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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/Yтреня 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

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Father Josaphat Tyrkalo, OSBM, Pastor Most Rev. Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM Bishop Emeritus 24-а Неділя Після Зіслання Святого Духа Лука 8:41-56

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Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost Luke 8:41-56

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. Парафія Покрова Пресвятої Богородиці вітає всіх гостей, приятелів та рідних які зєдналися сьогодні разом брати участь в цій Службі Божі. Нехай наш Господь через заступництво Покрова Пресвятої Богородиці благословить Вас і Вашу родину.

Місячний намір Святішого Отця Папи Римського – на Листопад

Загальний намір: "Щоб єпископи, і всі служителі Євангелії давали відважне свідчення вірности розп'ятому і воскреслому Христові".

Місійний намір: "Щоб паломництво Церкви на землі сяяло, як світло народів".

- Тропарі і читання в жовтеті книжці на стор. З і 4.
- Кава і солодке Сьогодні після Служби Божої о год 8:30 і 10:30 рано у вітальні під церквою.

Спеціяльне 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 допоможім, щоби наші лавки були чисті й акуратні.

Неділя, 11 Листопад: Святого Священномученика Йосафата, Архиєпископа

- Поминальний День Воїна Панахида відправиться по 10:30 Службі Божі
- Парафіяльна Катехитична програма під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано і буде продовжуватися кожної неділі.

Середа, 14 Листопад: Святого Апостола Пилипа

Четвер, 15 Листопад:

- Початок "Пилипівки" (перед Різдвяним Постом).
- Біблійні Студії о год. 7:00 веч: Програма охоплює "Одкровення".

Неділя, 18 Листопад:

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

Середа, 21 Листопад: Входу в Храм Пресвятої Богородиці

- Служба Божа у 8:30 рано.

Четвер, 22 Листп: Біблійні Студії о год. 7:00 веч: Програма охоплює "Одкровення".

Субота, 24 Листопад: - Парафіяльний Базар від 11 ранку до 7 вечора

Неділя, 25 Листопад:

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

Четвер, 29 Листп: Біблійні Студії о год. 7:00 веч: Програма охоплює "Одкровення".

Просимо всіх Парафіян приносити продукти для потребуючих, які не псуються (nonperishable) в першу і трету неділю кожного місяця. Просимо допомагати!

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.

The Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish welcomes all our guests, friends, visiting relatives and Parishioners in celebrating this Divine Liturgy together. May our Lord, through the intercession of the Protectress, the Blessed Mother of God, bless you and your family!

Papal General Prayer Intention for November: "Pray that bishops, priests, and all ministers of the Gospel may bear the courageous witness of fidelity to the crucified and risen Lord".

Mission Intention for November: "Pray that the pilgrim Church on earth may shine as a light to the nations".

- Tropar, Kondak & readings for today in the YELLOW 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.

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.

November 11: Feast of Bishop-Martyr Josaphat, Archbishop of Polotsk & REMEMBRANCE DAY

- Panachyda for the fallen soldiers will be celebrated after the 10:30 Div. Lit.
- Parish Catechism Program for Pre-Schoolers during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy and will continue as the schedule dictates.

Wednesday, November 14: Feast of St. Philip the Apostle

- "Philipiwka" begins today the pre-Christmas fast.
- 8:30 am Divine Liturgy.

Thursday, November 15: - BIBLE STUDIES: "Revelations" at 7 pm - Fellowship Room.

Sunday, November 18:

- Parish Catechism Program for Pre-Schoolers during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.
- **GENERATIONS OF FAITH** at Holy Eucharist Cathedral from 12:30 4:00 pm with the theme: "The Holy Mystery of the Anointing of the Sick".

Wednesday, November 21:

Feast of Presentation in the temple of the Blessed Virgin Lady

- 8:30 am Divine Liturgy

Thursday, November 22: - BIBLE STUDIES: "Revelations" at 7 pm - Fellowship Room.

Saturday, November 24: - Parish BAZAAR from 11 AM to 7 PM. Ukrainian Food served all day as well as other activities and sales - see Poster

Sunday, November 25:

- Parish Catechism Program for Pre-Schoolers during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

Thursday, November 29: - BIBLE STUDIES: "Revelations" at 7 pm - Fellowship Room.

A young Ukrainian family is looking for a Ukrainian/Russian speaking live-in nanny for 2 little boys (1 year old, 3 years old). We are located in Surry (close to Guildford mall). We need a nanny starting January, 2013. Please call Julia - 778.994.6309

Це пригадка для всіх вірних. Просимо приходити вчасно на Службу Божу. Будьмо готові разом заспівати початковий гімн. Зрозумійте, якщо Ви прийдети 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 церквою. Залишім наву (Nave) церкви для вірних які моляться.

A SPECIAL NOTE 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.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Almighty and Merciful God, Inspire those You have chosen To hear and answer Your call to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Give them the courage to be the prophets for our times. Give them the wisdom and openness to live their personal call. Give them the strength to be ready witnesses of Your love and care for the world. May they find support and encouragement in our words and in our prayers. Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God and all the Saints. Amen.



Prayer for the Beatification of the Servant of God Metropolitan

Andrey: Our Lord Jesus Christ, You always reward Your faithful

Andrey: Our Lord Jesus Christ, You always reward Your faithful servants, not only with special gifts of Your love, but also with the eternal reward of the saints in heaven, and in many cases You grant them the recognition of sanctity by Your Church here on earth. We humbly pray: grant that Your faithful servant Metropolitan Andrey be numbered among the saints. Throughout his just life, "full of suffering and trials," he was a good shepherd for his flock and a great labourer for Christian unity. And through his beatification and intercession, grant our entire people the great gift of unity and love. Amen. www.sheptytskvinstitute.ca

PRAYER FOR A VIBRANT PARISH – O God, Creator of Heaven and Earth! Because of your indescribable love for us, you sent your Only-Begotten Son, Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ – The Way, The Truth, and The Life – and our Salvation. In His name, we turn to You: Strengthen our hearts and minds in Christian love and in unity of purpose as we strive to build a Vibrant Parish. Give us the grace to model our lives according to the Word of God. Instill in us the desire to pray and to celebrate the Holy Mysteries as one Christian Family in our Parish Community. Inspire us to follow Your great command to be a servant to the less fortunate among us! Grant this, O Lord, through the mercies and love for mankind of Your Only-Begotten Son with whom You are blessed, together with Your All-Holy, Good and Live-Giving Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen!



GENERATIONS OF FAITH 2011/2012

Come and join us for lunch, conversation and prayer
Register now for the next Generations of Faith session featuring

"The Holy Mystery of the Anointing of the Sick"

SUNDAY, November 18, at Holy Eucharist Cathedral

501-4th Avenue, New Westminster, from 12:30pm - 4:00pm

There will be a separate session for the children

Please register in advance for this event by November 12

Registration forms are available at the back of the church or on the Eparchial website at: www.nweparchy.ca. They can be submitted to your parish office or contact person.

For more information, speak to: **Carol Achtemichuk** @ 604.980.4680 *Rides are available to New Westminster*

"Come and find out how the Anointing of the Sick seeks not only the healing of the body but also the forgiveness of sins that might cause bodily harm."

Request for Prayers: for you, your family, or friend – please submit the name to the Parish Office or submit a note and place 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 відповідю, або за тих які відзначують 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; the shut-ins or those in hospital; those seeking God's guidance or rejoicing with God's favour; or for those celebrating a birthday or anniversary; or have been called to their eternal reward or for the family they leave behind; as well as any other need.

Please remember in your prayers especially: Bishop Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM, Fr. Vincent Prychidko, OSBM; Fr. Steven Basarab, Mary Balsivicius, Joseph Bayduza, Frances Bethune, Mary Earl, Catherine Hladij, Alice Humenick, Bohdan Karpinski, Brian Kluchkowsky, Karlo Kozy, Victoria Kuzik, Emily Kuzyk, Bodzie and Shirley Lawryshyn, Stella Luciuk, Oscar Lyseyko, Ben Marchinkow, Jason Obuck, Orest Obuck, John Pura, Mary Scott, Wasyl Saik, Kaiya Williams, Leon Woznow.

PLEASE VISIT our Parishioners or those confined to their homes. They need your visits, your phone calls, as well as your prayers.

If there are people you visit requesting our prayers, please call the Parish office. Please remember to pray daily for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

BAZAAR NEWS - PARISH BAZAAR - NOVEMBER 24, 2012 - Doors open - 11 am

Наш Парафіяльний Базар зближається чим-раз ближче. Базаровий Комітет ласкаво просить Вас, якщо Ви приготовляєте консерви цього літа, то просимо зробіть декілька "екстра" на наш Базар. Ваша поміч буде оцінена.

- 1. The Bazaar "Preserves and Baking" Committee is requesting any extra preserves that you will be making over the summer. Please bring as many as you can spare to the Auditorium kitchen on Tuesdays. They will be sold at our Parish Bazaar. Your help is greatly appreciated.
- I 2. They are also asking for Home baking such as brownies, breads and buns, pies, cakes, cinnamon buns, cookies and any other baking that does not include fillings such as cream or cheese or other dairy products.
- 1 3. The Bazaar "Silent Auction" Committee is asking for donations of all things (ie: Hockey tickets, dinners for two, wine box, etc.) to be bid on at the Silent Auction.
 Please bring them as soon as possible to the Parish Office or place them in the "Silent Auction" box in the Church Fellowship Room.
 - 4. The Bazaar "Paper Lottery" Committee is asking for donations of new items for the children and adult "Paper Lottery". Your help is needed before and during the bazaar. For more information, call Pat Oleksiew at 604.278.1429. Your help is greatly appreciated.
 - 5. The Bazaar "Crafts" Committee is asking for items for the Crafts Corner; such as small wooden ornaments or boards, knitting, home decorated aprons and other such useful items, and things for scrapbooking. Drop them off at the Fellowship Room.
 - 6. The Bazaar "Rummage Sale" Committee need items for the Rummage Sale such as clean slightly used clothing, clean kitchen utensils (pots and the like), household items (picture frames, ornaments and the like). Drop them off at the Fellowship Room. We will not accept used TVs, electronic devices, big living room furniture, or any other item that can carry unwanted creatures.

For any other information call the Parish Office or Dr. Michael Myckatyn, Bazaar Chairperson, so that we can direct your call to the right person.

REQUEST from the HISTORY and PICTORAL COMMITTEE:

- To all Parishioners we are looking for pictures of any priest who served at St Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church before the year 2000. Please provide Orest Kernycky with any pictures, he will copy them and return them to you the following week. You can also put them into the collection basket, in an envelope with your name, phone number, the name of the priest, and the year the picture was taken. Thank you for your assistance.
- ALSO: Parishioners are encouraged to submit, to the parish office, a short biography
 of individual persons and/or families who have contributed to the life and growth of
 the Parish. These will be compiled into a book as a history of our Parish.

HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV HAS INVITED YOU TO KYIV IN 2013!

His Beatitude, our Patriarch Sviatoslav, has invited the faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Church to make a pilgrimage to Kyiv in 2013 to celebrate the 1,025th anniversary of the baptism of Kyivian–Rus, Ukraine! The major celebration will be a special Divine Liturgy on Sunday August 18 at the Holy Resurrection Sobor in Kyiv. Join Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak, OSBM of Winnipeg and Bishops David Motiuk of Edmonton, Ken Nowakowski of New Westminster and Bryan Bayda, C.Ss.R. of Saskatoon on an official pilgrimage to Ukraine 7–21 August. The Pilgrimage will begin in Western Ukraine visiting Lviv, Zarvanytsia, and Ternopil before proceeding to Kyiv for the major celebrations. In the next few weeks more details will be announced as soon as the program is finalized. Solaway Travel has been commissioned to assist our Church in arranging for our travel plans and accommodations on this pilgrimage. To express your interest in being part of this very exciting pilgrimage with our Bishops please contact:

Myrna Arychuk of Solaway Travel: 3819 Sunset Street, Burnaby, BC V5G 1T4 Tel: 604.430.6789 Fax: 604.430.2244. Myrna – myrna@solawaytravel.com, or Solaway Travel www.solawaytravel.com/

PRAYER OF JOHN PAUL II when he visited the Greek Catholic Church of St. Nicholas - TO OUR LADY OF ZARVANIZA - Saturday, 23 June 2001

O Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Zarvaniza, I thank you for the gift of my visit to the 'Kyivan Rus'. From where the light of the Gospel spread through this whole region. Here before your miraculous icon, kept in this church of Saint Nicholas, I entrust to you, Mother of God and Mother of the Church, my apostolic journey to Ukraine.

Holy Mother of God, spread your maternal mantle over all Christians and over all people of good will who live in this great nation.

Lead them to your Son, Jesus, who is for everyone the way, the truth and the life.

ПРОСИМО ДОПОМОГТИ В НАВЧАННІ НАШИМ МАЙБУТНІМ СВЯЩЕНИКАМ І ГРОМАДСЬКИМ ДІЯЧАМ! Єпископи Української Католицької Церкви у Канаді, покровителі Інституту ім. митр. Андрея Шептицького і Семінарія Святого Духа в Оттаві, постановили що, під час місяця листопада в кожній парафії відбудеться збірка. Щиро просимо бути щедрими у Вашій підтримці. Для отримання додаткової інформації відвідайте нашу веб сторінку: www.sheptytskyinstitute.ca

OUR FUTURE PRIESTS AND LAY LEADERS NEED YOUR SUPPORT! The Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of Canada, are the patrons of the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute and HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY in Ottawa. They have authorized a collection to be taken up in each parish during the month of November. The education of our future priests and lay leaders depends upon your generosity. For more information on the Institute, you are invited to visit their website at: www.sheptytskyinstitute.ca.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTION IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED in the vestibule.

DO YOU LIVE IN GREATER VANCOUVER? HAVE YOU MOVED INTO GREATER VANCOUVER RECENTLY?

We encourage you to register your name and address and e-mail with the parish. People come to arrange for baptisms, marriages, funerals, or special blessings. Only then do the fathers discover that they have been participating in the Liturgical Services for years but have not registered as Parishioners. We may recognize you, we may see you in church but we do not know your name or address. Please print your name, address, telephone number, e-mail and postal code on your donation envelope, or contact the Parish Office.

REMEMBER: To be considered a member of this Parish one must be registerd in the Parish, attend the Divine Liturgy regularly and make regular contributions to maintain the Parish.

Church Etiquette: Just a reminder that to have attended the entire Divine Liturgy one must be in Church and have heard the reading of the Gospel as well as the homily, participated in the responses for the consecration and received the final Blessing before leaving the church. We also ask that you do not visit in the main part of the Church (the Nave) before during or after the Service. Please use the Vestibule or the Fellowship room to conduct your conversations – leave the Church proper for those that want to pray.

SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR "FLOWERS and other Church Decorations". Before Christmas and before Easter, a collection is taken up for Flowers and other decorations needed for the season. Your offering is greatly appreciated. Please use a special envelope to designate your donation.

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!

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

SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR THE EDUCATION OF BASILIANS FOR PRIESTHOOD and MISSIONARY WORK

Please make your contribution in the special envelope provided in your box of envelopes (the yellow envelope marked "Basilian Fathers Education Fund" dated November, 2012) or use the envelope marked "Basilian Fathers Missionary Fund" that is provided in the vestibule.

The Basilian Students aspiring to the priesthood and Missionary work live and receive their religious formation at the "Basilian House of Studies" in Edmonton. The studies or university degrees are attained through Newman Theological Seminary, which is part of the University of Alberta. We invite you to pray for vocations and that the present students may be strengthened in their calling. Also offer your material and monetary help in providing this education for our future priests. And, pray for new vocations from our parish.

THE CHURCH

Vatican City, 25 June 2012 (VIS) – A press conference was held this morning in the Holy See Press Office to present the document "Pastoral Guidelines for Fostering Vocations to Priestly Ministry". The conference was presented by Cardinal Zenon Grocholewski; Archbishop Jean–Louis Brugues O.P., and Msgr. Angelo Vincenzo Zani, respectively prefect, secretary and under secretary of the Congregation for Catholic Education.

The cardinal explained that the document had been requested during the plenary of the congregation in 2005. Preparation began in 2008 on the basis of replies and suggestions from the various episcopal conferences, and the final text was approved by the Holy Father on 25 March 2012, twentieth anniversary of the Apostolic Exhortation "Pastores dabo vobis".

The document is divided into three parts, of which the first examines the current situation of priestly vocations in the world today, and the relevant forms of pastoral care. Part two analyses the identity of the ministerial priesthood, while part three makes some suggestions for the pastoral care of vocations. The key to understanding the text, the cardinal said, lies in the idea that "fostering vocations to the priesthood is a constant challenge for the Church".

Part one of the document identifies three factors which hinder vocational pastoral care, evident above all in Churches of ancient Christian tradition in the west: falling birthrates and the crisis in families, the spread of a secularised mentality, and the difficult conditions in which priests live and exercise their ministry.

"In the light of those difficulties", said Cardinal Grocholewski, the document "lays down the conditions necessary to ensure that the grace of the call finds fertile terrain in the Church, and openness among young people to the priestly vocation". This includes "creating a fruitful soil for Christian life in the ecclesial community; ... the irreplaceable function of prayer; ... the importance of integrated pastoral care; ... a new drive to evangelisation and the mission; ... the central role of the family; ... a coherent and joyful witness of life on the part of priests; ... the educational effectiveness of voluntary work; ... and the importance of schools and universities".

For his part Archbishop Brugues explained that part two of the document covers certain specific elements which, he said, "must be highlighted, precisely because they are being threatened or put in the shade and set aside by the well-known difficulties in Church life and by contemporary culture. This risks provoking dangerous deviations in the value of vocations to priestly ministry".

These elements include "a tendency towards the progressive transformation of the priesthood into a profession". This can be associated with "the danger of exaggerated activism, an increasing individualism which not infrequently closes priests in a perverse and depressing solitude, and the confusion of roles in the Church which comes about when we lose the sense of distinction between roles and responsibilities, and not everyone comes together to collaborate in the one mission entrusted to the People of God".

Part two also emphasises the fact that priestly ministry is to be understood "in the framework of a dialogue of love between God and man which, though it exists in all Christian vocations, assumes the characteristic of a call to a typical, stable and demanding relationship with Jesus Himself, the one model of the priesthood in the New

Testament. ... This new and specific relationship with Jesus causes the person called to enter into an equally new and specific relationship with the Christian community".

Finally, part three of the document focuses on certain aspects of formation for the priestly ministry. These include "a profound experience of community life in order to avoid new forms of clericalism; ... complete integration and emotional maturity; ... intense and obedient participation in the ecclesiastical context, with concrete love for one's own particular Church; ... generous openness to the universal dimensions of the mission; ... the decisive role of those who accompany vocations and ... the presentation of exemplary figures of priests".

The conference ended with some words from Msgr. Angelo Vincenzo Zani, who explained how the text "reiterates the fact that a fruitful terrain for vocations is a Christian community which listens to the Word, prays with the liturgy, and demonstrates charity. The document calls the entire Church trustingly to redouble her efforts to educate people to welcome the call of God to priestly ministry, which still today we believe is spread by His Providence and adapted to the needs of the Church and of the evangelisation of the world".

ANGELUS: JESUS CAME TO OPEN THE HEART OF MAN

Vatican City, 9 September 2012 (VIS) – Before praying the Angelus at midday today. Benedict XVI focused some remarks on what he described as "a word which, in its most profound meaning, sums up the whole message and work of Christ. ... That word is 'ephphatha', which means 'be opened'".

The Pope recalled how Jesus was crossing the region known as the "Decapolis", between the coastal area of Tyre and Sidon and Galilee, when He was presented with a deaf man to heal. Christ touched his ears and tongue and, looking up to heaven, pronounced the word 'ephphatha'. Immediately the man was able to hear and speak. "This deaf man, thanks to Jesus' intervention, 'was opened'", the Holy Father explained. "Before he had been closed, insulated, it was very difficult for him to communicate; his healing was an 'opening' to others and the world, an opening that, starting from the organs of hearing and speech, involved his entire person and life: Finally he was able to communicate, and thus to relate to others in a new way".

"Yet", the Pope added, "we all know that man's closure and isolation do not depend solely on the organs of sense. There is an inner closure which concerns the deepest core of the person, what the Bible calls the 'heart'. This is what Jesus came to 'open', to liberate, so as to enable us to live our relationship with God and with others to the full.

"That is why I said that this little word, 'ephphatha' – be opened, sums up Christ's entire mission. He became man so that man, made inwardly deaf and dumb by sin, would become able to hear the voice of God, the voice of love speaking to his heart, and so he would learn to speak in the language of love, to communicate with God and with others".

DEVELOPMENT OF EVERY PERSON AND OF THE WHOLE PERSON IS THE HEART OF EVANGELISATION

Vatican City, 12 September 2012 (VIS) – Cardinal Secretary of State Tarcisio Bertone S.D.B. has sent a letter, in the Holy Father's name, to Cardinal Polycarp Pengo, archbishop of Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, for the opening of the first Integrated Meeting for the Pastoral Care of the Road/Street for the Continent of Africa and Madagascar, which is currently taking place in that city.

"As the Synod Fathers at the two Special Assemblies for Africa of the Synod of Bishops prophetically acknowledged, the Church's concern for the development of every person and the whole person, especially of the poorest and most neglected, is at the heart of her mission of evangelisation in Africa", the English-language text reads.

"His Holiness trusts that the present meeting will lead to greater cooperation and coordinated efforts among the particular Churches for the sake of safeguarding every life at risk on African streets and roads. He asks that special attention be paid to the pastoral needs of those women and children who find themselves on the streets, whether as a result of concrete social, economic and political factors, or as victims of organised national and international exploiters. He is likewise confident that the meeting will address situations affecting the lives of those who travel in their work and, not least, the road insecurity which threatens the lives of millions on African soil.

"With these sentiments, the Holy Father offers fervent prayers that the meeting will confirm the Church in Africa and Madagascar in its witness to the Gospel and its contribution to the building up of civil society and to the forging of a new Africa".

MATERIAL WEALTH MUST BE USED FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Vatican City, 30 September 2012 (VIS) – At midday today the Holy Father appeared at the balcony overlooking the inner courtyard of the Apostolic Palace at Castelgandolfo to pray the Angelus with faithful gathered there.

The Pope focused his comments on today's reading from the Gospel of St. Mark which narrates how a man who was not one of Jesus' disciples expelled demons in His name. The Apostle John wanted to stop him but Christ would not allow it, taking "the opportunity to teach His disciples that God can bring about good and even miraculous things, even outside of their circle, and that one can cooperate with the Kingdom of God in various ways".

"Therefore, members of the Church must not feel jealous, but rejoice if someone from outside the community does good in the name of Christ, provided it is done with the right intention and with respect. Even within the Church, it can sometimes happen that people find it difficult to appreciate and recognize, in a spirit of profound communion, the good done by different ecclesial elements. And yet, all of us should always be able to appreciate and respect one another, praising the Lord for the infinite 'imagination' with which He acts in the Church and the world".

Benedict XVI then turned his attention to the Letter of St. James, which inveighs "against the dishonest rich, who put their trust in riches accumulated by deceit. ... The words of the Apostle James, while they warn against the vain desire for material wealth, are also a powerful call to use it in the perspective of solidarity and the common good, always acting with fairness and morality, at all levels".



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