



Українська Католицька Парафія  
Покрова Пресвятої Богородиці  
*Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Ukrainian Catholic Parish*

*The No. 1 priority for ... the church is evangelization:  
preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ in today's world.*

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**Служби Божі / Divine Liturgies**

В Неділю / Sunday  
8:30 am recited - Bilingual  
10:30 am sung - Ukrainian

**У Свята / Holy Day of Obligation**

10:00 am and 7:00 pm

**Щодня / Daily Scheduled**

7:30 am Matins/Утреня in chapel  
8:25 am in church

**First Friday - 8:25 am** Divine Liturgy  
followed by Moleben to the Sacred Heart  
of Jesus or Mother of God

**Сповіді** починаючи десять хвилин перед  
Службою Божою

**Confessions** begin ten minutes before the  
Divine Liturgy or by appointment

**Baptism** by appointment - membership in  
Parish is required

**Marriages** by appointment made at least six  
months in advance. Membership in Parish  
is required

**Funerals** by arrangement in the Parish Office

**оо. Василяни / Basilian Fathers serving in  
this Parish**

Father Josaphat Tyrkalo, OSBM, Pastor  
Most Rev. Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM  
*Bishop Emeritus*

*Неділя М'ясопуста  
Маття 23:31-46*



*Meat-fare Sunday  
Matthew 25:31-46*

**SPECIAL NOTICE - Do not park in the  
RESERVED stalls in front of St. Mary's  
Gardens when you come for the  
Sunday Divine Liturgy. Your car will  
be towed.**

*Місячний намір Святішого Отця Папи Римського – на Лютий:*

**Загальний намір:** Щоб усі люди мали доступ до води та до інших потрібних ресурсів для життя.

**Місійний намір:** Щоб Господь підтримав зусилля працівників здоров'я, що доглядають недужих і похилих людей віком у світі.

– Тропарі і читання в рожевій книжці на стор. 3 і 4.

– Кава і солодке Сьогодні після Служби Божої о год 8:30 і 10:30 рано, у вітальні під церквою.

**Просимо всіх Парафіян приносити продукти для потребуючих, які не псуються (non-perishable) в першу і третю неділю кожного місяця. Просимо допомагати!**

**Неділя, 12 Лютий:** – Парафіяльна Катехитична програма під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано і буде продовжуватися кожної неділі.

– **Велентайн Сніданок після Служб Божих в Авдиторії.** Улаштовує ЛУКЖК.  
Вступ \$8 для дорослих. \$3 для дітей нижче 12 років. Вступні нагороди.

**Понеділок, 13 Лютий:** – 7:00 вечора Сходина Парафіяльної Ради у Борд Румі.

**Четвер, 16 Лютий:** – **БІБЛІЙНІ СТУДІЇ** о год. 7:00 веч: Програма охоплює "Велика Подія" на тему «Історія Спасіння».

**Субота, 18 Лютий:** – 6:00 вечора – Пушчення і забава.

**Неділя, 19 Лютий:** – Парафіяльна Катехитична програма під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано і буде продовжуватися кожної неділі.

**Понеділок, 20 Лютий:** – Перший день Великого посту – стримуємося від м'яса і молочних продуктів.

– 8:30 рано і 7:00 вечора, Служби Божі. Заохочуємо Вас почати Великий Піст і просити нашого Бога за ласки потрібні нам, щоби жити життям більше згідним з Божим світом. Церква також заохочує нас більше постити і молитися під час цього часу.

**Четвер, 23 Лютий:** – **БІБЛІЙНІ СТУДІЇ** о год. 7:00 веч: Програма охоплює "Велика Подія" на тему «Історія Спасіння».

**Заупокійні Служби Божі і Сорокоусти** за померлих членів Ваших Родин будуть відправлятися кожної п'ятниці о год. 7 вечора під час Великого Посту, починаючи від 11-го березня. Зробіть відповідні зарядження.

Ковертки з пожертвами за відправлення сорокоустних парастасів знаходяться в притворі церкви. Просимо зложити їх на недільну тацу під час Служб Божих, або передати їх Отцям, чи занести до парафіяльної канцелярії.

**П'ятниця, 24 Лютий:** – 7 вечора – Заупокійні Служби Божі і Сорокоусти.

**Субота, 25 Лютий:** – 8:30 ранку – Служби Божої не буде

– Поминальна Служба Божа за + **Микола Пасовистий** о год. 10:00 рано.

**Неділя, 26 Лютий:**

– Парафіяльна Катехитична програма під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано і буде продовжуватися кожної неділі.

Sunday, February 12, 2012

Meat-fare Sunday

**Papal General Prayer Intention for February:** Pray that all peoples may have access to water and other resources needed for daily life.

**Mission Intention for February:** Pray that the Lord may sustain the efforts of health workers assisting the sick and elderly in the world's poorest regions.

- **Tropar, Kondak & readings** for today in the **Pink booklet** pages: 3 & 4.
- **Coffee and sweets are available today** following the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Divine Liturgy in the Fellowship Room. All guests and parishioners are invited.

**Food Bank Donations:** We encourage all parishioners to contribute to the Food Bank on the **first and third Sundays** of every month. **PLEASE ADD YOUR SUPPORT.**

**TODAY – Sunday, February 12:**

- **Parish Catechism Program for Pre-Schooler's** during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy and will continue as the schedule dictates.
- **Pancake Breakfast following both Divine Liturgies** sponsored by UCWLC.  
Admission \$8/adult, \$3/child under 12 - Door Prizes.

**Monday, February 13:**

- **7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting including a final Bazaar Report and discussion** in the Board Room.

**Thursday, February 16:** - **BIBLE STUDIES** begin at 7 pm in the Fellowship Room.

**Saturday, February 18:** - **6:00 pm doors open PUSHCHENNIA** in the Auditorium

**Sunday, February 19:** - **Parish Catechism Program for Pre-Schooler's** during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy and will continue as the schedule dictates.

**Monday, February 20:**

- **First day of Great Lent – abstain from all meat and all dairy products**
- **8:30 am and 7 pm Divine Liturgy.** You are encouraged to begin Great Lent by asking our Lord for the graces needed to live a life more in-tune with God's Word. The church also encourages us to fast and pray more during this time.

**Thursday, February 23:** - **BIBLE STUDIES** begin at 7 pm in the Fellowship Room.

**Memorial Divine Liturgy and Sorokousty** for the deceased of individual family members will be celebrated every Friday during Great Lent at 7 pm beginning on February 24, 2012. Arrange to have the deceased members of your family remembered during these Services. Special envelopes are available in the vestibule. Please fill them out and place them in the Sunday collection plate, or give to Father, or bring to the Parish Office.

**Friday, February 24:** - **7 pm Memorial Divine Liturgy and Sorokousty**

**Saturday, February 25:**

- **8:30 am Divine Liturgy Cancelled**
- **10 am 40 day Memorial Divine Liturgy** for + **Nick Pasowesty**

**Sunday, February 26:**

- **Parish Catechism Program for Pre-Schooler's** during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy and will continue as the schedule dictates.

**Sunday, February 26 – PYSANKA WORKSHOP** from noon to 3 pm in the Fellowship Room. All ages welcome, although those 7 and under should be accompanied by an adult. All supplies provided. \$5 adults; \$3 youth; children 13 and under free. Family rate available.

**PREPARATIONS FOR EASTER BAKE SALE** – The members of the UCWLC and Women of the Parish (and men) are asked to come out to help on the following days:

**Baking Paska & Babka:** Monday, February 20 at 9:30 am.; Wednesday, February 23 at 9:30 am.; Monday, March, 5 at 9:30 am.; Thursday, March 8 at 9:30 am.; Monday, March 12 at 9:30 am. For more information call Marlayne 604.274.3164

**Making Pyrohy:** Wednesday, February 29 at 8 am.; Wednesday, March 7 at 8 am.

**Making Cabbage Rolls:** Tuesday, March 14 at 8am.; Tuesday, March 21 at 8 am. For more information call Henriette at 604.291.0087

**FLEA MARKET – Saturday March 3, from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm**

Table rental \$20/table! For rental of tables call Olga at 604.274.9804 or Mary Scott at 604.271.1131

**February 18, 2012 10:00 am – 3:00 pm 4th Annual Hearts and Flowers Fair**

**At: Holy Eucharist Cathedral Hall, 501 4th Avenue, New Westminster B.C.**

Admission: \$3.00/person. Lunch served from 11:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m., Silent Auction, Door prizes, Bingo, Children's games/prizes, White Elephant, and more. Hosted by: the New Westminster Eparchial UCWLC Executive. Prize donations always gratefully accepted. For more information, please call the UCWLC Eparchial President – Lil Saranchuk 604.936.4972

Парафіяльної канцелярії на телефон 604-879-5830 або кинути записку на тацу.

**Request for Prayers:** to pray for you, your family member, or friend – please submit the name to the Parish Office by phone 604-879-5830 or by written note on the collection plate.

**Пам'ятайте помолитися:** за Вашу родину, за членів Парафії, а особливо за тих які знаходяться в лікарнях, або тих що очікують Божої відповіді на їхні молитви, або радіють Божою відповіддю, або за тих які відзначають уродини, або роковини, або за тих що покликані до їхньої вічної винагороди, або за родину яку вони залишили.

**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:** your family, your fellow parishioners, especially the shut-in or in the hospital, those seeking God's answer to their prayers or those rejoicing with God's answer; those celebrating a birthday or anniversary, those called to their eternal reward and for the family they leave behind.

**Please remember in your prayers especially:** Fr. Vincent Prychidko, OSBM; Fr. Josaphat Tyrkalo, OSBM, Fr. Steven Basarab; Joseph Bayduza; Catherine Hladij, Martha Huzyk, Victoria Kuzik, Bodzie Lawryshyn; Ben Marchinkow; Jason Obuck; Fenia Orysik, William Orysik, Mary Scott, Kaiya Williams, Leon & Polly Woznow, and all the Canadian Armed Forces on peacekeeping missions.

**PLEASE VISIT our Parishioners who are confined to their hospital beds or their homes. They need our visits as well as our prayers.**

**If there are Parishioners that you visit and we are not listing them for you to pray for them, please call the Parish office with that information, or for the fathers to visit them.**

**Please remember to pray daily for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.**

**Bulletin Announcements** must be in the office by Wednesday noon. It is your responsibility to notify the office, do not think that 'well they know', Father or the Secretary may know but do not always remember to put it in the bulletin!

**Церковна Звукова Система:** Повний кошт нової системи виносить \$18,132.00. Просимо Вас допомогти покрити кошта. Просимо зложити Ваші пожертви. Нехай Наша Пресвята Богородиця і Покровителька Благословить Вас усіх за Вашу щедрість!

**До цього часу ми одержали \$9,497.70.** Нехай Найсвятійша Родина – Ісус, Марія і Йосиф благословить за Вашу щедрість! Корейська Місія Св. Павла Чонг пожертвувала \$9,065.70. Нехай наша Свята Покровителька Мати Божа благословить за їхню щедрість.

**CHURCH SOUND SYSTEM:** The total cost of the new system is \$18,132.00. You are asked to help with the cost. Please make your donation by marking your envelope or cheque with the words: "Church Sound System".

**To date we have received \$9497.70.** May the Holiest of Families – Jesus, Mary and Joseph, bless your generosity! The Korean Mission of St. Paul Chong donated \$9,065.70. May our Blessed Protectress, the Mother of God, bless their generosity.

*A SPECIAL Request: At the conclusion of each Divine Liturgy, please close all Liturgy and/or hymnbooks and return them to their proper place. Also, please do not leave any church bulletins or any other material in the pews. Let each of us do our part to be true stewards of our parish church by helping to keep the church pews clean and neat. Thank you.*

Спеціальне прохання: після закінчення Служби Божої просимо замкнути молитвенники і співаники і поставити їх на відповідне місце. Рівнож просимо не залишайте бюлетенів і других матеріалів в лавках. Будьмо господарними в нашій церкві і

The Catholic Health Association of BC will be awarding two bursaries valued at \$250 each to two 2012 graduating students enrolled in a Catholic secondary school, or who are a member of a BC or Yukon parish and enrolled in a public secondary school, or who are home-schooled. Students are asked to submit a 500 word essay that demonstrates an awareness and understanding of the significance of Spirituality in Health Care. Submissions must be received on or **before March 9, 2012**. For further details, please refer to the poster in the vestibule of the church, or check the CHABC website at [www.chabc.bc.ca](http://www.chabc.bc.ca) under upcoming events.

**This note is to ALL PARISHIONERS:** Please come on time for the Divine Liturgy. Realize that when you come into the Church proper after the Great Entrance, you have missed most of the Divine Liturgy and have not really attended the prescribed service for a Sunday.

**Church Etiquette:** Be aware that to have attended the entire Divine Liturgy one must receive the Final Blessing before leaving the Church Service. We also ask that you do not visit in the main part of the Church before, during or after the service. Please use the Vestibule or the Fellowship room to conduct your conversations – leave the Church proper (the Nave) for those that want to pray.

**Це пригадка для всіх вірних.** Просимо приходити вчасно на Службу Божу. Будьмо готові разом заспівати початковий гімн. Зрозумійте, якщо Ви прийдете до Церкви після Великого Входу, Ви пропустили більшу частину Служби Божої, і дійсно не вислухали приписаної Служби Божої на неділю.

**Церковна Етика:** Будьмо свідомі, що беручи участь у Св. Літургії ми мусимо одержати кінцеве Благословення перед тим як ми залишимо Службу Божу. Ми рівнож просимо не виходити з Церкви перед закінченням Служби Божої. Ми просимо Вас не спілкуватися в Церкві перед, під час і після Служби Божої. Прошу це робити в притворі Церкви або у Вітальні під цеквою. Залишім наву (Nave) церкви для вірних які моляться.

## **BC is going to Unity – August 16–19, 2012**

**At Pinawa, MB, – Wilderness Edge Retreat Center, – just north of Winnipeg**

**Unity is a gathering of Ukrainian Catholics from across Canada** to further understand, embrace and celebrate our faith through prayer, education and fellowship. Unity is open to young adults 18 (1994) to 35 years of age.

**Come and pre-register today! Cost: \$225 before May 31** includes all meals, accommodation, sessions and social event for the program. Transportation extra.

Some of the program highlights include BBQ, Bonfire, Liturgy, Keynote Speakers, Breakout Sessions, and Zabava,

Fundraising will begin in the coming months to help with transportation costs.

**Interested? Contact the following names for more information.**

– Jennifer Sawka: jennsawka@hotmail.com, Ph: 604.876.5691

– Fr.Theo: theomac@lycos.com Ph: 1-250.384.2292

– [www.ucyc.ca/unity2012/](http://www.ucyc.ca/unity2012/)

Please see the Poster at the front entrance and Registration forms.

**MAKE IT YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION – SIGN UP TODAY!**

**Monthly Calendar Announcements** for the next two months must be in the office by the 20th day of this month.

**ПРОСИМО** щоб оголошення до наступного дво-місячного календаря треба подати до канцелярії не дальше як 20-го дня цього місяця.

## **DIVINE REVELATION DOES NOT FOLLOW EARTHLY LOGIC**

VATICAN CITY, 7 DEC 2911 (VIS) – Benedict XVI dedicated the catechesis of today's Wednesday audience, celebrated in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall, to the Messianic Hymn of

Jubilee, Jesus' prayer of praise recorded in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, which constitutes the "apex of a path of prayer in which Jesus' profound and intimate communion with the Father in the Holy Spirit and His divine filiation clearly emerges".

Already at the opening of the hymn, the Pope observed, Jesus addresses God by calling him Father, a term that expresses "Jesus' awareness and certainty of being 'the Son' in close and constant communion with Him. This is the central point and the source of Jesus' every prayer. ... The name of 'Father' is followed by a second title: 'Lord of heaven and earth'", which "recalls the great biblical narration of the history of God's love for human beings that began with creation. Jesus ... is the pinnacle and the fullness of this history of love. ... Through the expression 'Lord of heaven and earth' we also recognize how, in Jesus, the one who reveals the Father, the possibility of access to God is opened to humanity".

But, to whom does the Son want to reveal the mysteries of God? "Divine revelation", the pontiff explained, "does not occur within earthly logic, according to which humans are the wise and powerful who possess important knowledge and transmit it to those who are more simple. ... God's style is another: His communication is addressed precisely to the 'childlike'. ... And what is this childlikeness that opens humans to a filial intimacy with God and to welcoming His will? ... It is the pureness of heart that allows us to recognize the face of God in Jesus Christ. It is keeping our hearts as simple as those of children, without the presumptions of those who are locked in themselves, thinking they have no need of anyone, not even God".

"In Matthew's Gospel, after the Hymn of Jubilee, we encounter one of Jesus' most moving pleas: 'Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest.' Jesus asks that we go to Him, the true wisdom, to the one who is 'meek and humble of heart'; He proposes His 'yoke', the path of evangelical wisdom, which is neither a doctrine to learn nor an ethical proposal, but rather a Person to follow: He himself, the only-begotten Son, in perfect communion with the Father".

"We also can address God with the confidence of sons and daughters", Benedict XVI concluded, "calling Him Father when we pray. But we have to keep the heart of a child, the heart of those 'poor in spirit', in order to recognize that we are not self-sufficient ... that we need God, that we have to seek Him, listen to Him, speak to Him. Prayer opens us to receiving the gift of God, His wisdom who is Jesus himself, in order to accept the will of the Father in our lives and to find consolation in the weariness of our journey".

At the end of the audience, Benedict XVI greeted the pilgrims present in the hall in their various languages and noted that the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, which is celebrated tomorrow, "reminds us of Mary's singular acceptance of God's salvific plan. Preserved from any stain of sin in order to be the holy dwelling place of the Incarnate Word, she always trusted fully in the Lord". The Pope especially urged the youth to make the effort to imitate the Virgin "with pure and clean hearts, letting yourselves be shaped by God who, in you as well, desires to bring about 'great things'". AG/VIS 20111207 (620)

## **POPE TO FAMILIES: STRENGTHEN THE FAITH IN YOUR HOMES**

VATICAN CITY, 31 DEC 2011 (VIS) – The Holy Father has sent a message to Cardinal Antonio Maria Rouco Varela, archbishop of Madrid, Spain, for the Feast of the Holy Family. The message, dated 27 December, was read out yesterday at the beginning of a Mass for families celebrated by Cardinal Rouco Varela in Madrid's Plaza de Colon.

"I invite everyone to consider this celebration as a continuation of Christmas", the Pope

writes. "Jesus became man in order to bring the world the goodness and love of God, and He did so in that place where human beings are most disposed to want the best for others, ready to do anything for them and to place love above all other interests. ... The family is, so to speak, the door by which the Saviour of humankind entered the world. At the same time it gives domestic love and communion the greatness of being a special reflection of the Trinitarian mystery of God.

"This greatness is also a splendid and decisive vocation for families", the Holy Father adds. "I encourage you ... to be aware that God is at your side and to invoke Him always so as to ensure He gives you the help you need to overcome your difficulties; this help is certain and has its foundation in the grace of the Sacrament of Marriage. Allow yourselves to be guided by the Church, which Christ entrusted with the mission of spreading the good news of salvation down the centuries, and do not surrender to the many worldly powers threatening the great treasure of the family, which you must protect day after day".

"It is in the family that we learn to live together, that faith is transmitted, values are strengthened and freedom is channelled to ensure that one day children will be fully aware of their own vocation and dignity, and that of others. The warmth of the home and domestic example can teach much more than words can say. This educational dimension of the family may receive particular encouragement in the Year of Faith, due to begin in a few months time. For this reason, I invite you to revitalise the faith in your homes and to become increasingly aware of the Creed we profess".

"I pray to God ... that (young people) may not cease to thank Him for the gift of the family, that they may be grateful to their parents and undertake to defend and promote the authentic dignity of this institution, so vital for society and the Church". MESS/VIS 20120102 (440)

## **IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATING YOUNG PEOPLE IN JUSTICE AND PEACE**

VATICAN CITY, 1 JAN 2012 (VIS) – In the Vatican Basilica this morning, Benedict XVI presided at a Eucharistic celebration for the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God. The Mass was concelebrated by Cardinal Secretary of State Tarcisio Bertone S.D.B.; Cardinal Peter Kodwo Turkson, president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace; Archbishop Giovanni Angelo Becciu, substitute for General Affairs; Archbishop Dominique Mamberti, secretary for Relations with States; Archbishop Pier Luigi Celata, secretary of the Pontifical Council for Inter-religious Dialogue, and Bishop Mario Toso S.D.B., secretary of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. The ceremony also marked today's forty-fifth World Day of Peace, which has as its theme: "Educating Young People in Justice and Peace".

Extracts from Benedict XVI's homily are given below:

"On the first day of the year, the liturgy resounds in the Church throughout the world with the ancient priestly blessing that we heard during today's first reading: 'The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace'. ... In order to be blessed, we have to stand in God's presence, take His Name upon us and remain ... in a space lit up by His gaze, diffusing grace and peace".

"The shepherds of Bethlehem had ... the experience of standing in God's presence, they received His blessing ... in a stable, before a 'babe lying in a manger'. From this child, a new light issues forth, shining in the darkness of the night. ... Henceforth, it is from Him that blessing comes, from His name – Jesus, meaning 'God saves' – and from His human

face, in which God, the almighty Lord of heaven and earth, chose to become incarnate, concealing His glory under the veil of our flesh, so as to reveal fully to us His goodness.

"The first to be swept up by this blessing was Mary the virgin. ... Her whole life was spent in the light of the Lord, within the radius of His name and of the face of God incarnate in Jesus, the 'blessed fruit of her womb'. ... The mystery of her divine motherhood that we celebrate today contains in superabundant measure the gift of grace that all human motherhood bears within it. ... The Mother of God is the first of the blessed, and it is she who bears the blessing; she is the woman who received Jesus into herself and brought Him forth for the whole human family".

"Mary is the mother and model of the Church. ... The Church also participates in the mystery of divine motherhood, through preaching, which sows the seed of the Gospel throughout the world, and through the Sacraments, which communicate grace and divine life to men. ... Like Mary, the Church is the mediator of God's blessing for the world: she receives it in receiving Jesus and she transmits it in bearing Jesus. He is the mercy and the peace that the world, of itself, cannot give, and which it needs always, at least as much as bread".

Jesus Christ, the path of peace

"The Church too, on the first day of the year, invokes this supreme good in a special way; she does so, like the Virgin Mary, by revealing Jesus to all, for as St. Paul says, 'He is our peace', and at the same time the 'way' by which individuals and peoples can reach this goal to which we all aspire".

"'Educating Young People in Justice and Peace' is a task for every generation, and thanks be to God, after the tragedies of the two great world wars, the human family has shown increasing awareness of it, as we can witness, on the one hand, from international statements and initiatives, and on the other, from the emergence among young people themselves, in recent decades, of many different forms of social commitment in this field. For the ecclesial community, educating men and women in peace is part of the mission received from Christ, it is an integral part of evangelization, because the Gospel of Christ is also the Gospel of justice and peace".

"In the face of the shadows that obscure the horizon of today's world, to assume responsibility for educating young people in knowledge of the truth, in fundamental values and virtues, is to look to the future with hope. And in this commitment to a holistic education, formation in justice and peace has a place. Boys and girls today are growing up in a world that has, so to speak, become smaller, where contacts between different cultures and traditions, even if not always direct, are constant. For them, now more than ever, it is indispensable to learn the importance and the art of peaceful coexistence, mutual respect, dialogue and understanding. Young people by their nature are open to these attitudes, but the social reality in which they grow up can lead them to think and act in the opposite way, even to be intolerant and violent. Only a solid education of their consciences can protect them from these risks and make them capable of carrying on the fight, depending always and solely on the power of truth and good. This education begins in the family and is developed at school and in other formative experiences. It is essentially about helping infants, children and adolescents to develop a personality that combines a profound sense of justice with respect for their neighbour, with a capacity to address conflicts without arrogance, with the inner strength to bear witness to good, even when it involves sacrifice, with forgiveness and reconciliation. Thus they will be able to become people of peace and builders of peace.

"In this task of educating young generations, a particular responsibility lies with religious communities. Every pathway of authentic religious formation guides the person, from the most tender age, to know God, to love Him and to do His will. God is love, He is just and peaceable, and anyone wishing to honour Him must first of all act like a child following his father's example. ... In God, justice and mercy come together perfectly, as Jesus showed us through the testimony of His life. ... Jesus is a way that can be travelled, open to everyone. He is the path of peace. Today the Virgin Mary points Him out to us, she shows us the Way: let us walk in it!". HML/VIS 20120102 (1090)

## **THE RENEWAL OF FAITH MUST BE A PRIORITY FOR CHURCH TODAY**

VATICAN CITY, 27 JAN 2012 (VIS) – This morning in the Vatican the Holy Father received participants in the plenary session of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, whom he thanked for their service to the Church, particularly in view of the forthcoming Year of Faith. "As we know", he said in his remarks to them, "in vast areas of the earth the faith risks being extinguished, like a flame without fuel. We are facing a profound crisis of faith, a loss of a religious sense, which represents one of the greatest challenges for the Church today. The renewal of faith must, then, be a priority for the entire Church in our time. I hope that the 'Year of Faith' may contribute ... to restoring God's presence in this world, and to giving man access to the faith, enabling him to entrust himself to the God Who, in Jesus Christ, loved us to the end".

All this, Benedict XVI explained, is closely associated with the question of Christian unity, and he turned to consider certain doctrinal issues related to the Church's ecumenical journey. "Today", he said, "we see the many good fruits that have emerged from ecumenical dialogue. Yet we must also recognize that the risks of indifference and of false Irenicism, completely alien to the mindset of Vatican Council II, require us to be vigilant. Such indifference is caused by the increasingly widespread opinion that truth is not accessible to man and that, therefore, we must limit ourselves to finding rules to improve this world. In this scenario, faith comes to be replaced by a shallow-rooted moralism. By contrast, the core of true ecumenism is faith, in which man encounters the truth revealed in the Word of God. Without faith the entire ecumenical movement would be reduced to a kind of 'social contract' to which we adhere out of shared interests. The logic of Vatican Council II was quite different", holding that "the sincere search for the full unity of all Christians is a dynamic process animated by the Word of God".

The Holy Father went on to highlight a "crucial problem running through all ecumenical dialogue: ... the question of the structure of revelation; that is, the relationship between Holy Scripture, the living tradition of Holy Church and the ministry of the successors of the Apostles as witness of the true faith. It is vital to discern between Tradition and traditions", he said. One important step in this direction has been the recent implementation of measures concerning groups of Anglican faithful who wish to enter into communion with the Catholic Church while maintaining their own traditions. "There exists, in fact, a spiritual richness in the various Christian confessions, which is an expression of the one faith and a gift to be shared", the Pope said.

The methodology followed in the various forms of ecumenical dialogue must also reflect the priority of the faith. "Even controversial issues must be faced courageously, while always maintaining a spirit of fraternity and mutual respect. Moreover, it is important to offer a correct interpretation of that 'hierarchy of truths' in Catholic doctrine, as defined in the Decree 'Unitatis redintegratio'".

On the subject of the documents that have emerged from various ecumenical

dialogues, the Pope explained that "they are the important, though provisional, fruits of shared reflections". But he also pointed out that "they must be given their correct status as contributions presented to the competent authorities of the Church, which alone is called to pass definitive judgment on them".

Benedict XVI also referred to the moral issue, saying: "In our dialogues we cannot overlook the great moral questions about human life, the family, sexuality, bioethics, freedom, justice and peace. It is important to speak on these issues with a single voice, drawing on the fundamentals contained in Scripture and in living tradition. ... By defending the fundamental values of the great tradition of the Church, we defend man and we defend the creation".

In conclusion, the Holy Father reaffirmed that unity is "a means towards, almost a precondition for, the increasingly credible announcement of the faith to people who do not yet know the Saviour".

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### **A GREAT LESSON!**

There once was a bunch of tiny frogs, who arranged a running competition. The goal was to reach the top of a very high tower.

A big crowd had gathered around the tower to see the race and cheer on the contestants.

The race began ... Honestly...No one in the crowd really believed that the tiny frogs would reach the top of the tower.

You heard statements such as: "Oh, WAY too difficult!" They will NEVER make it to the top!" or: "Not a chance that they will succeed. The tower is too high!"

The tiny frogs began collapsing. One by one ... Except for those, who in a fresh tempo, were climbing higher and higher...

The crowd continued to yell, "It is too difficult! No one will make it!" More tiny frogs got tired and gave up ... But ONE continued higher and higher and higher ... This one wouldn't give up!

At the end everyone else had given up climbing the tower. Except for the one tiny frog who after a big effort, was the only one who reached the top!

THEN all of the other tiny frogs naturally wanted to know how this one frog managed to do it? A contestant asked the tiny frog how he had found the strength to succeed and reach the goal? It turned out...That the winner was DEAF!

The wisdom of this story is: NEVER listen to other people's tendencies to be negative or pessimistic ... Because they take your most wonderful dreams and wishes away from you...the ones you have in your heart!

Always think of the power words have. Because everything you hear and read will affect your actions!!!

Therefore: ALWAYS be...POSITIVE! And above all: Be DEAF when people tell YOU that you can not fulfil your dreams! Always think: **God and I can do this!!!**

Don't tell GOD how Big your storm is. Tell the storm how Big your GOD is!!



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