

Protecting Minors from Sexual Abuse

A Call to the Catholic Faithful in Canada for Healing, Reconciliation, and Transformation

CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

On Thursday last week, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) released a new document titled: *Protecting Minors from Sexual Abuse: A call to the Catholic Faithful for Healing, Reconciliation, and Transformation*. The 200 page document issues guidelines that aim to ensure that every Roman Catholic diocese across Canada develops strict protocols to safeguard minors and assist victims that come forward.

The document expresses lessons learned by the bishops in their pastoral experience with sexual abuse victims. It provides guidelines for updating or creating diocesan norms for responding to sexual abuse and offers resources along with 69 concrete recommendations for the prevention of sexual abuse and preventative action for the protection of minors.

Hard copies of *Protecting Minors from Sexual Abuse* will be distributed to all parishes and Catholic organizations within the Archdiocese in the coming weeks. Archbishop Mancini will implement the document with the help of local people in ministry by updating the existing protocol to put into practice both the spirit and content of the new guidelines. Our Archbishop hopes that its content will reinforce the message of zero tolerance and that all Canadian bishops have a spiritual, moral, and legal duty to protect minors and vulnerable persons and must take the necessary means to accomplish this.

In developing the final document the CCCC sought consultation from a wide spectrum of contributors that included: survivors of sexual abuse, clergy, lay women and lay men, and professionals in the area of child protection, psychology, and social work with specific experience and expertise protecting minors from sexual abuse.

Since 2010 the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth has followed a firm responsible ministry protocol with clear steps that focus on creating a safe ministry environment for children and vulnerable individuals. The protocol is available on the archdiocesan website at www.halifaxyarmouth.org on the Responsible Ministry page .



Donations for Indonesia Tsunami/ Earthquake Relief

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is currently accepting donations for Indonesia Tsunami/Earthquake relief efforts.

As the death toll climbs to over 1,500 Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is currently accepting donations for relief efforts following the September 28th tsunami/ earthquake disaster in Palu, Indonesia.

Due to limited access to the area, exact details about the scope of the destruction are still evolving. Development and Peace's partners are working around the clock to search for survivors, and to provide life-saving support to those who have survived but who have lost everything.

All donations given to this relief effort will be channeled through our partners in Indonesia, including Caritas Indonesia who is part of our Caritas Internationalis family – the official Humanitarian Aid and Development arm of the Catholic Church.

No donation is too small, so please consider helping out in any way that you can by visiting our emergency collection page at: <https://www.devp.org/en/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=3&gl=24151> or by calling us at 1-888-234-8533.

Thank you, on behalf of the victims of this disaster, for your generosity!

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is the official Humanitarian Aid and Development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada, and the Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis – the official Aid and Development arm of the Catholic Church, headquartered in the Vatican.

For any questions or further information, please contact our Atlantic office at (902)429-9489 or



St. Agnes Parish October 14, 2018 28th Sunday Ordinary Time

St. Agnes Council



THE YEARLY LIVING IN CHRIST MISSALS FOR 2018-2019 ARE NOW IN. THERE IS A LIMITED NUMBER OF COPIES AVAILABLE . COST IS \$5.00. TO PURCHASE CONTACT MARLENE IN THE OFFICE.

Greetings,

You have probably heard that the Archdiocese of Halifax Yarmouth is entering a period of what the Archbishop has termed 'New Parishes: Stronger Together'. For Halifax Peninsula this means a number of significant changes that include a proposed merger of Saint Thomas Aquinas Canadian Martyrs and St. Agnes parishes.

What does this mean? Great question! We don't have a lot of answers but the pastoral and lay leadership teams of the two parishes have started meeting to explore some possibilities and we want the members of both parishes to be involved. There are three ways that you can be involved:

First, we are encouraging everyone to come, listen, engage and reflect on what the Archbishop has to share as the keynote speaker at the **'2018 Assembly of the People of God'** being held October 26-27, 2018 at Mount Saint Vincent University, 166 Bedford Highway, Halifax, Nova Scotia. The cost of this is \$25.00 after Sept. 30, 2018. It would be wonderful to have a combined delegation of over 100 faithful from both parishes in attendance. If you would like to be a part of this event please let your parish office know as soon as possible.

Second, we will be holding a combined Town Hall in November (date to be identified soon). Please come out and provide your input, talk with other Parishioners about the opportunities and share your views.

Third, Please come out and provide your input and talk with other Parishioners about the opportunities to strengthen our pastoral care, programs and ministries to any of the leadership team, in person, by phone or by email.

We all have questions, thoughts and ideas, and now its time to come together as one community of God, united in Jesus Christ.

From the joint Communications members of St. Agnes and St. Thomas Aquinas Canadian Martyrs leadership team.

Announcement of a Year of Atonement



Over the past few months it has become quite clear that our Church is in crisis. What can we do? Archbishop Mancini is proposing that we start with an intentional time of prayer for the conversion of hearts and minds.

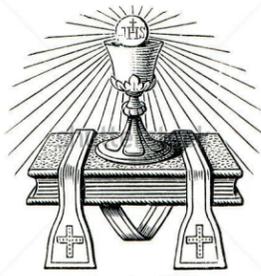
The Archbishop is announcing

that we in the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth will embark on a Year of Atonement. A Letter to the Faithful expressing the intent of this year reads:

In response to this situation of crisis and the symptoms of our Church's unhealthy state of spiritual life, I am calling all of us to enter into a year of purification, of special prayer and fasting, as Pope Francis has recently asked us to do. I am calling this time – a Year of Atonement, by which, I hope our minds and especially our hearts, will be touched by the grace and mercy of God.

Without such a transformation of spirit, nothing we do will truly bring us to the mind and heart of Christ and it is only the Lord Jesus, who can effectively and essentially change the present state of the Church's health. The Body of Christ must rediscover Christ again or perhaps for the first time, if the Church is ever to recover from present moral failures and from individual and institutional sins.

Over the coming weeks specifics about events, happenings, and initiatives to help all of us enter deeply into this Year of Atonement will be shared. so keep your eye on the bulletin.



Fr. Paul will once again be facilitating our "Adult Faith with Fr. Paul" series this fall.

Fr. Paul will be presenting **Robert Barron's "The Mass"**. The series is 6 sessions and will be presented on the following dates:

The first session will begin on **Tuesday October 30th at 7pm**. We will meet in the St. Agnes Room to start out.

2nd Session - Nov 6; 3rd Session - Nov 20;
4th Session - Nov 27; 5th Session - Dec 4;
6th Session - Dec 11.

NOTE**** there will be no session on Nov 13th, as it is our Parish Memorial Mass

Everyone is invited!! Bring a friend - this is a great way to set our hearts upon Advent and Christmas.



Do you pray to St. Anthony when you have misplaced or lost an item? Do you know why? Come and find out when the Relics of St. Anthony of Padua visits St. Agnes Church while on tour throughout the Archdiocese. On November 9th we will display the Relics of St. Anthony of Pauda. We will begin with mass at 12:10 and veneration will continue until 4pm. Invite a friend, all are welcome.



Many Thanks to all who came out for our Ministry Appreciation BBQ on Friday. Fr. Paul was in his element cooking up burgers and dogs for everyone. It was a special evening in thanks to all who give of their time and talent to participate in the Ministries of St. Agnes. We could not function without you all. Thank you to all who set up and cleaned up. The night was a great time of good food and good community.



Note—Rosary time change to 6:30pm - everyone welcome! We pray the rosary and make rosaries and chaplets. The group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday's of each month. Come and join us.

Friday Fun Night - Oct 26th 6:00pm - 8:00pm is our Halloween Fun Night. Children are invited to come in costume and have some spooky fun!!

Sisters of Charity Celebrate 50 years of Ministry in Peru



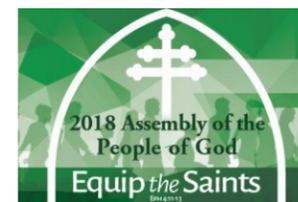
On October 4, 1968 the Sisters of Charity Halifax began a mission of evangelization and solidarity with the people of Peru that would span the communities of La Victoria in Chiclayo, Cajamarca, Lima and Ilo. 50 years later, the Sisters could have never imagined the jubilation and excitement leading up to the golden celebration for October 13, 2018.

The Sisters of Charity Halifax's mission was in response to Pope (Saint) John XXIII's request to serve and evangelize the Global South. Priests from the Archdiocese of Halifax - Yarmouth, as well as priests and lay missionaries from the Scarboro Foreign Missions Society, joined the Sisters as they spread the charism of charity to the Peruvian people. The Sister's mission in Peru included 38 people with 19 Sisters, 7 Halifax priests, 1 Oblate priest, 3 Scarboro priests, and 8 lay Scarboro missionaries.

The 50th anniversary celebration is in San Jose Obreiro Church, La Victoria on Saturday, October 13, 2018. Many Sisters who served on the mission will celebrate with friends, family, Peruvian friends and parishioners from the four areas in Peru where the Sisters served. For more information, visit schali-fax.ca or see the [Sisters of Charity Halifax](https://www.facebook.com/SistersofCharityHalifax) Facebook page .



Theology on Tap: Attention: young Adults 20—40 years old. The Franciscans of Halifax are happy to continue their "Theology on Tap". It will be held every 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6:30pm—8pm at La Piazza Resto Café, 6430 Chebucto Rd. Halifax, in their upper room. Each night we will feature a guest speaker covering a variety of topics. It's a great opportunity to learn and discuss our faith and most of all to grow in fraternal love with one another. The next event will be held Wednesday October 17th, 6:30pm. If you have any question please contact Br. Nathanael FoH @ 902-233-7827.



Equip the Saints Video: Assembly of the People of God

At the end of this month we will gather for our 6th Assembly of the People of God. This will be a key moment in the pastoral life of our Archdiocese. As a result of input from the faithful, clergy and laity, Archbishop Mancini spent the summer discerning the next steps forward in our Equip the Saints pastoral plan. This year's Assembly will be the first opportunity for the faithful to hear Archbishop's vision for our diocese... and provide your feedback about what he proposes!

Development and Peace. Caritas Canada

October 15: International Day of Rural Women

Rural women represent more than one quarter of the world's population and the majority of the 43 percent of women who make up the global agricultural workforce. They till the soil to feed the world, ensure the food security of their communities, and adapt to climate change. However, in terms of land ownership and access to agricultural inputs, to funding, and to climate resilience techniques, they still lag far behind men. Let us pay tribute to them every day of the year and especially today!

To learn more about the work of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada to foster justice for women, check out our latest annual report at devp.org/en/resources/annual-reports.

Week at a Glance

Sunday October 14

L'arche—Auditorium 1-4pm
Private Function—7-9pm

Monday October 15

NO MASS

Magnificat—Campbell Centre 1:30pm
Bingo—Auditorium 6:50pm
CUPE—Campbell Centre 7-9pm

Tuesday October 16

Meditation—Campbell Centre 1:30pm

Wednesday October 17

Chebucto Links—Campbell Centre 10am
Playgroup—Auditorium 10am
Baptismal Preparation—St. Agnes Rm 7pm

Thursday October 18

Prayer Shawl Ministry Campbell Cnt. 1:30pm
Liturgy Committee—St. Agnes Rm 7pm

Friday October 19

Quilting—Campbell Centre 9-12
Indoor Walking Begins—auditorium—10—11am

Saturday October 20

St. Bede's Ordinariate Mass 11am
Scouts Jamboree—Auditorium 1-4pm

Sunday October 21

Children of Mary—St. Agnes Rm —2pm
Private function—Auditorium 7-9pm

Monday October 22

SVDP –Particular Campbell Centre 7-9pm

Note: Our second collection this weekend will be for the Archdiocesan community collection. We thank you for your generous donations.

Congratulations to Kathleen and Nick - on the Baptism of baby Cecilia, on their one year wedding anniversary (our wonderful Pre-school Catechist). Welcome to the family of the Lord Cecilia, we await you.