POPE FRANCIS INVITES QUEBECERS TO HONOUR MISSIONARY HERITAGE (VATICAN CITY, 12 October 2014)

In a Mass of Thanksgiving for the canonization of two new Canadian saints, Pope Francis prayed that Quebec might return to a "path of fruitfulness, to giving the world many missionaries." **François de Laval**, the first Bishop of Quebec, and **Marie de l'Incarnation**, the founder of the Ursulines in Canada, were declared saints by equivalent canonization in April.

Pope Francis encouraged Canadian pilgrims to remember the founders of the Church in Canada. "The Church of Quebec is prolific! Prolific in many missionaries, who went everywhere. The world was filled with Canadian missionaries, like these two." Taking as his starting point the words of Isaiah, "The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces," Pope Francis' homily focused on the vocation of missionaries: "They are those who, in docility to the Holy Spirit, have the courage to live the Gospel. They have gone out into the world to call people to Christ and to the Church. "Missionaries have turned their gaze to Christ crucified; they have received His grace and they have not kept it for themselves." The Church's mission of evangelization, Pope Francis said, "is essentially a proclamation of God's love, mercy, and forgiveness, revealed to us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ." Saint François de Laval and Saint Marie de l'Incarnation were models of the missionary vocation.

To the pilgrims from Canada, Pope Francis offered "two words of advice" taken from the Letter to the Hebrews. First, "Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you." The memory of the saints and martyrs sustains us in a time when vocations are few; their example "attracts us, they inspire us to imitate their faith." Second, we should "recall those earlier days when you endured a hard struggle with sufferings... Do not therefore abandon that confidence of yours; it brings a great reward. For you need endurance." The Pope said that in order to honour those who endured suffering to bring us the Gospel, we must ourselves be ready "to fight the good fight of faith with humility, meekness, mercy, in our daily lives."

"This, then, is the joy and the challenge of this pilgrimage of yours: to commemorate the witnesses, the missionaries of the faith in your country. Their memory sustains us always in our journey towards the future, towards the goal." Our prayer to the Lord is that Quebec returns to this path of fruitfulness, to giving the world many missionaries. And that these two who—so to say–founded the Church in Quebec assist us as intercessors; that the seed which they sowed may grow and give fruit of new men and women with courage, with foresight, with a heart open to the call of the Lord. Today we must ask this for your homeland! And they from heaven will be our intercessors. May Quebec continue to be that source of brave and holy missionaries!"

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT UPCOMING EVENTS

Video Divina

Join Fr. Raymond for Whale Rider, the second film of this year's Looking at Life Through the Lens of the Sacraments series, on Friday, November 7 at 7 p.m. in the parish rectory. Free admission and popcorn, and stimulating discussion to follow! All are welcome!

The Joy of the Gospel: How Our Encounter with Jesus Changes Us and the World

In his book, "The Joy of the Gospel", Pope Francis reflects on our life with Jesus and how our relationship with Him influences our way of being in the world. Over six weekly sessions, **Sr. Marie Azzarello, CND**, will be our guide as we take time to ponder, integrate, and be challenged by Pope Francis' prophetic message. Join us on **Tuesday afternoons, October 21 to November 25 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.** in the parish rectory. The book, "The Joy of the Gospel", will be available to purchase for \$10. Please register by **October 17.**

Please refer to our website and the posters at the Church entrances for additional information. Jf registration is required, kindly use the appropriate sign-up sheets at the main church entrance or contact Anna at the office.

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND * OCTOBER 18/19, 2014 * WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

MASS INTENTIONS OCTOBER 18 TO 26, 2014		
Saturday, October 18: St. Luke		
4:00	Alfredo & Berenice Giannantonio	o By Elisa Iorio
Sunday, October 19: 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
8:30	Giovanni, Maria, & Elena Piccoli Emil Johnson	By Mariela, Olivia & Mom
11:00	Falcone, Italo & Anna Mariani, D and Debe Carpentier.	esi, Luigi & Rosa Mammone, Italo Domenico Abbatiello, Vittorio Nesta,
Monday, October 20: St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque		
8:00	Joan Dickson	By Arthur & Jennifer Dickson
	Felicia Battigalli	By Ida & Nazzareno Salvati
Tuesday, October 21: Weekday Mass		
8:00	Francesco Masella	By wife Libera
	Special Intention to find missing	By Jason Vietri
	person Matthew Kustra	
Wednesday, October 22: Anniv. of Dedication of Consecrated Churches		
8:00	Family of Orsini Desiderio	By Settimia Onesi
Thursday, October 23: St. John of Capistrano		
8:00	Peter & Mary McManus, Connie and Vera, Ned & Jim McManus	Quinn, By Thomas McManus
Friday, October 24: St. Anthony Mary Claret		
8:00	Marie-Marthe Meunier	By Anne McGarr
	Lourdes Rodriguez	By Patricia Alonso
Saturday, October 25: Our Lady's Saturday		
4:00		ke, Leonard & Terry Winslade, Angelo
		io Ciampini, Aniello D'Addio, Lucille
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Sunday, October 26: 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
8:30	Antonio Cavallaro	By the Family
	Francesco Supino	By Tony & Sylvia Supino
11:00	Fioravante Rotiroti	By the Rotiroti Family
	Bruno Valentini	By Angelo & Luisa Falcone

Your Generosity...

*Thank you for your on-going support of our parish...*Collection for the weekend of October 11/12, 2014 totalled \$2,601.25.

SKATE-A-THON FOR THE FOOD PANTRY



Come join us at the Loyola Arena on Saturday, October 25, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. to raise money for our Food Pantry. Pledge sheets will be available at the entrance of the church next weekend.

<u>"SOW MUCH LOVE" DEVELOPMENT & PEACE</u> <u>FALL CAMPAIGN</u>

Development & Peace works with small family farmers in the poorest regions of the world, supporting them in overcoming the challenges of climate changes, unjust economic structures and declining access to land, water and seeds, so that they can feed their families and their communities. D & P especially support women farmers who make up 50% but have less access to land and agricultural necessities. If women gained equal access, world hunger would be eliminated for 100-150 million people.

VISIT TO ZAMORAN!

Sharon Di Fruscia is planning to visit our twin parish in Zamoran

within the next few months. If anyone would like to join her, phone the office and leave your name and number.

OCTOBER ROSARY PRAYED Our Lady has asked us to pray the Rosary for peace and for conversions. During the month of October, the Rosary will be prayed every Saturday at 3:30 p.m. in the church. Come and answer Mary's call to pray the Rosary for peace.

FAITH & JUSTICE BAZAAR OCTOBER 25

We invite you to come and support us and to enjoy a delicious lunch which will be served on Saturday & Sunday. All proceeds go to projects in our twin parish of Zamoran.

Saturday is opened for the public from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday is opened for the parish only from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

"Can You Make A Difference in Your Parish"

Yes, you can!!! The Parish Vitality Conference will provide you with the know-how!! Come and be a part of this Conference from **November 13-15** in downtown Montreal. Seating is limited! So, hurry and contact **Ken Saldanha** or **Arnel Javier at** 514.481.0267 for registration and further details.

<u>NEWHOPE SENIOR CENTRE</u> LOOKING FOR DRIVERS

Newhope is a non-profit community centre that provides services to isolated seniors, located in central N.D.G. We have an urgent need for volunteer drivers. Do you have a few hours to give on a weekly basis and/or availability?

If interested, please call Aida Vidzer at (514) 484-0425 ext.201. Newhope Senior's Centre 6225 Godfrey Ave. Mtl PQ