



Reflection:

Gratitude consists in a watchful attention to the particulars of our state, and to the multitude of GOD's gifts, taken one by one. It fills us with a consciousness that God loves and cares for us, even to the least event and smallest need of life. It is a blessed thought; from our childhood, God has been laying His fatherly hands upon us, and always in benediction, and that even the strokes of his hands are blessing, and among the best we have ever received - H.E Manning



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Central Office New and Events for October 2010

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thank you

To the Board of Trustees who will be completing their current term on October 15, 2010. Denise Valiquette, Diane Lavoie, Carmelle Lizee, George Ostermeier, Ann Pollard, Rene Lanctot, Tom Tarpey, Beatrice Wright, Ryk David and Tom Seery have nourished a climate of faith, collaboration, cooperation and acknowledgement of excellence within Holy Family Catholic Regional School Division. Special thanks to Thomas Tarpey and Tom Seerey who will be moving on to new challenges after serving one term each as trustees.

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Next regular Board meeting of HFCDR #37 will be at Central Office in Peace River, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15 at 10:00 a.m. Board meetings are OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

FNMI UPDATE:



Be sure to join and register for the upcoming Mamawihtowin Conference on October 18th and 19th held at the Catholic Conference Center where you will be able to connect with other First Nations, Metis and Inuit staff and other stakeholders in and around the region. Registration is open to everyone interested in assisting our students succeed in every area.

Open to community members, parents, Elders, administrators, teachers, support staff. Come one come all You can register online at no charge at www.nrlc.net and the course id is FNMI-3739-002 or you can fax your registration to 780 882 7908 – This conference is made available at no cost to participants by and Alberta Education grant and cooperatively with district support.

Topics are:

Communicating with FNMI Students, Parents and Caregivers by Glenda Bristow Cree Language Planning by Pauline Auger with Delores Pruden & Gwenna Cunningham) and The Merits of a Culturally Responsive School System by Perry Bellergarde.

For more complete details on the two day schedule please visit www.nrlc.net

...Wisdom comes only when you stop looking for it and start truly living the life Creator intended for you.” - Leila Fisher, HOH

There are many things that block us from wisdom such as; selfishness, secrets, hate, anger, jealousy and judgments. Another thing that can block us from wisdom is trying too hard or wishing something would happen. Wishing implies doubt and trying implies control. We need to let go of these things. We need to abandon ourselves to the Creator. As soon as we surrender everything , the wisdom starts to flow. The Elders know how to help us with this, Just ask them.

May Great Spirit, today I surrender my life and my will to Your care.

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S H I N E



“SHINE!” Update

September 2010

Overview

Currently beginning its 10th season, the “SHINE!” Retreat Program is a series of youth retreats offered through the Holy Family Catholic School Division. Every year, “SHINE!” provides hundreds of students in grades 5-12 with opportunities to make new friends, explore their faith and discover their spirituality. The main mandates of the program are leadership development and de-evangelization. “SHINE!” is based upon the teachings of the Catholic Church, yet it provides an opportunity for each student to develop their own unique spirituality in a way and meaningful backgrounds are welcome and encouraged to attend; prior knowledge of faith is not required. “SHINE!” is an experience of loving Christian community where students learn to treat each other with compassion and respect, and where they feel welcome, safe and valued.



Monthly Update

This year, there are 25 high school students training to become leaders for the “SHINE!” program. They come from across the division from Manning, Grimshaw, Peace River, High Prairie and McLennan. On the weekend of September 10-12, this group of talented and energetic youth traveled to Camp Artaban to get to know each other and begin their leadership training experience. The weekend was filled with games, music, personal sharing, trust activities, nature walks, campfires and prayer. Father Joseph even joined us for a candlelight Mass on Saturday night! By Sunday afternoon, it was clear that we have been blessed with an unusually strong and compassionate group of students. I can't wait to see how much they will grow over the next few months!

These leaders are preparing to host the **Grade 8/9 “SHINE!” Retreat**, being held on **January 28/29/30**. I'll be coming around to the schools in November to distribute registration forms for this event, but home-schooled students from all of our parishes are also invited to attend! Please feel free to give me a call if you would like more information about the program or if you would like to register your child in advance.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with supervision and meal preparation! Please call if you would like to donate a few hours of your time. Thanks so much for your ongoing support...and please keep myself, the Adult “SHINE!” Coordination Team and the “SHINE!” leaders in your prayers.

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DIOCESAN MISSION PRAYERS

*God our Father, we offer you praise and thanksgiving
For all the many gifts you have given us
Through Jesus, your Son.*

*We thank you especially for the gift of our parish Mission.
Loving and gracious God, quite our minds and hearts,
That we may be open to the gift of Your truth.*

Grant that our Mission may be;

A Time of Grace for all,

A Time of growth for the young,

A Time of renewal for the old,

A Time of union for families,

A Time of healing for the broken,

A Time of joy for the sorrowing,

A Time of challenge for the complacent,

A Time of forgiveness for the sinner,

A Time of forgiveness for the sinner,

A Time of strength for the holy,

A Time of homecoming for those

who have been away.

*Grant, most Loving God that our Mission may bring down
your richest blessings on each and
every member of our parish Community.*

*We pray through the intercession of Mary, our Mother, in
the names of Jesus Christ, who lives with you and the Holy
Spirit now and forever. AMEN.*

Come and Join us!!!

MISSION 2010

Mission 2010 is coming soon!! Mark your calendars now so you can join , for only 1 hour each night on November 7, 8, 9,& 10. The Redemptorist team of Father David Louch and Father Woods, will be with us to present , "The Sower Sows the Word." Come and share this TIME and bring along who friend who also might enjoy this time!!!

Parishes Schedule

Time: 7:00 p.m.

November 7 - 10, 2010

High Prairie

McLennan

Peace River

November 14 - 17, 2010

Manning

Valleyview

Blessing for Thanksgiving

May an abundance of gratitude burst forth as you reflect upon what you have received

May thanksgiving overflow in your heart, and often be proclaimed in your prayer.

May you gather around the table of your heart the ardent faithfulness, kindness, and goodness of each person who is true to you.

May the harvest of your good actions bring forth plentiful fruit each day.

May you discover a cache of hidden wisdom among the people and events that have brought you distress and sorrow.



May your basket of blessings surprise you with its rich diversity of gifts and it's opportunities for growth.

May all that nourishes and resources your life bring you daily satisfaction and renewed hope.

May you slow down your hurried pace of life so you can be aware of, and enjoy, what you too easily take for granted.

May you always be open, willing, and ready to share your blessings with others.

May you never forget the generous One, Who loves you lavishly and unconditionally. AMEN