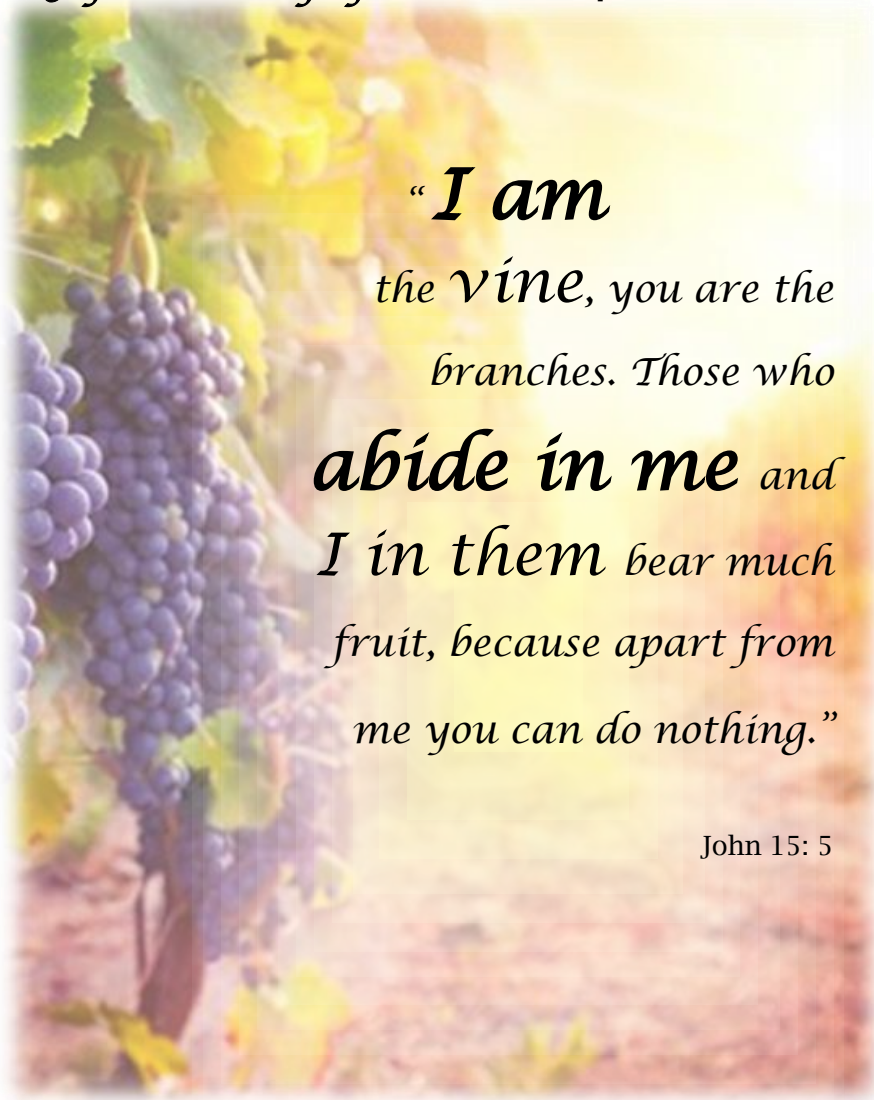


*Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ April 29, 2018*



*“ I am  
the vine, you are the  
branches. Those who  
abide in me and  
I in them bear much  
fruit, because apart from  
me you can do nothing.”*

John 15: 5

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**One Parish ~ Three Churches**

**GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH**

2250 - 150th Street  
Surrey, BC V4A 9J3

Weekday Mass: 8:00am Monday  
6:30pm Tuesday  
8:00am Wed. to Saturday  
Weekend Mass: 5:00pm Saturday  
9am, 11am & 7pm Sunday  
Confession: 10:00-11:00am Saturday  
6:30-7:30pm Wednesday

**STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH**

1153 Fir Street  
White Rock, BC V4B 4A8

Weekday Mass: 9:00am  
Tues. to Saturday  
Weekend Mass: 4:00pm Saturday  
10:30am Sunday  
Confession: 8:30am-9:00am  
Saturday

**HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

12268 Beecher Street  
Surrey, BC V4A 3A3

Weekend Mass:  
8:30am Sunday

## Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Today at all of our Masses we will preview the video for this year's Project Advance Appeal. It will give us a kind of historical overview since this diocesan fund raising effort was begun by Archbishop Carney back in 1980. Since then an extraordinary amount of good has been accomplished, both for the Archdiocese and for all of the individual parishes. It is a very effective means for raising funds for the good of the Church which are beyond the ability of the normal Sunday offerings to finance, especially when it comes to those big ticket items like land purchases, churches, schools and halls.

The challenge is the same every year....**participation!** We are grateful to those in the parish who are regular supporters and faithfully make an annual pledge, but we are certainly needing a stronger response from a large number of our families who don't step up and help out. We are at about a 30% participation rate in a parish of about 2000 families. Just imagine if the rest of the parish made a pledge, even at a modest gift amount. I can't do much more than present the materials, make a plea for your participation, and pray for God's grace to prompt your heart to respond, as well as make my own pledge too! Now it's up to you.

Next Sunday will be the Mass for our children in grade 2 who are receiving their First Holy Communion. It's a grace-filled occasion for these little ones as well as for their families. Let us remember them in our prayers. The next big celebration will be our annual Confirmation Mass with the Archbishop, scheduled for Thursday, May 31, at 7pm.

Have a joyful week,

*Fr. Dion*

## Week at a Glance

Please refer to **Bulletin**

cover for our regular weekday Mass schedule

### Apr 30 Monday

*Spring plant orders due today!*

- 7:30am Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS
- 8:30am Rosary for Priests after 8am Mass - GS
- 6:30pm **Alpha** (Week 11 of 11) "WHAT ABOUT THE CHURCH?" -GS

### May 1 Tuesday

*Fr. Francesco  
away in Rome  
May 1st - 7th*

- 6:30pm CWL Mass followed by  
General Meeting - GS
- 7:00pm Intercessory Prayer Meeting - GS
- 7:00pm Christian Silent Meditation - GS Cry Room
- 7:00pm Small Christian Community - GS Library
- 7:00pm 33 Days to Morning Glory (Wk 4 of 5) - GS Fireside

### May 2 Wednesday

- 7:30am Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS  
Priests at 1st Wednesday Communion Calls
- 10:00am Seniors Fitness - SOS Hall
- 6:30pm Confessions - GS
- 7:00pm RCIA - GS Meeting Room
- 7:00pm Community Meeting - Assisted Suicide in Hospice &  
Palliative Care Facilities - School Gym

### May 3 Thursday

*Fr. Dion's Birthday*

- 7:30am Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS
- 8:30am Rosary after 8am Mass - GS
- 4:00pm Legion of Mary - GS Fireside
- 6:15pm PREP - School
- 6:30pm 1st Holy Communion Rehearsal - GS

### May 4 Friday

- 6:00am Friday Morning Men's Group - GS - Fireside
- 7:30am Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS  
Priests at 1st Friday Communion Calls
- 8:00am - 8:00pm 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care - GS
- 9:30am Seniors & Friends Café - SOS Hall Knights Chambers
- 6:30pm 1st Friday Mass - GS

### May 5 Saturday

- 7:30am Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS
- 8:00am - 5:00pm Marriage Encounter Reunion - GS  
Meeting Rm
- 8:30am Confessions - SOS
- 10:00am Confessions - GS

*Knight of Columbus Shopping  
Cards available after all the  
weekend Masses*

### May 6 Sunday

- 2:00pm 1st Holy Communion Mass - GS

## This Sunday's Readings

**1ST READING:** Acts 9:26-31

**RESPONSORIAL:** Psalm 22: 26-28, 30-32

**2ND READING:** 1 John 3:18-24

**GOSPEL:** John 15: 1-8

I am the vine  
you are the branches  
John 15:1-8



Excerpts from HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS  
~ Fifth Sunday of Easter, 3 May 2015

Something Jesus often repeats, especially during the Last Supper, is: **"Abide in me"**. Do not tire of me, abide in me. And Christian life is precisely this: *to abide in Jesus*. **This is Christian life: to abide in Jesus.**

Jesus, in order to explain to us what he means by "abide in me", uses this beautiful figure of the vine: *"I am the true vine...you are the branches"* (John 15:1). Branches that are united to the vine receive the lifeblood and thus develop, grow and bear fruit. And every branch that is not joined to the vine ends up dying, it bears no fruit; and then is thrown away to feed the fire. Many branches discarded to feed the fire — they are useful too — but not in bearing fruit. It's a simple, simple image.

To abide in Jesus means to be united to Him in order to receive life from Him, love from Him, the Holy Spirit from Him. It's true, we are all sinners, but if we abide in Jesus, like the branches to the vine, the Lord comes. He prunes us a little, so that we can bear more fruit. He always takes care of us. But if we detach from Him, if we do not abide in the Lord, we are Christians in name only, but not in life; we are Christians, but dead ones, because we bear no fruit, like branches broken away from the vine.

To abide in Jesus means to be willing to receive life from Him, as well as pardon, and to expect "pruning". *"Every branch that bears fruit he prunes..."* (v. 2) Some of us think that if we are Christians there should only be blessings, and there's no room for difficulty or suffering or hardship or doubt. Somewhere along the way we started thinking in terms of a singular moment as opposed to a lifelong journey where we wrestle with doubt and cling to the cross, and putting one foot of faith in front of the next our whole lives. But Jesus tells us today, expect to be pruned. Why? *"...to make it bear more fruit...."* (v. 2) So the Lord prunes, and we grow... the Lord prunes, and we grow.

To be a Christian is to bear fruit. If there is no fruit, there is no genuine faith. Jesus says that branches that bear no fruit will be removed... and those that bear fruit will be cut back so that we would bear more fruit. So what does it mean to be fruitful? Does it mean we are all going to have great careers, never get sick and

everybody will love us? Is that the kind of fruit we can expect as Christians? Jesus is going to say it like this in Galatians 5: *"But the fruit of the Spirit..."* Notice that it is not the *fruits* of the Spirit - it's it's singular. *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."* The reason this is singular and not plural is because if you leave one of these out and make it singular, it reveals that it's a counterfeit fruit. If you lack patience, you're probably not loving. If you lack love, you probably aren't walking in any real joy. If you lack joy, you're probably lacking in kindness. If you lack kindness, you probably aren't walking in a lot of goodness. If you lack goodness, you're probably not faithful. If you lack faithfulness, you're probably not gentle. This is a fruit that grows symmetrically over time.

A beautiful question for us Christians is this: ***do I abide in Jesus or am I far from Jesus? Am I united to the vine that gives me life or am I a dead branch, that is incapable of bearing fruit, giving witness?*** And there are other branches too, of which Jesus does not speak here, but he speaks about them elsewhere: those who make themselves look like disciples of Jesus, but they do the opposite of Jesus' disciple: these are hypocritical branches. Perhaps they go to Mass every Sunday, perhaps their face looks like a holy card, all pious, but then they live like pagans. And Jesus calls them hypocrites in the Gospel.

Jesus is good, he invites us to abide in Him. He gives us the strength, and if we slide into sin — we are all sinners — He forgives us, because He is merciful. But what He wants are these two things: that we abide in Him and that we are not hypocrites. And with this a Christian life moves forward. And what does the Lord give us if we abide in Him? We just heard it: *"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you"* (v.7). The power of prayer: *"Ask whatever you will"*, that is, prayer is so powerful that Jesus does whatever we ask of him. However if our prayer is weak — if it is not done sincerely in Jesus — prayer does not bear its fruit, because the branch is not united to the vine. But if the branch is united to the vine, that is, *"if you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you"*. And this is the almighty prayer. Where does the omnipotence of this prayer come from? From abiding in Jesus; from being united to Jesus, like the branch to the vine. May the Lord grant us this grace.



Rely & Zaida Diego

Sison Family: Mark, Gela,  
Michael & Caitlyn

Bissonnette Family: Heather,  
Brad, Chase & Reid

Donnelly Family: Amy Marie,  
Christopher & Layne

Arsenia Francisco, Evangeline  
Francisco, Evelyn Encarnacion

### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### Please pray for:

Judith Shirley, Gordon Wilson,  
Theresa Isho, Rolf May, Toni Ward,  
Josie Lee, Julie Poskitt,  
Andrea Egan, Dominic Wight,  
Catharina Noble, Mia Tennant,  
Michelle Vandene, Marian Nadelko,  
Fran Lizaraso Caparo,  
Pat Flickinger, Ashley Lambert,  
Sophie Cosgrave (grandbaby of Susan &  
Deus Kearney), Derek Ridsdale,  
Graham Shore, Margaret Barron,  
Joanna Boomars, Alfred Morin,  
Joyce Henderson, Helen Mentek,  
Joe Novak, Luka Volentier,  
Dan Hof and Bernadette Deeley.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

will be on hand after all  
Masses NEXT WEEKEND:  
**May 5th & 6th**  
with shopping cards  
from **Superstore, Safeway,**  
**Save-On, Thrifty** and  
**M&M Meats** in \$50 & \$100  
denominations.



**Don't Forget!** **FLEA MARKET**

on the first Saturday of each  
month (**May 5**) from 8:00am -  
1:00pm at Star of the Sea Hall.

## 2nd Collection THIS WEEKEND (May 5 & 6) for Pope's Pastoral Works

Each year at this time, Canadian Catholics are asked to give generously to this papal collection, which is passed on to the Holy Father for his use to respond to Christ's appeal for our needy brothers and sisters stricken by natural disasters.

### Perpetual Adoration Chapel



"So let me ask you: Are there moments when you place yourself quietly in the Lord's presence, when you calmly spend time with him, when you bask in his gaze? Do you let his fire inflame your heart? Unless you let him warm you more and more with his love and tenderness, you will not catch fire. How will you then be able to set the hearts of others on fire by your words and witness?" (§151) POPE FRANCIS ~ *Gaudete et Exsultate (Rejoice and Be Glad)*

The following hours are in need of a weekly visitor. If you are able to attend even if only for one or two weeks, please give us a call:

Sunday, 4:00-5:00am

Sunday, Noon-1:00pm

Tuesday, Midnight-1:00am

Saturday, 1:00am-2:00am

Saturday, 2:00am-3:00am

Saturday, 3:00am-4:00am

Substitutes are needed for:

Sundays, May 6, 13

- 11:00pm-Midnight

Choose any hour of the day or night as your own personal hour of prayer each week in front of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information please call:

Sandra Perrin 604-542-6057  
or Donna Sali 604-542-3070



The CWL would like to invite **ladies** from our Parish to our next general meeting **this Tuesday, May 1st** in the Meeting Room at Good Shepherd Church after the 6:30pm Mass. There will be a guest speaker addressing the issue of macular degeneration. Hope to see you there!

### 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care is on May 4, 2018

As a profound witness to the sanctity of human life, all parishioners, family and friends are invited to join the CWL in prayer and solidarity from **8AM - 8PM on Friday, May 4th** at Good Shepherd Church.

Those unable to attend are encouraged to join in prayerful support.

A community meeting will be held on

**Wednesday, May 2nd at 7:00PM**

Star of the Sea School Gym

15024 - 24th Avenue, Surrey

to inform the concerned public opposed to

**MANDATING ASSISTED SUICIDE** in

**HOSPICE** and **PALLIATIVE CARE**.

#### Hear from Speakers:

Dr. Karen Mason - Retired Family Physician & Langley Hospice Volunteer  
Sarah Macey - Director of Operations, Delta Hospice Society  
Kiernan Hillan - Volunteer, Langley Hospice Society  
Marvin Hunt - MLA, Surrey-Panorama  
Mary Polak - MLA & Opposition Critic for Education, Langley

Ask questions. Find out how your concerns and objections can be heard!

Invite your friends & neighbours or anyone who may be interested in this issue

### YOUNG ADULTS GROUP for 19-35 yr-olds

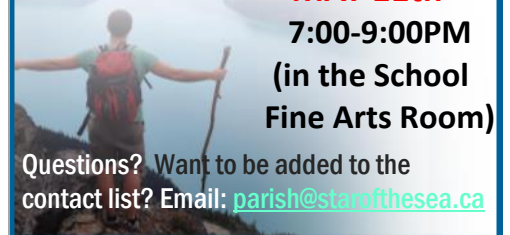
NEXT GATHERING: **FRIDAY,**

**MAY 11th**

**7:00-9:00PM**

(in the School Fine Arts Room)

Questions? Want to be added to the contact list? Email: [parish@starofthesea.ca](mailto:parish@starofthesea.ca)



**Parish Soup Kitchen  
Garden - Planting time  
has arrived!**

Two or three adults are needed to fertilize and put in bedding plants at **Father Stan's Garden** on **Saturday, May 5th**. If you can help or if you want to assist with watering or weeding, harvesting and delivery of organic vegetables to our Parish Soup Kitchen throughout the spring and summer, please contact Carolyn [cawharton73@gmail.com](mailto:cawharton73@gmail.com)



**Also... Volunteers needed at King's Banquet Parish Soup Kitchen**

More men are needed especially on the **4th Tuesday of each month** as greeters & other light duties. Please contact: Linda Doig [lindadoig@shaw.ca](mailto:lindadoig@shaw.ca)

*Thank you!*

**RCIA Let's Celebrate with a Potluck!**



Join our RCIA Group and family members on **Wednesday, May 9th**

**6:30pm** in the Knights Chambers at Star of the Sea Hall to celebrate. All RCIA alumni welcome to join!

Please RSVP to Rosemary 604-538-6058

**NEXT Seniors & Friends Café is Friday, May 4th,**

9:30am. Coffee & Goodies at the Knights Chambers (enter off Star of the Sea Church Parking Lot). Come for coffee and make new friends!



**PROJECT ADVANCE 2018**



**Live gratefully,  
give generously.**



Archdiocese of Vancouver

For more information or to donate online [projectadvance.ca](http://projectadvance.ca)

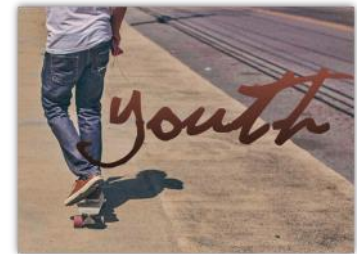
This weekend, the 2018 Project Advance annual appeal was officially launched in our parish.

Project Advance is crucial to the Church's mission of providing services that benefit all Catholics and countless others in our Archdiocese. Together in the Archdiocese, we have raised \$189 million to date, of which close to \$101 million has been returned to parishes. The Archdiocesan goal for 2018 is to raise \$3.25 million to continue the momentum and legacy you have helped create through the years. Our core needs continue to be the renovation of our secondary schools, the founding of new parishes, and the funding of many life-giving ministries.

At Star of the Sea, our goal is to raise \$270,000, and after payment of our Archdiocesan assessment of \$120,000, one of the "life-giving ministries" our rebate will go towards is the building up of our **YOUTH MINISTRY**.

*Why the Youth?* Because they are the next generation of leaders in

our parish, our communities, and the world! Let us invest in our young people now by providing community formation from which friendships rooted in our faith can grow and young people be transformed into fully devoted disciples of Jesus. They are the future of our church!



Next weekend, your Project Advance Pledge packages will be ready for pick up at all 3 churches. We urge you to please stop by after Mass to pick yours up, as we are trying to save on the cost of mailing these out to our *approx.* 2,000 registered families.

If you missed this year's Project Advance video which was shown at Mass this weekend, you can watch it online at [projectadvance.ca](http://projectadvance.ca) Donations can also be made online.

**LIBRARY REMINDERS:**

In consideration of others, please return overdue items to the parish library. Please note the following circulation dates:

- DVD's and CD's due in 1 WEEK
- Books due in 1 MONTH

We also ask that you **limit yourself** (your family) to 3 DVD's and 3 books at a time.

When signing out library items, please write your **NAME & CONTACT NUMBER** LEGIBLY



**THANK YOU for your cooperation!**



**Books \$5.00 each** available through the Parish Office.

**13 POWERFUL WAYS TO PRAY**

~ Fr. Eamon Tobin

**PERFECTLY YOURSELF**

~ Matthew Kelly

**WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD**

~ Father Apostoli

**Parish Education Committee (PEC) Elections**

There are three vacancies for the PEC for a 2-year term commencing July 1, 2018.

PEC elections will be held after Masses on the **weekend of May 26th & May 27th.** There will be an Advance Poll at the Parish Office on **Thursday, May 24th** from 3:00-3:30 pm for those who will be away on election weekend.

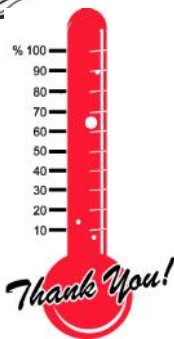
Pick up the handout on who is eligible to vote, who is eligible to hold office (and the exceptions thereto). Handouts and nomination forms are available at the Parish office and School office.

Forms must be submitted to the Parish Office **in a sealed envelope to the attention of the Nominating Committee by May 16th** (2:30pm at School office) and (4:30pm at the Parish office).

**WALK-A-THON**

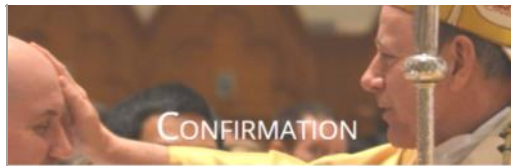


We have surpassed our fundraising goal, raising over \$36,000! Thank you to everyone who made a donation, and to those who came to Crescent Beach to walk with us on Friday! Funds raised will go towards tech upgrades



**LAST CHANCE to place your Spring Plant Orders!**

Orders due April 30th.  
Plant pick up: May 11th



**FOR BAPTIZED ADULTS READY TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

Preparation classes will be held on **June 6, 13, & 20** from 7:00pm – 8:30pm in Holy Rosary Hall. Attendance at all three sessions is mandatory. The Rehearsal will take place on Wednesday, June 20 at 7PM at the Cathedral. The ceremony of Confirmation will take place on **June 24, 2018**, 12:30pm. To register for classes, email [office@vancouvercathedral.org](mailto:office@vancouvercathedral.org) Cathedral Office: 604 682-6774 ext 0

Victoria, BC  
**MARCH for LIFE** 

Join thousands of others from throughout BC on **Thursday, May 10th** for the 11th annual March for Life, Victoria. All are welcome to start the day in prayer:

- 12PM: Protestant Prayer Service at Central Baptist Church (833 Pandora Ave)
- 12PM: Mass at St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral (740 View St.)
- 12PM: Mass at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church (2060 Haultain St.)

Marchers should be at Centennial Square by 1:45pm. The March will leave at 1:45pm and head down Government Street to the BC Legislature. Marchers will arrive at the Legislature front lawn at approximately 2:15 PM for the Rally for Life, which will have inspirational speakers and lively music until 3:15 PM.



**Welcome All Women!**

You are invited to the Inaugural Magnificat Breakfast

**Saturday, May 12th**  
10:00am - 12:30pm

St. John Paul II Way, Vancouver

Cost \$25 (cheque or cash)  
Email registration before May 4th to [magnificatvancouver@telus.net](mailto:magnificatvancouver@telus.net)

Speaker: Mary-Jane Norris  
*"He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God."* Psalm 40:3  
Mary-Jane is the founding coordinator of the Magnificat Vancouver Chapter ~ she will share her story of God's goodness in her life, how she was transformed from a lukewarm Catholic into a true disciple of Jesus Christ.



**Monday, May 28th, 6:30pm**  
Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre  
1088 Burrard St., Vancouver

Reserve your seat(s) at a **Star of the Sea Parish table by MAY 17th** for **\$80 each**. Please contact the Parish Office.

Focus On Life is a unique humanitarian partnership with Signal Hill, Christian Advocacy Society, and the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Beginning in 1998, proceeds from our annual Gala Dinner go directly towards life affirming media initiatives and media channels directing people in crisis to our community services.



Keynote speaker:

Albertos Polizogopoulos is an expert in constitutional law, with a special focus on freedom of religion and conscience, and dignity of life issues. He advises Catholic and Protestant churches and pro-life charities. Mr. Polizogopoulos has conducted ten appeals before the Supreme Court of Canada.