



Communitas

October/November 2025
RCDV Catechists' Newsletter



ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF VICTORIA



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Radiating Christ Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Help me to spread Your fragrance wherever I go.

Flood my soul with Your spirit and Your life.

*Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly,
that my life may only be a radiance of Yours.*

*Shine through me, and be so in me that every soul
I come in contact with may feel Your presence in my soul.*

Let them look up and see no longer me, but only Jesus!

*Stay with me, and then I shall begin to shine as You shine,
so to shine as to be a light to others.*

The light, O Jesus, will be all from You; none of it will be mine.

It will be You, shining on others through me.

*Let me thus praise You in the way You love best,
by shining on those around me.*

*Let me preach You without preaching,
not by words but by my example,*

*by the catching force, the sympathetic influence of what I do,
the evident fullness of the love my heart bears to You.*

Amen.



Territory Acknowledgement

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria
acknowledges with gratitude
that we work, play, and pray
on the territories and traditional lands
of the Coast Salish, Nuu-chah-nulth, and
Kwakwaka'wakw Peoples.

In the light of this truth, and in humility,
we commit ourselves to continue to work
for reconciliation,
and for respectful relationships
with the Creator
and all creation.



October Liturgical Calendar

- 1** St. Therese of the Child of Jesus
- 2** The Feast of the Holy Angels
- 4** St. Francis of Assisi
- 7** The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary
- 11** St. John XXIII
- 15** St. Teresa of Jesus
- 16** St. Marie Marguerite D'Youville
- 17** St. Ignatius of Antioch
- 18** St. Luke the Evangelist
- 28** St. Simon and St. Jude



November Liturgical Calendar

- 1** All Saints' Day
- 2** All Souls' Day
- 4** St. Charles Borrombro
- 9** Dedication of the Latheran Basilica
- 10** St. Leo the Great
- 11** St. Martin of Tours
- 12** St. Josephat
- 17** St. Elizabeth of Hungary
- 21** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 22** St. Cecilia
- 23** Christ the King
- 24** St. Andrew Dung-Lac

Jubilee Year of Hope



<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/the-ordinary-jubilee-of-the-year-2025/>

<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/the-ordinary-jubilee-of-the-year-2025/catechetical-activities-for-children-and-youth/>

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/events/films-of-hope.html>





Welcome Pilgrims of Hope



NORTH
Alert Bay



Our Lady of
Assumption

EAST
Duncan



St. Ann's

SOUTH
Victoria



St. Andrew's
Cathedral

WEST
Ucluelet



Holy Family

Visit the four sacred pilgrimage sites in the
Diocese of Victoria & deepen your faith journey.

Scan the QR code or learn more at:
www.rcdvictoria.org/jubilee-2025



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Laudato Si'

10th Anniversary

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/speeches/2025/october/documents/20251001-conferenza-mariapoli.html>

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/taglist.chiesa-e-religioni/Magistero-pontificio/laudato-si.html>

<https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/welcoming-2025-with-joy-and-hope/>



Development and Peace

Caritas Canada



Contact D & P Animator for BC and Yukon,
Raphael Freston, to book an in-person visit for
your Youth Group!

raphael.freston@devp.org

Resources | Development and Peace – Caritas Canada

<https://devp.org/en/resources/>

<https://devp.org/en/education-and-theology/#youthbrochure>



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Catholic Social Teaching

Discover all the principles here:



Discover the 10 principles of Catholic Social Teaching:

**COMMON
GOOD**

**DIGNITY OF THE
HUMAN PERSON**

**ECOLOGICAL
RESPONSIBILITY**

**ECONOMIC
JUSTICE**

PARTICIPATION

PEACE

**PREFERENTIAL
OPTION FOR
THE POOR**

**RIGHTS AND
RESPONSIBILITIES**

SOLIDARITY

**SUBSIDIARITY AND
THE ROLE OF
GOVERNMENT**



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Signs of Grace

Approved Program for Preparation for the Sacraments, Diocese of Victoria

RCDV parishes embracing Signs of Grace in 2025-26

Church of the Ascension

Holy Family/St. Francis of Assisi

Holy Trinity

Our Lady of Fatima

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sacred Heart

St. Andrew's Cathedral

St. Bonaventure

St. Edward the Confessor

St. Elizabeth's

St. Joseph the Worker

St. Rose of Lima

SIGNS of GRACE
— You Are Forgiven —

SIGNS of GRACE
— You Are Sent —

SIGNS of GRACE
— You Are Loved —



You are warmly invited

Atrium Blessing & Open House

All are welcome to celebrate the opening of the first **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** Atrium in the Diocese of Victoria!

9:30 am: Mass at St. Edward's Parish with
Father Roger

10:30 am: Blessing by Bishop Gary, followed
by an open house, and an appreciation tea
for the Cowichan Valley Community at Queen
of Angels School

19 OCTOBER, 2025

QUEEN OF ANGELS SCHOOL

2085 Maple Bay Road, Duncan



St. Ann's
Parish



Catechesis of
the Good Shepherd
Association of Canada



What is CGS?

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a beautiful and profound approach to faith formation. It feeds the deepest needs of children, allowing each one to personally know Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

In a retreat-like atmosphere, through the use of special materials designed just for them, children hear the Word proclaimed and grow in their relationship with God.



Hallow App for all RCDV Catechists

For the second year in a 3-year partnership, we are very pleased to gift all Catechists with a one-year subscription to the Hallow app!

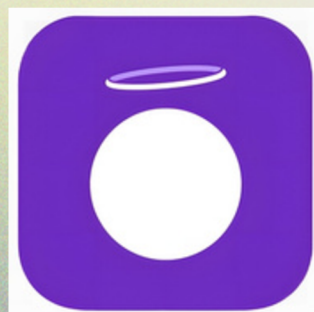
Please spend time daily with this incredible tool to deepen one's prayer life!

Did you know?

You can customize your experience!

Click the setting icon 2nd from the left at bottom of screen to add background music, choose your guide, change playback speed.

Click the book icon to read along with the text.





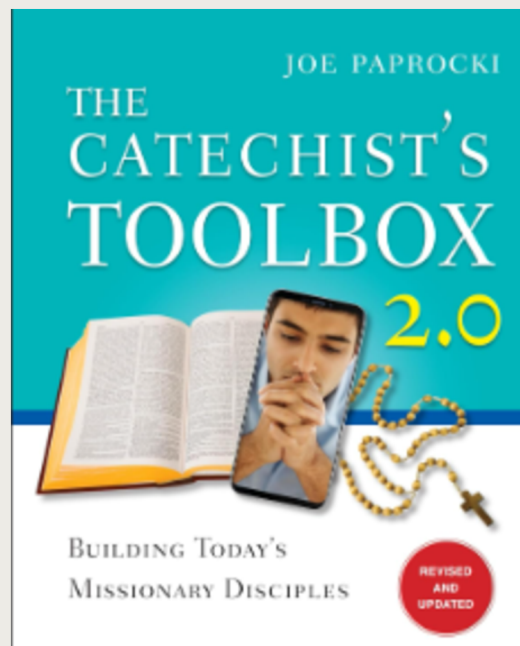
The Catechist's Toolbox 2.0

Loyola Press Video

with Joe Paprocki

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=vCqEKRoGG4s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vCqEKRoGG4s)

*1 hour recorded webinar with a wealth of wonderful ideas
as you begin your new year of ministry!*





Project YM

**Exciting, new one-year partnership with
Project YM
for all Youth Ministers/Catechists/Leaders
in the Diocese of Victoria!**

How to login

<https://thriveinvite.com/victoriaBC>

**How to join online Launch
Party for Diocese of Victoria
Tues., Oct. 28, 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

<https://meet.google.com/zce-itwa-zpg>





A Catholic Halloween

Considerations to celebrate Halloween with the children, youth, and families you serve in your ministry:

The Catholic roots of Halloween, the Vigil of All Saints' Day - Vatican News

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/family/holidays-and-special-occasions/other-special-occasions/celebrating-your-values-on-halloween/>



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Calendar of Events



Sept. 20 - Catechists' Fall Retreat

Oct. 18 - CGS Atrium Blessing Oct. 19 Queen of Angels School 10:30 am following 9:30 am Mass St. Edward's

Oct. 21 - Online Gathering 7-8 pm [Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 296 871 905 333 4

Passcode: ZV7eN6rH

Oct. 24-26 - CGS National Gathering, Vancouver

Oct. 28 - Online Launch Party ProjectYM for RCDV

Youth Leaders! <https://meet.google.com/zce-itwa-zpg>

Nov. 1 - All Saints' Day

Nov. 2 - All Souls' Day

Nov. 14-16 - Beloved Women's Retreat Camp Homewood

Nov. 13 - Online Gathering 7-8 pm (Link will be sent)

Nov. 22 - Diocesan Faith Day SARHS Victoria

Nov. 30 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Jan. 30-Feb. 1 - Camp Homewood Youth Retreat Gr. 7-12

May 2 - Illuminate Retreat Gr. 4-7 St. Joseph's School

May 8-10 - DYR Camp Imadene Gr. 7-12

Aug. 20-23 - Diocesan Family Camp and Conference

Nanoose Bay



Call for Submissions!

**We would love to highlight your successes!
Please send photos and a brief description
of some of the amazing youth happenings at
your parish and in your community!**





Closing Prayer

*Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my thoughts may all be holy.*

*Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my work, too, may be holy.*

*Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
That I love but what is holy.*

*Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
To defend all that is holy.*

*Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
That I always may be holy.*

Amen.