

Pastor's corner - February 13 & 20, 2011 - Policy on abuse

After an extensive review and at the insistence of insurance companies all dioceses in our insurance group implemented on October 1, 2010, an updated physical and sexual abuse policy. This new policy, called the Responsible Ministry and Safe Environment Policy, has now been completed in draft form. This policy and the protocols which go with it are now being included in our updated Administration Manual both at the Diocesan as well as at the Parish level. A Diocesan Committee has been constituted to mandate the implementation and monitoring of abuse protocols. A screening process of all existing clergy, employees and volunteers, including police checks every five years, are being implemented, again both at the Diocesan as well as at the Parish level.

Concretely, this means that we as a Parish must implement a series of measures some of which we were already taking, others which are new. We are making a list of all the activities in the Parish which carry with them a risk assessment for vulnerable people. Any high risk activity that cannot be mitigated has been eliminated, e.g. in home-catechesis or catechetical instruction other than by the parents of the participants. Two adults have to be present when supervising children. Doors to rooms have to be left open if one of those adults has to leave the room temporarily.

All staff and clergy (yes, I) must provide a current Criminal Record Check to be included in their personnel file at the Chancery Office, as well as a signed Covenant of Care form. This week we will begin to follow the instructions that have been provided and we hope to have the whole process completed by the end of March. The local police department estimates a 2 - 4 week processing time.

What about volunteers? Not all volunteers are affected. That is why we have to make a list of all the parish activities which carry with them a risk assessment for vulnerable people. Only those volunteers at the parish level who are in a high or medium risk ministry will have to submit to a Criminal Record Check and will have to sign a Covenant of Care. Criminal Record Checks were already required of all catechists. Now we have to do the same for other activities. The cost of this check is usually provided free of charge for volunteers of charitable organizations. The Parish will provide a letter printed on letterhead which the volunteer uses when requesting a Criminal Record Check from the Police Department. Once we have determined which are the high and medium risk ministries (within the next month), we will provide to those volunteers the necessary letters to start the process.

Some of you may question whether it is necessary for volunteers to follow these procedures. However, it is now the policy of the Diocese of Victoria that volunteers, lay personnel and clergy must obtain a Criminal Record Check. It is not a question of their credibility. If a person chooses not to obtain this Check then they will have to volunteer in a different ministry of general risk level.

Shalom!

Fr. Rolf

Saanich Peninsula Parish

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN COVENANT WITH ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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PASTOR: Father Rolf Hasenack, O.P. **PARISH COORDINATOR:** Gary Koett

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Janet Staebell & Linda MacGowan (Co-Chairs)



<p>EUCCHARIST AT ST. ELIZABETH'S 10030 Third Street, Sidney Saturdays at 5 pm, Sundays at 10:30 am. Daily on Tuesdays (8:30 am), Wednesdays and Thursdays (9 am), and First Fridays (9 am).</p> <p>RECONCILIATION AT ST. ELIZABETH'S Saturdays 4 - 4:30pm</p>	<p>EUCCHARIST AT OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION 7742 West Saanich Road, Saanichton Sundays at 8:30 am</p> <p>Last Friday at Saanich Peninsula Hospital at 11 am Remaining Fridays at 9 am in a private home. (See "This Week in Our Parish" inside bulletin.)</p>
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Be perfect as
your heavenly
Father is
perfect.

Mt 5:48

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 20, 2011

Lev 19.1-2,17-18 / 1Cor 3.16-23 / Mt 5.38-48

VISITING EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY
If you know of someone who is house-bound or in a nursing home/hospital and would like a visit from the Pastor or the Visitation Team, please call the office at 250-656-7433.

MISSION STATEMENT

*Let us be open
accepting individuals
sensitive to change
and willing to take
Courses untraditional,
unknown to us.
Let us live as
examples of God's love.*

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NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

Please fill out the information below so we can get to know you. Pick up one of the blue information pamphlets next to the bulletins in the foyer so you can get to know us.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Need Pre-Authorized Debit package? Yes ___ No ___

Need donation envelopes? Yes ___ No ___

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PARISH REPORT

COLLECTIONS:

PAD's (monthly total):	\$ 4,070
February 6:	\$ 4,916
February 13:	\$ 2,798
Monthly Target:	Approx. \$ 23,000

We offer condolences to the family and pray for the repose of the soul of:

- Jacqueline Chernichen

IN OUR PARISH

PHILIPPINE BRUNCH: THIS SUNDAY

The Philippine community in our parish invites you to a light brunch on Sun. Feb. 20 after the 10:30 am mass at St. Elizabeth's. Let's enjoy!

MINISTRY FAIR CONTINUES

Our parish Ministry Fair, highlighting some of the important ministries that our parishioners are involved in, continues. This week (Feb. 19 & 20) will focus on Adult Faith Formation.

K OF C PASTA NIGHT: FRI. FEB. 25, 6 PM

Support a great cause and enjoy pasta and an evening of fun and visiting. Tickets: \$10 / person or \$25 / family, available in the church foyer.



THANK YOU FROM THE CWL

A heartfelt thanks to supporters of the CWL Bake & Flower Sale. The lucky raffle winner was Theresa Curtis.

FR. JACK UPDATE

Fr. Jack Sproule has been moved to Sunrise Facility, 920 Humboldt St. (at Quadra), Victoria.

GENERAL

VISITING THE SICK OR SHUT-IN?: FEB. 25 +

A course to develop skills for visiting residents of long-term care facilities to bring them spiritual comfort and care - Fridays, Feb. 25 - Apr. 8, 9:30 - 11:30 am at Church of the Cross, 3787 Cedar Hill Rd. Cost: \$20. For information or registration call Coleen Childs at 250-592-1290.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY, FEB. 21

1:00pm Memory Plus
1:00pm Faith Reflection Group

TUESDAY, FEB. 22

8:30am Mass
9:00am Eucharistic Adoration
11:30am Friendly Hours

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 23

9:00am Mass
10:00am Taiji Qigong
7:00pm RCIA

THURSDAY, FEB. 24

9:00am Mass
11:30am Friendly Hours
2:00pm Prayer Group
6:00pm Taiji Qigong

FRIDAY, FEB. 25

11:00am Mass at Saanich Peninsula Hospital
6:00pm K of C Pasta Dinner

SATURDAY, FEB. 26

12:00pm Funeral Mass for Jacqueline Chernichen
4 - 4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's

SUNDAY, FEB. 27

8:30am Mass at Our Lady of Assumption
10:30am Mass at St. Elizabeth's

ST. ANDREW'S MUSICAL: FEB 23, 24, 25

Students will perform the rock and roll musical *Return to the Forbidden Planet*. Sing along to the cosmic classics *Teenager in Love*, *Good Vibrations*, and *Great Balls of Fire!* Feb 23, 24 & 25, 7:30 pm at Esquimalt High School, 847 Colville. Tickets available through St. Andrew's Office or at the door for \$10.

YOUTH THINKFAST: FEB. 25 - 26

In grades 7 -12? Come join youth in our parish who will be participating in Development and Peace's Victoria *ThinkFast* to be held from Fri. Feb. 25, 5 pm to Sat. Feb. 26, 6:30 pm at St. Joseph the Worker Parish. Please consider sponsoring our parish's youth participants who will be asking for pledges. All funds raised go to Development and Peace. For information email Nancy Stuart at nancy-stuart@shaw.ca, or phone 250-477-6952.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE DINNER

Appreciation dinner for Fr. Alex on Sat. Feb. 26, 6:15 pm. \$25 per person. Further information and tickets available from the office (384-3884). Tickets will **not** be available at the door. Deadline: Tue. Feb. 22 at 3 pm.

"RETURNING TO THE SPIRIT" RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL RECONCILIATION PROGRAM, PART I: MAR. 7 - 11

Workshops in Cowichan and Nanaimo. The *Returning to the Spirit* program is based on returning the people to the spirit of who they are rather than reliving the painful experience of the past, particularly that of residential schools. Learn how to: discover the spirit of who you are; move beyond healing and experience reconciliation; create a future based on choice rather than on reaction to the past; experience the impossible as being possible; bridge the differences between yourself and others; discover how residential school shows up in your life today and how it impacts Canadian society; and be part of the solution. For more information contact Cynthia Bouchard-Watkins at the Diocese Office (250-479-1331), or email chancery@rcdvictoria.org.

UVIC CENTRE FOR STUDIES IN RELIGION & SOCIETY PUBLIC LECTURES (FREE)

- Mon. Feb. 28, 7:30 pm, Harry Hickman Bldg., Rm. 105 - *Distinguished Lecture in Islam*.
- Mon. Mar. 7, 10:30 - 11:30 am, Mac Bldg., Rm. D010 - *The People of No Religion: The Loss of Religion in Canada, the US and Great Britain Since 1950*. Callum Brown.

PROGRAMS IN EARTH LITERACIES:

- Conversations on the New Cosmology*. Thu. Feb. 24, 12 - 1:30 pm. Suggested donation \$10. Friend's Meeting House, 1831 Fern St., Victoria
- Transformation to a Sustainable World*. Sat. Feb. 26, 9 am - 5 pm, \$85. Royal Roads University. Register at www.royalroads.ca/continuing-studies or call 250-391-2600, ext. 4801.
- Earth Community, Sacred Community, Reflections and Conversations on the Work of Thomas Berry*. Thursdays to Mar 3, 7 - 9 pm. \$75 (\$20 drop in). St. Joseph the Worker, rectory office, 785 Burnside Rd.,
- Meditation and Creativity*, Tuesdays to Mar. 8, 10 am - noon. . \$75 (\$20 drop in). Friend's Meeting House, 1831 Fern St., Victoria.

FAITH TRANSFORMING SOCIETY: MAR. 21

A presentation on Mon. Mar. 21, 7 - 9 pm at Holy Cross Parish, 4029 Gordon Head Rd. by Caroljean Willie, Ph.D will highlight the impact of international Christian initiatives to create a more caring, just and sustainable world for those most vulnerable.

STUDENTS FOR GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP: MAR. 3

Thurs, Mar. 3: 6 - 9 pm, at Sacred Heart Parish, a fundraiser for Students for Global Citizenship Project - Midwifery Education Program at UBC. Angela Spencer of Sacred Heart Parish teaches at UBC and has accompanied midwifery students to Uganda. This year they are raising funds to buy equipment for teaching Emergency Obstetrical Skills on maternity wards. The evening includes food, raffle and silent auction, and a slide presentation / talk by Cathy Ellis and Angela Spencer. Admission: Adults - \$20, Children under 16 - by donation.

65th ANNUAL PRAIRIE NIGHT: FEB. 27

The Greater Victoria Police Chorus performs at Centennial United Church, 612 David St. on Sun. Feb. 27 at 7 pm. Free will offering. Refreshments. Wheelchair access. Everyone welcome. For more info call 250-384-6424.