



Coast to Coast

News and photos from the canadian district activities !!!



Rocky Mountain House - Fundraiser

This year we are starting our drive to raise money for the construction of a new church. The parish gathered together to talk about fundraising ideas and to organize a committee to lead us on this endeavour.

The President, Sasha Land, is in charge of getting all of the paper work and licences necessary to go forth in our fundraising. The Vice President, Patrick Pedrazzini, is in charge of communicating all of our ideas and meeting minutes with Father. The treasurer, Steve Sewalk, is in charge of all monetary deposits and receipts. The secretary, Barbara Heaton, is in charge of taking minutes at the meetings and typing them up for Father.

Our first meeting ran very well, with the election of chair people. Our first

fundraiser is to take place in April from the 23 to the 25th at the Rocky Mountain House Arena. We have decided on



a 50/50 raffle, yard sale, craft booth and possibly a bake sale. This last item is dependent upon the new laws and regulations about selling baked items from home. We also will be running a concession booth with all the necessary goodies to keep us all running for the days ahead. Our parish is sadly in need of a new church as we have started to outgrow it. Right now we have been putting all our money toward building and unfortunately not towards running it, so with this new fundraising committee we can now get our priorities in order and get the ball rolling. Father Ockerse has grand plans ahead for our new church which is to include a hall and hopefully a parish school. May God bless us in this endeavour and make it possible for all our fundraising plans to prosper.

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Thank you, in advance, for your support!

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Hockey Tournament at Nicholville

On the first weekend in March there has been, for years, a hockey tournament, organized by the priory of Nicholville, N.Y. This year there was a team from Syracuse, a team from Nicholville and two teams from Quebec which confronted one another to win a magnificent trophy that gets bigger from year to year...

It was for us an occasion to meet with traditional Catholics from other priories and from another country. All of us had assisted that same morning at Holy Mass and we knelt down before each match to offer it up to God.

The teams all confronted each other, the one against the other, in order to determine the placing for the semifinal games. The teams from Quebec placed 3rd and 4th, because the American teams were much more accustomed to play in an arena, and we took a fair amount of time to recuperate!!! But the honor was saved, seeing that the last team in the ratings had a point, coming from a match that was nil (1-1) against Syracuse.

Besides, the first team, Nicholville, confronted the lesser strong of the Quebec teams for a place in the finals that was gained by 3 goals to 0. But the other Quebec team assured Canada of a place in the finals by winning 6 to 0 over the Syracuse team. Alas, the Quebecers, being a little too pleased with themselves in the semi-finals, admitted defeat against Nicholville: 4 to 1, after a magnificent game where the fatigue of the players made all the difference, while Quebec was in the lead for the first third of the game.

Notwithstanding their defeats, the Quebecers returned home happily. In fact, the games were of excellent quality, the American welcome was very warm and the organization was perfect. The tournament was strongly marked with Christian joy, because even if the hockey games were played with the roughness that accompanies this sport, each one knew how to be a good loser.

A great progress was noted with respect to last year...: the Quebecers did not arrive nor return accompanied by the annual blizzard of the beginning of the month of March.

And, it's a promise: next year, it is Quebec that carries off the trophy!!!

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Little Surprise from the Ministry of Education to Holy Family School

For several months, the school has put forth all its efforts to try as much as possible to meet the demands of the Quebec Ministry of Education. But Providence would reduce the time that we reckoned to use to carry out these reforms from ten months to three small weeks.

In fact, on Friday, December 12th, the Ministry, very well informed about us, made a surprise inspection. Following the visit, the inspectors gave us until the end of the Christmas vacation to bring ourselves up to their standards. We were then obliged to part with several competent and dedicated teachers who did not have their college diploma for teaching. The priests and the sisters also took part in the lot. From now on, they will only teach catechism. It was there-



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fore necessary to hire a Math teacher for the high school, as well as a teacher for athletics, though we have been able to benefit from the help of three of our former teachers, who finished their studies for teaching from the university.

The classes and their time schedules also became a problem. We were not teaching certain subjects, especially the class of ethics and religious culture. If we are under the obligation to teach the contents of the official program regarding natural morals and false religions, we carefully avoid all relativism, destroyer of the Faith. Furthermore, they pointed out to us that we were short some 40 minutes of class time each week, that certain science classes were not sufficiently taught, that it was not posted that we have a 5 minute pause between each class, etc. Thus, we had to revise all the class schedules, with consideration for all the minutes imposed

for each subject and the personal restraint of the teachers. And lastly, it was necessary to rack our brains once more (the third time in less than a year!) to redo all the report cards: for us the joy to Excel!

Moreover, the school brought the science experimental laboratory back up to good standing; for that, we had to find the funds to move the computer room from its place into what was the large ping-pong room. It was the same for the student library: since the beginning of the year, the priests were thinking about the best place; the choice was settled, and now a furnished library, spacious and well-lit, is being assembled in a new area.

We rejoice to have the consolation of seeing our efforts rewarded, since the school reopened in January!

DEO GRATIAS!!!



Announcements

Please accept our gratitude for the many encouraging letters and reactions to issue #15 of our magazine.

May we ask you to help us allow Convictions magazine to have a larger and larger distribution.

You could subscribe to Convictions, if you have not done so already.

Tell friends, relatives and acquaintances about this magazine.

And you may wish to send us a subscription form for someone else, as your gift to them. May God reward you for helping us in this apostolate!



Readers' Letters

Dear Rev. Father Girouard,

We love the new format of "Convictions". Rev. Fr. May brought us the February issue 2009 when he came to O.L. of Sorrows Mission in Miramachi, NB.

Great idea to post it on the internet. We hope you get lots and lots of subscribers...

..... Lucie Comeau

Dear Rev. Father Girouard,

Congratulations, "Convictions" is selling like hotcakes.

The photo of the four bishops, good articles - a nice, big job. Thank you!


..... Thérèse Dion

Hello Fathers,

Congratulations - the new Convictions Magazine is just beautiful. We, St. Philomena Mission in Northern Ontario (Sudbury), love the changes and that the number of issues will increase.

God bless you and all who have contributed to making the Convictions magazine a success story.

..... Trudy Wallace



LIFE IS CHANGED, NOT TAKEN AWAY

Matthew Burger: * Aug. 16, 1918, Qu'Appelle, SK
+ Jan. 17, 2009, Langley, BC

Lillian Ammann : * April 11, 1919
+ February 18, 2009, Vancouver, BC



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St. Valentine's Day Event

At Christ the King Church, Langley, BC, February 15th 2009, Mrs Cathy Burger and Mr. David Pearce gave a talk on Elizabeth Browning's romantic poems, Choir sang some hymns, St. Valentine's Day Cake, Fruit Punch for everyone.



Manifestation against abortion

Father Boulet participates together with his faithful in a manifestation against abortion. The group of faithful prays in front of a abortion clinic.



Men and Women Retreats in Shawinigan

Baptism in Ottawa
Sunday, March 22 father Boulet baptized Joseph Inderbitzin, first child of Martin Inderbitzin and Julie Goyette.



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