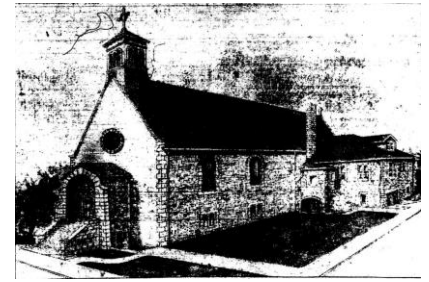


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<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>12:00</b>	<b>2:00</b> except 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month <b>3:00</b> only 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month	<b>2:00</b> on 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month
	HOLY MASS	TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS	ORDINARIATE OF THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER	HUNGARIAN MASS

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SUNG MATTINS	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	-	8:45
ORDINARIATE OF THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER	9:30 & 7pm	9:30	9:30	9:30	-	9:30
TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS	-	-	-	-	9:00	10:30*
ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT *1 <sup>st</sup> Friday of the month	-	10:30	-	-	10:30*	-
ROSARY	-	11:30	11:30	11:30	11:30	-
CONFESSION ½ hour before & after all Masses. Please ring the bell, enter when green light is on * 1 <sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY of the month	-	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40	4:30 3:00 - 4:00*
WEEKDAY MASS *1 <sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY of the month HOLY MASS	-	12:10	12:10	12:10	12:10	12:10* 5:00
Devotion to MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP	-	-	12:45	-	-	-
Devotion to INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE	-	-	-	12:45	-	-

**The CWL:** meets every month on 2<sup>nd</sup> WEDNESDAY after the Noon Mass  
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**IMPORTANT: IN THE HOSPITAL?**

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**HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ONLY!**

After office hours including weekends, holidays or during the night, you can call:

☎ **250.889.3761**

**KEEPING IN CONTACT:** We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, celebrating with us, whether long time residents or newly arrived in the Parish. We thank God that you are with us. If we may assist you, please fill out the form below and place in the collection basket or mail to the PARISH OFFICE (address on top) . Please mark the proper BOX (below on the left side).

- New Parishioner
- Have moved here is new address
- I am home-bound and would like someone to visit me
- I am going to be in the hospital, please call on me

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

☎ HOME ..... ☎ WORK .....

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

SUNDAY DONATIONS can be done by using:  
 Sunday Envelopes or by automatic bank withdrawal. (The PARISH OFFICE can supply you with necessary documents).

## *'Legacies'*

**Our Lady Queen of Peace acknowledges with gratitude past legacies which we use to maintain the integrity of our Church.**

**Please include us in your 'LAST WILL', how will we survive without it?**

**Legacies are a way of providing assurance that the parish has income or savings in the event of unforeseen emergencies.**

**The monthly 'Building Fund and Collection' pays for maintenance/replacement items.**

### Sacramental Information

**Baptism: at Our Lady Queen of Peace** you must call the office at least 3 months in advance to arrange an appointment with the Pastor. It is assumed that the family has Our Lady Queen of Peace parish connection and practices the faith by attending Sunday Mass on a weekly basis. You may meet with the Pastor and take the course even if your child has not yet been born. **Parents are expected to participate in the Baptismal preparation.** At least one Godparent or both must be baptized and confirmed and are practicing Catholics. **Non-parishioners are required to have a Letter of Recommendation from your Pastor to have your child Baptized in our parish.**

**Marriage: at Our Lady Queen of Peace** because the Church is deeply concerned about each marriage, couples are asked to give a minimum of six months' notice prior to the intended date of their wedding. Church policy requires that marriages be performed in your home parish – unless you are registered and attend elsewhere.

**Funeral: at Our Lady Queen of Peace** individual arrangements with a priest. Begin by calling the parish office.

### Please Note

If you suffer from Celiac disease, we are able to offer a low-gluten Host. If you are interested, please come to the sacristy before Mass and inform the priest.

### Respect Life Ministry

If you are expecting a child and are feeling confused; if you are thinking that there is no way out of this situation for you; if you want to talk to someone, call, text 250.812.0087 email: [respectlifem@gmail.com](mailto:respectlifem@gmail.com)

### Vancouver Island Crisis-Line

The Vancouver Island Crisis Society is contracted by **Island Health**. We are a registered non-profit agency whose services include:

**24-hour crisis lines: 1-888-494-3888**

**Crisis Text Services: 250-800-3806**

(from your mobile) 6pm - 10pm - 7 days a week

**Crisis Chat Services: 6pm - 10pm - 7 days a week**

We work in partnership with Island Health to provide public access to Mental Health & Substance Use services in the communities administered by Island Health.

## *'Mass Intentions'*

Jan 28	TUESDAY	Danillo Dimalanto+ Julie
Jan 29	WEDNESDAY	Danillo Dimalanto+ Julie
Jan 30	THURSDAY	Danillo Dimalanto+ Julie
Jan 31	FRIDAY	Danillo Dimalanto+ Julie
Feb 1	SATURDAY	Palina & George Krajewski 40 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Ann. From the Krajewski family
Feb 4	TUESDAY	Rita Ollerhead+ Carmel Ollerhead
Feb 5	WEDNESDAY	Danillo Dimalanto+ Julie
Feb 6	THURSDAY	Danillo Dimalanto+ Julie
Feb 7	FRIDAY	Danillo Dimalanto+ Julie
Feb 8	SATURDAY	Holy Souls in Purgatory Carmel Ollerhead

**Please remember the following persons who are ill in your prayers:** Helen McGovern, Lorna Cue, Ann VanNoordt, Christine Stornebrink, Jean Halliwell, Charles Lennaghan,

### Collection Envelopes

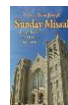
If you are new to the parish and would like to have a box of pre-numbered collection envelopes, please contact the parish office at 250-388-5571 or email: [office@gop.ca](mailto:office@gop.ca)

### Parish Database

If you have moved or changed your email/phone number in the past year or so, please make sure to update your information with the parish office. Tax receipts will be prepared early in the New Year and this will help the parish save on postage expenses by reducing returned mail.

### 2019/20 Sunday Missals

**2020 Sunday Missals** available in the parish office to pick up your copy (\$4 each)



### 'Feast of the Presentation of the Lord' Sun. Feb. 2

**Blessing of Candles** - A day upon which candles are traditionally blessed, candles will be blessed at Sat. & Sun. Mass. You are invited to bring yours BEFORE Mass begins and place them on the table located in front of the statue of St. Joseph. There will be a few candles available.

### 'Feast of St. Blaise'

**Blessing of the Throats** - the blessing will be given on **Sat/Sun Feb. 1/2**. The blessing of St. Blaise for ailments of the throats and all other evils is meant for all including those who are not Catholic.

## St. Andrew's High School Registration

St. Andrew's Regional High School is the only Catholic high school on the Island. If you are considering having your child attend our school, please contact our office to arrange for an application and visit. 250-479-1414. Our school has gone through a grand renovation and we are excited to share our new look, academic program and community with you. You may also find information on our website at [www.standrewshigh.ca](http://www.standrewshigh.ca). Please note in your calendar our **Open House, Feb.6, - 6:30- 8:30 pm**. We would love to meet you and introduce you to our students, staff and school.

### Check it out! Vocation Live-In

On the **weekend of Feb. 7 - 9**, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more information call 604-826-8715 and / or contact Fr. Harrison Ayre for assistance in discerning a call.

### Invitation to study Theology

Have you ever wondered what theology is? Join Fr. Harrison Ayre for an introduction to some of the core elements of Catholic theology and provide exercises to help the participants think theologically. This is an introductory class, but come expecting to be stretched!

**Once a month, on a Fri. night from 7 - 9 pm & on Sat. 10:30 - 12:30** (see dates below) Register at the Cathedral parish office: 250-388-5571 or [standrewscathedral@gmail.com](mailto:standrewscathedral@gmail.com) **Dates are:** Feb. 7 & 8; March 13 & 14; April 24 & 25; May 22 & 23

### "Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled"

**2020 Diocesan Conference Sat., Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> - 8:30am - 3pm**  
St. Edward's Parish ~ 2085 Maple Bay Road, Duncan  
David Wells is an author and speaker who will inspire and delight! This conference is suitable for all regardless where you are on your journey of faith. Please bring a bagged lunch. Childcare is available. **Registration: 8:30am Opening Mass: 8:45am - Bishop Gary Gordon Register on Eventbrite:**

<https://2020rcdconference.eventbrite.com>  
or call Glen or Gwen at 250 479 1331 or email [gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org) or [gpalahicky@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:gpalahicky@rcdvictoria.org)

### "For Our Common Home"

Development and Peace will hold a **workshop** "For Our Common Home" on **Sat. Feb. 8, 9:30-12:30 at St. Patrick's Parish Hall**. Jeremy Laurie will lead the session which will focus on how important the Amazon rainforest is for our planet. Everyone is welcome for this workshop. A Development and Peace meeting will be held in the afternoon. **Please bring a bag lunch if you plan to stay for the afternoon session 1:15-2:45. For more info: 250-477-6952**



To all the **Volunteers** that helped me through Christmas, I could not have done this without all of you, all the setting up and taking down, all the cleaning and ironing, my sincere thanks for offering your time and talents in service to the Lord. Sincerely,  
Carol Molloy - admin. assistant

### Parish Volunteers - Responsible Ministry

As part of the Diocese of Victoria's deep commitment to ensure the safety of children, youth and vulnerable adults entrusted to our care, the Diocese has contracted Praesidium Inc. to provide abuse prevention training through an online program entitled "Armatus: Learn to Protect". All members of the clergy, religious, employees and volunteers will now be required to complete this online training to ensure the safety of one and all. Over the course of the next few weeks volunteers will receive an introductory email from our Parish Responsible Ministry Coordinator, followed shortly thereafter by an email from "Armatus Administrator" which will include a link to access the online program. The parish will start with ministry volunteers that have direct involvement with children and vulnerable adults, and then expand so that ALL ministry volunteers are contacted. For those without a computer, arrangements will be made to have the online training completed at the parish office.

### Letter to a Suffering Church

Last September, Respect Life Ministry made available over 100 copies of the book, "Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop speaks on the sexual abuse crisis". An **evening group discussion is planned for Monday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Seghers' Hall, at St. Andrew's Cathedral**. To attend the discussion (which is highly recommended by Bishop Baron) one will have to have read the book. Five facilitators will be leading the discussions: Tim McGee, John and Dana Mellis, Jim O'Reilly, Deacon Phillip Yuson & Annette Turgeon.



## St. Andrew's Regional High School

St. Andrew's Regional High School Parent Support Group is sponsoring an educational night for parents concerning how screens are affecting children's mental health? Screenagers Next Chapter, the newest film by award-winning film-maker Dr. Delaney Ruston as she explores how families and communities can support improved well-being in a digital age. As an added bonus, representatives from FamilySmart and BC Gambling will be onsite to answer questions from families and provide information about community services.

**Mon. Feb. 10, 6:30-8:30pm** (Movie runtime: 70 min)

at St. Andrew's Regional High School Gym  
(880 McKenzie Ave, Victoria, BC V8X 3G5)

**Tickets are FREE but limited. Please Purchase your (Free) Tickets!!**

<https://nextchapterbysarhs.eventcombo.com>

Popcorn and refreshments will be available for purchase!

**Please note:** Families are welcome and encouraged to bring children ages 11 years+ (grades 6 and up). The film deals with significant subject matter including stress, anxiety, depression and suicide. **Questions?** Contact St Andrew's Parent Auxiliary at [sarhs.pa@gmail.com](mailto:sarhs.pa@gmail.com)

## Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria

### Administration and Finance

#### **Job Opportunity - Accounting Clerk - Position**

The Diocese of Victoria and Island Catholic Schools is seeking a full-time accounting clerk. The candidate should have an accounting diploma or equivalent and at least two years practical experience. This position would suit a highly organized and efficient individual with prior experience in maintaining account receivable/payable ledgers, reconciliations, significant accounting experience, strong interpersonal and communication skills, and advanced computer skills. Knowledge of the Catholic Church would be an asset. The position offers an attractive salary and benefit package commensurate with the candidate's qualifications and experience. Interested applicants are invited to **submit a résumé and cover letter by February 10, 2020 to:**

Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria

Attention: Leah MacKenzie, CFO

4044 Nelthorpe Street - Victoria, BC V8X 2A1

Email: [jobs@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:jobs@rcdvictoria.org)

#### **Detailed Job Description:**

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>

### Catholic Prayer Breakfast

A will be held at the Comfort Inn, near Mayfair Mall, on **Sat. Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, 9am to noon**. Our speaker is Father William Hann. Originally from Newfoundland, he came to Vancouver Island in 1989 and taught in Catholic schools in Tahsis, Duncan and Victoria before discerning a vocation to the priesthood. He was ordained in 2004. He is currently pastor at Holy Cross & St. Patrick's parishes. He is Episcopal Vicar of Diocesan Catholic Schools and Evangelization. **Price \$17 - Call 250-477-4700 (the Dunstons)** for a reservation as there is limited seating. Tickets also available from St. Andrew's prayer group members. Everyone welcome

## Diocese of Victoria

The Diocese of Victoria is seeking a Communications Coordinator who is an excellent communicator with first-rate writing skills, solid ability to multi-task, and exceptional interpersonal skills. Together with the Chancellor, you will be responsible for all aspects of communications for the Diocese of Victoria. Experience with InDesign will be an asset. For more information, visit [www.rcdvictoria.org/employment](http://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment).

### Island Catholic Schools

Accepting applications for the following positions:

- Teachers On Call for schools in Port Alberni, Duncan and Victoria
- Full-time Primary Teacher at St. John Paul II School, Port Alberni
- On-call Educational Assistants for schools in Port Alberni, Duncan and Victoria
- After School Care Worker at St. Joseph's School, Victoria

Application forms and details are posted at:

<http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>

### Pastoral Care Outreach Training

When we visit the lonely, sick, injured, elderly, and dying, in their homes, or hospitals, retirement centres, and long-term care facilities, we are living out our baptismal identity. Lay pastoral care visitors can assist their pastors by helping to share Christ's healing love and compassion with those in need by offering friendship, encouragement, the ministry of presence, and, when requested, prayer, and Holy Communion. Young adults are also encouraged to attend as a means of discerning this ministry.

**Sessions are 9:00 am – 3:00 pm and are free.**

Please bring a bag lunch to each session, Coffee and Tea will be provided. **A Certificate of Completion is provided to those who attend all four sessions.**

**Session 1:** The Healing Ministry of Christ

**Sat., Feb. 22** - St. Patrick's Parish

**Session 2:** Listening & Communication & Mental Health

**Sat., March 14** - St. Patrick's Parish

To register: (250) 592-7391 or [stpat190@telus.net](mailto:stpat190@telus.net)

**Session 3:** The Grieving Process and Ministering to Families

**Sat., Apr. 18** - St. Joseph the Worker Parish

**Session 4:** Who am I as a Pastoral Care Visitor?

**Sat., May 30** - St. Joseph the Worker Parish

To register: 250-479-7413 or [sjtwoffice@shaw.ca](mailto:sjtwoffice@shaw.ca)



Lent is just around the corner.

**Ash Wednesday is Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>**. You are invited to bring your old palms to the Church and place them in the box

located in the vestibule. The palms will be burned and the ashes used for Ash Wednesday.

**Deadline is Sun., Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

## **'Ash Wednesday' – Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>**

The signing of the Cross on your forehead with Ashes on Ash Wednesday will be experienced by millions of Christians all over the world. Ashes are a solemn reminder that God is the one in the driver's seat and we are the passengers; that life here on earth is not permanent; that a greater place is being prepared for us. They also remind us that Jesus calls us to change a part of ourselves – not necessarily a change of activities, a change of contracts or even a change of pace, but a change of heart.

What do you have your heart set on? Let the ashes you will receive on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> be a reminder to set your heart on the kingdom first, "then all things will be given you as well."

**Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, & Good Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> are days of fasting and abstinence throughout the universal church.** Fridays of Lent are also compulsory days of abstinence throughout the universal church. In Canada, Catholics may substitute an act of charity in place of abstinence on Fridays. However, it is strongly encouraged that some form of penitential discipline be undertaken.

**Fasting** is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

**Abstinence** is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Fasting, almsgiving and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter. If traveling, one follows the law of the diocese in which one finds oneself. Please be advised that the regulations for abstinence are much stricter in the USA.

As a sign of abstinence and penance during lent we refrain from having flowers except for the Solemnities of St. Joseph and the Annunciation

## **Giving something up**

The first thought that Lent brings to mind is giving something up. In my childhood, the standard was to give up candy, a discipline that found suitable reward in the baskets of sugary treats we received on Easter.

Some years ago a friend of mine told me that he had urged his children to move beyond giving up candy to giving up some habit of sin that marked their lives. About halfway through Lent he asked the children how they were doing with their Lenten promise. One of his young sons had promised to give up fighting with his brothers and sisters during Lent. When his father asked him how it was going, the boy replied, "I'm doing pretty good, Dad--but boy, I can't wait until Easter!"

That response indicates that this boy had only partly understood the purpose of Lenten "giving up." Lent is about conversion, turning our lives more completely over to Christ and his way of life. That always involves giving up sin in some form. The goal is not just to abstain from sin for the duration of Lent but to root sin out of our lives forever. Conversion means leaving behind an old way of living and acting in order to embrace new life in Christ. For catechumens, Lent is a period intended to bring their initial conversion to completion.

Taken from Catholic online

## **Foundations of the Catholic Faith**

The 2020 Sessions are available for registration. This is a FREE opportunity open for people who wish to deepen their understanding and appreciation of the Catholic faith. Sessions are adapted to meet the needs of the group. These sessions are interactive, informative and reflective. Sign up on Eventbrite or email Gwen at [gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org) or Glen at [gpalahicky@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:gpalahicky@rcdvictoria.org) or call 250 479 1331

### **Part II Days in Spring Break**

**March 16 & 17 ~ 8:30– 4:30**

**Queen of Angels, Duncan**

**<https://foundations-part2-springbreak.eventbrite.com>**

### **Part I Days in Spring Break**

**March 19 & 20 ~ 8:30-4:30**

**Holy Cross, Victoria**

**<https://foundations-part1-springbreak.eventbrite.com>**

### **Part I Days in Summer**

**June 29 & 30 ~ 8:30-4:30**

**Holy Cross, Victoria**

**<https://foundations-part1-summer.eventbrite.com>**

### **Part II Days in Summer**

**July 2 & 3 ~ 8:30-4:30**

**Holy Cross, Victoria**

**<https://foundations-part2-summer.eventbrite.com>**



## Catholic Women's League

Thank you to those who, in memory of their loved ones or Intention of, have so generously made contributions for the Poinsettia's that decorated our beautiful Sanctuary through the Christmas season.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>IN MEMORY</b>	<b>INTENTION</b>
<b>Anonymous</b>		
<b>Shirley Brown</b>	Roger Brown	Shirley Brown
<b>Fr. John Domotor</b>	Fr. John's parents	
<b>Lorne &amp; Barb Duncan</b>	Marge & Jerry Duncan Lois & Barb Stewart	
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<b>Carol Retallack</b>	Ross & Retallack families	
<b>James &amp; Rosalie Queen</b>		Queen of Peace parishioners
<b>Margaret Varga</b>	Rudolf Varga	

We thank all of you in advance for your love and support of our League in the parish!

CWL members and all women of the parish you are invited to the meeting on **Wed. Feb. 12 at 1:00pm** in the Msgr. Wood Room. The Catholic Women's League supports and contributes to the life and vitality of the Catholic Church, family and community at home and abroad.

## News from Our Place

We are so grateful for the many donations that brightened up the holiday season. Now it's January and the cold, wet days are taking their toll. Socks, gloves, ponchos and rain gear, leggings, new underwear for men and women, deodorant, brushes, combs and hygiene items are always needed. Donations can be dropped off at 919 Pandora in Victoria from 6:30am-9pm every day. [www.ourplacesociety.com](http://www.ourplacesociety.com)

**Letter from Most Reverend Gary Gordon**  
**Bishop of Victoria**

Dear Pastors and People of God,

On Monday, 13 January 2020, the Government of Canada, through the Department of Justice, launched a two-week general public consultation on the expansion of eligibility for assisted suicide – euthanasia (“Medical Assistance in Dying”, commonly referred to as MAID) following the September 2019 Superior Court of Québec ruling that found it unconstitutional to limit access to MAID only to people nearing the end of life. The Government of Canada has not appealed the Québec court ruling, but instead has indicated it would be prepared to change the law for the entire country.

While the Government is committed to a full review of the legislation five years after it was passed (June 2016-June 2021), the present consultation targets one specific component of the legislation, the “Eligibility Criteria”, and is intended to help the Government form its response to the Québec court ruling.

Canadians are being invited to share their views online, or PDF through the links provided below, by the close of the consultation period on

**Mon., 27 Jan. 2020, at 11:59 p.m. (PST).**

**Online English:**

<https://justice.survey-sondage.ca/f/s.aspx?s=6E6210A5-E100-4201-A55D-CFB52ADA1C0C>

**Online French:**

<https://justice.survey-sondage.ca/f/s.aspx?s=6E6210A5-E100-4201-A55D-CFB52ADA1C0C&lang=FR>

**PDF English:**

[https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cons/ad-am/survey\\_maid\\_eng.pdf](https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cons/ad-am/survey_maid_eng.pdf)

**PDF French:**

[https://www.justice.gc.ca/fra/cons/am-ad/survey\\_maid\\_fra.pdf](https://www.justice.gc.ca/fra/cons/am-ad/survey_maid_fra.pdf)

The questions in the survey do not ask whether or not euthanasia/assisted suicide should be expanded to include persons with disabilities. That is assumed.

The only direct questions in the survey regard:

1. whether or not a person should be allowed euthanasia/assisted suicide by means of his or her own advance directives,
2. or whether the Government’s current “safeguards” are sufficient to prevent abuse, pressure, or other kinds of misuse of MAID once eligibility is broadened to people whose deaths are not reasonably foreseeable.

However, there is space within three sections of the survey for comments to be made. Here, you could include, for example:

1. expressions of concern about expanding access to euthanasia/assisted suicide because of pressures on or abuse of vulnerable persons (including minors, the depressed, the mentally ill, the disabled);

2. the inadequacy of the so-called “safeguards”;
3. advocacy for better and stronger safeguards;
4. and the urgent need for viable options to MAID that would be possible through more adequate government funding and support for palliative care, home care, and hospices.

The CCCB’s previous statements on assisted suicide/euthanasia, and links to the consultation, are posted on the CCCB website.

Please bring to the attention of your faithful some or all of the resources provided on the assisted suicide/euthanasia web page of the CCCB website:

**in English, at** <https://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/media-room/euthanasia-and-assisted-suicide>

**in French, at** <https://www.cccb.ca/site/frc/salle-de-presse/leuthanasie-et-le-suicide-assiste>

It is of critical importance that a Catholic response is heard in this survey for the sake of future generations in the preservation and protection of the sanctity of human life to natural death. I strongly encourage you, people of God, to participate in this very important Federal Consultation.

In Communion,

Most Reverend Gary Gordon

Bishop of Victoria

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That the Cathedral has a Columbarium and that a location near the church for the deceased has been a powerful symbol of our faith since the early church. It is a statement of our ultimate goal to live this life in Christ so that one day, through death, we can share in eternal life with God. For information on purchasing a niche in the Cathedral Columbarium call Chris Ryzuk - 250-388-5571 and leave a message or email: [niche@standrewscathedral.com](mailto:niche@standrewscathedral.com)

## Please Support the Soup Kitchen - 9/10 Club

### St. Andrew's Cathedral

It costs only \$2.25 for **The Soup Kitchen** to provide a nutritious meal to one of our guests. This season help us serve soup to the hungry with a financial donation, \$25 feeds 10 diners; \$225 a 100 of our guests. The 9/10 Club's soup kitchen operates from the Cathedral Basement (Seghers' Hall) five days a week, every week of the year except for Christmas Day. No government funding is received and little media notice is given, but the volunteers are faithful and the clientele grateful. If you are interested in learning more or donating by credit card, please go to: [www.thesoupkitchen.ca](http://www.thesoupkitchen.ca). To donate by cheque or cash, use an envelope clearly labelled for the Soup Kitchen and put it in the Sunday collection basket. **Cheques must be payable to "9 - 10 Club"** Thank you for your generosity and support to help those in need in our city.

## Diocesan Messenger

The **Diocesan Messenger** is available on the website: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/the-diocesan-messenger> scroll down to 'Editions', and click on the + symbol to expand the box. You'll see the most recent edition, along with about 10 years of prior editions.

## Our Place Society – In Need!

Winter coats, sleeping bags, blankets, tarps, warm clothes and shoes. With our new overnight shelter at Pandora, our hygiene department and showers open earlier and stay open later. Shampoo, deodorant, dental floss, disposable razors and towels go quickly as our family strives to keep clean. Clean socks and underwear are also in high demand. Donations can be dropped off at Our Place Society Reception at: 919 Pandora St. 7 days a week. The New Roads Therapeutic Recovery Community, a healing program of Our Place, is seeking volunteer drivers. Drivers would be working out of New Roads, 94 Talcott Road, View Royal, to drive residents to appointments. We are seeking either two part-time drivers or one full-time driver. If you're interested, please contact Dawn Barr at 250-388-7112 Ext. 258 or email [dawnb@ourplacesociety.com](mailto:dawnb@ourplacesociety.com)



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