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**Pastor's
 Corner**

COME HOME

We all know someone who has stopped coming to Church. It can be a brother, a sister, a son, a daughter, a friend. In fact, among my own siblings, two out of three have stopped practicing their faith. None of my nephews and nieces go to Church. What can we do about it?

The Archdiocese of Vancouver has come up with a great tool. It is called "**Catholics Come Home.**" It is based on the following statistics: Most people who have stopped going to Catholic Church still consider themselves Catholic (in fact, only 8% say they are no longer Catholic.) They have not joined another denomination. They had no specific reason to stop going to Mass. They skipped one or two Sundays because they were busy, or travelling, or moving. Then weeks passed by, and they found themselves in the habit of staying in bed Sunday morning. They have no doctrinal problem with the Church teaching (90% of them.) There is simply nothing in our secularized society to remind them to go back to Church. They feel there is an emptiness in their lives, but are afraid to go back to Church. Maybe they went through a divorce and felt wrongly that they don't belong anymore to the Church. They just need a call from us.

What if we could go into their houses, into the houses of hundreds of thousands, and reach every TV viewer nine times between December 13 and January 20? That is right. During that period, 1500 beautiful, moving, and inspiring clips will run on mainstream TV channels in the Greater Vancouver area. You will see today, during the homily, some of these short clips that

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will be aired during commercial time. They will make you proud to be a Catholic. They warmly call people to come back, and those messages will offer people a way to find the Catholic Church nearest to their home, and a Mass schedule.

This Catholic Come Home program was tried in 33 American dioceses and raised the Sunday Church attendance by 10% on average. More to it, some dioceses noted an increased interest in R.C.I.A., In Omaha, Archbishop J. Lucas wrote, "Anecdotally, Catholics report an interest among co-workers to discuss the faith after they have seen the televised messages."

Do you want to contribute to this extraordinary undertaking of Catholic Come Home/Vancouver?

- 1) Pray, especially for "the myriad of Catholics just waiting to be invited back home, "(Bishop Thomas in Phoenix, 92,000 inactive Catholics came back in his diocese.)"
- 2) Give time, talents, and treasure. The campaign costs over \$100,000. We will need your participation to invite inactive Catholics and welcome those who will come back.

God Bless you, Fr. Pierre

PARISH NEWS

GRACE THAT REIGNS-PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Come and pray for the priests of the Vancouver East Deanery for strength and grace during this Year of Faith! Spend 30 minutes after Mass to pray for the Priests. Join us on Thursday October 25th, following the 7pm Mass.

SPARK (GRADES 6 & 7) – THE GARDEN



Most of us know the story of creation but did you know that there's more to it than what we've read before? Join us at SPARK as we dig deeper behind its meaning and find an important message most of us often miss! Plus add some great games, power points, super skits and more. Then you can be sure that we have a good recipe of fun, faith and fellowship! So make sure to come on Monday, Oct. 22nd at 6:30pm in the Church basement!

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FIRE & FLAME (grades 8 -12) – AMANDA

Amanda Todd, did you know her? Do you know what happened to her? What would she tell you if you could talk to her now? Join us as we dig into Amanda's story and see what we can take away. And we'll have more than Amanda's story to talk about. With power points, games, all you can eat pizza and the infamous 'truth or nasty' you'll have a night to remember. Join us in the Church basement. FLAME (gr 10-12) on Sunday, October 21 at 6:30pm; FIRE (gr 8 & 9) on Friday, October 26 at 6:30pm.

I got a msg on facebook

FIRE & FLAME (grades 8 -12) – AT THE MOVIES



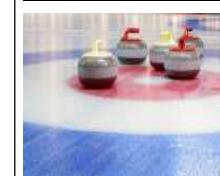
It's time for more fun...it's social time! Join us as we pop the corn and pour the iced tea to sit back, relax and enjoy our movie of the month. Why waste money at the movies when we bring the experience to you for free? Join us on Friday, November 2 at 6:30pm in the Church basement.

CAMP FLAME

This is a retreat you won't want to miss out on. Come and find out for yourself what all the buzz is about. Throughout this special weekend you will laugh, cry, yell, scream and pray. Come and form memories that will last a lifetime. Space is limited and the early-bird deadline for registration is Monday, Oct. 22. Registration forms are available from the parish office or from the Youth Ministry Website www.marysyouth.com/forms. What are you still waiting for? Go and register!!!



YOUNG ADULTS (ages 18 – 35) – CURL AWAY



Watching it is one thing, going on the ice and slipping and sliding is another. Join us as we curl away at Richmond Curling Club on Saturday, October 27. The cost is \$20/per person and includes ice time, equipment and private instructors. So put away your dancing shoes and get ready to put on the curling shoes.

PARISH NEWS

WILL YOU BE AN ANGEL FOR JAMAICA?

Love Works Charity needs your financial support for 9 year old Jamaica Monte, who suffers from congenital heart disease. After all Masses on October 27/28, we will be selling rosaries, Nazarene Statues and other religious articles. The proceeds will be used for her surgery. This Christmas, Love Works will distribute a hamper for 200 families who are recent flood victims. Therefore we are also collecting canned goods for flood victims. Thank you for your support!



EVANGELIZATION WORKSHOP

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations

There will be a two session workshop for those who desire to share Jesus with their family and friends, and are looking for practical tools to do so. Get trained in developing and sharing your personal testimony, sharing the gospel clearly and simply, relational evangelization and a ministry of invitation, how to start and launch an evangelistic faith study. Sessions are **Tuesday, Oct. 30** and **Tuesday, Nov. 6** at 7:30pm in the Church basement. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS

Do you want to be equipped to *DEFEND* your faith? Are you eager to *WITNESS* and *EXPLAIN* your faith? Then come to a **FREE** Catholic Apologetics Seminar on Saturday **Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24** from 9:30am-11am. Listen to outstanding speakers: Kyle Neilson (Director, Office of Evangelization), Pavel Reid (Director, Catholic Family Services), and Graham Osborne (BC Catholic columnist and apologist). All are welcome!

PROJECT ADVANCE

We are now at 73% of our parish goal, \$27,000 short of our projection of \$100,000. Any parish rebate will go to our Parish Centre project. Please send in your pledges through Sunday collection basket. Thank you again for your generous support.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday Oct. 21: (29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

2:00pm Knights of Columbus (Church Basement)
6:30pm YM- FLAME Gr 10-12 (Church Basement)

Monday Oct. 22:

6:00pm Bingo (School Gym)
6:30pm YM- SPARK Gr 6-7 (Church Basement)

Tuesday Oct. 23:

7:00pm Christian Meditation (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm CWL (School Gym)
7:30pm Ablaze (Church Basement)

Wednesday Oct. 24:

6:00pm Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Church)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:30pm Neo Catechumen (Church Basement)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

Thursday Oct. 25:

7:00pm Mass/Adoration (Church)
7:00pm RCIA (Church Basement)
7:00pm Theology of the Body (Seminar Room)
7:40pm Prayer for Priests (Church)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

Friday Oct. 26:

3:00pm & 6:15pm Divine Mercy (Church)
5:30pm CFC-SFC (Seminar Room)
6:00pm Fast & Pray (Rectory Basement)
6:30pm YM- FIRE Gr 8-9 (Church Basement)
7:00pm Mass/Adoration/Confession (Church)
7:40pm Healing Prayer (Crying Room)
9:00pm Benediction (Church)

Saturday Oct. 27:

9:15am DNA Men's Group (Rectory Basement)
10:00am YM Basketball (School Gym)
1:00pm Migrant Ministry (Seminar Room)
2:30pm Baptism (Church)
3:00pm Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
6:30pm CFC (Church Basement)

Sunday Oct. 28: (30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

2:00pm Light of Jesus (School Gym)
6:20pm Bible Study (Church Basement)

PARISH INFORMATION

WEEKDAY MORNING MASS: Monday - Friday: 8:00am

Weekday Morning Rosary 7:00am / Weekday Morning Lauds 7:30am

WEEKDAY EVENING MASS: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7pm followed by Adoration at 7:45pm & Benediction at 9:00pm

SATURDAY MASS: Our Lady's Mass 8:30am

SUNDAY MASS: Anticipated Mass Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am / 9:30am / 11:15am / 1:00pm / 5:00pm / 7:00pm

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:

Wednesday 6:00pm

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL:

Thursday: 8:00am & Saturday: 8:30am

FIRST FRIDAY: Adoration throughout the day after morning Mass
CONFESSION:

Weekdays: After all Masses (except Thursday Evening Mass)

Saturday: 9:00am-9:30am, 4:15pm- 4:55pm, 6:10pm- 7:00pm

Sunday: Before & After all Masses

An appointment for confession may be made through the Parish Office

HOLY COMMUNION: Available to shut-ins. Contact Parish Office.

BAPTISM: To register your child, see website or contact Parish Office.

MARRIAGE: One of the couple must be Catholic and a parishioner of St. Mary's Parish before requesting the sacrament of marriage. Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the wedding date to register for the required diocesan Marriage Preparation Course.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Contact soberg@rcav.org.

PREP: Catechism Program for children attending public schools on Tuesdays or Wednesdays 6:30pm-8:00pm

Coordinator: Stefan Oberg E-mail: soberg@rcav.org.

TEEN PREP: Interactive Catechism Sessions for Teens on Tuesdays 6:30pm-8:00pm

Coordinator: Stefan Oberg E-mail: soberg@rcav.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY: E-mail: arda@marysyoung.com

Coordinator: Arda Akoglu Website: www.marysyoung.com

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