A FOCUS ON VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD
by Fr. Hien Nguyen
5. Catholic Schools
In this area of education, the Church of Vancouver faces different issues. “First and foremost, we have a crisis of values which assumes the form, often exalted by the media, of subjectivism, moral relativism and nihilism.” These philosophies and the air of pluralism, as mentioned in the Social Cultural section above, breathed on the younger generation and influenced them of their Catholic identity. We are also faced with new immigration especially from Asia that brings the challenge of different culture and values. In order to guarantee the proper Catholic formation in the school system, the Archdiocese School Board commits themselves to ensure the mission of Christ to maintain and build the kingdom of God. They help the students develop and nurture well-rounded individuals - spiritually, emotionally, physically and intellectually. With valiant efforts, there are still needs of improvement on the following issues:

- Teachers are not properly trained and form spiritually especially those who teach Religion subject.
- Teachers are not practicing their faith.
- Drugs problem in school
- Students are not going to Church.
- Pastors and Chaplains have little influence in the faith formation of the school.
- Religion and living the faith is not the priority in schools.

By comparing these problems to the Apostolic Constitution of Pope John Paul II on Ex Corde Ecclesiae, we see how much we have missed the mark and need to restore these characters of a Catholic school to our Catholic school community as such;

1. Christian inspiration not only of individuals but of the university community as such;
2. A continuing reflection in the light of the Catholic faith upon the human family in their pilgrimage to the transcendent Church;
3. The Church has accurately passed down the unfolding story of God through the liturgy and the teachings of the Magisterium, and of the human family in their pilgrimage to the transcendent Church;
4. An institutional commitment to the service of the people of God and of the human family in their pilgrimage to the transcendent goal which gives meaning to life

What also important is the community and the people who make up this community. Each of them has the responsibility in his/her capacity to make the school what it should be. On the contrary, we all fail in our school system in the diocese from the bottom up: students, teachers, parents, administrators, priests.

Welcome to St. Ann’s Parish
Our Vision Statement: to be a Christ-centered community of missionary disciples.
Our Mission Statement: to work and pray to be a welcoming, Eucharistic community that spreads the good news of Christ. We each strive to share our gifts within and beyond the parish for the glory of God.

This Week at St. Ann’s
Pancake Breakfast: will be prepared by our Knights of Columbus
today Sunday, October 8th after the 8:00 & 10:00 am Masses.

Chapel of Divine Mercy and Vespers today Sunday, October 8th at 3:00 p.m. in the Sacred Space at Abbotsford Regional Hospital Please join us in praying for the Doctors, Nurses, hospital workers, and most especially the patients and their families.

Tia and Tots with Sr Suzana resumes on Monday mornings from 9 - 10:30 am in St. Monica’s lounge.

Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting: has been postponed until Tuesday, October 17th, 8:00 p.m. in St. Joachim room.

Widows' Luncheon on Wednesday, October 11th, 12 noon at Roseland Restaurant on South Fraser Way. Please rsvp to Matilde at 604-850-1782.

Mass will be celebrated at the Mayfair Seniors’ Home on Thursday, October 12th at 10:00 a.m.

Mass will be celebrated at Maplewood House on Friday, October 13th at 4:00 p.m.

Hispanic Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, October 14th at 7:00 p.m. Reception to follow in the Parish Centre.

CWL Workshop: Catch the Fire at St. Ann’s on Saturday, October 14th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend to gain a new understanding of CWL. For information please call Bé at 604-557-0309 or email catchfire@telus.net

Wine and Cheese with Your Beloved: Join St. Ann’s Family Group as we gather for a fun evening on Saturday, October 14th from 7-9pm. Enjoy a wine and cheese social and a video on the Meaning of Marriage from the “Beloved” marriage admission. Admission by donation. Please RSVP to stansfamilygroup@gmail.com.

On Tuesday, October 17th after the evening Mass, there will be a Presentation by the Domestic Abuse Services in St. Monica’s lounge. More info in next week’s bulletin.

St Ann’s Parish will be hosting a screening of Over 18, a documentary about pornography and its effects on children and youth who are getting addicted to it. The screening will be taking place on Saturday, October 21st at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Our hope in hosting this screening is to open up the conversation around pornography addiction in our community and families. We also want to equip people with tools and resources to both protect their kids from harmful sexual content online as well as help those struggling with pornography addiction themselves. You can view the trailer for the documentary at www.over18doc.com. This is suitable for parents, teachers, and other adults concerned about the future and our children. For more information contact Jody Garneau at adulthate@stannesabbotsford.ca.

Advocate Fundraising Banquet: Thursday, Oct. 19, at 6:30 p.m. at Columbia Bible College on 2940 Clearbrook Rd. Come and hear former abortionist, Dr. Anthony Levantino. Free general seating. RSVP by October 15th. Phone 604-852-4623 or email info@advocate.ca

Mass Intentions for Oct 9th to Oct 15th, 2017

- Monday 9:00am Teodoro Cui, Sr., rip.
- Tuesday 7:00pm Sr. Elizabeth Bellefontaine, rip.
- Wednesday 8:00am Jose Fromont, rip.
- Thursday 8:00am Christopher Toth, int.
- Friday 8:00am Anita & Maximo Sulpicio, rip.
- Saturday 9:00am Ronald Winbow, rip.
- Sunday 10:00am Henry Lemieux, int.
- Noon 8:00pm For the Parishioners of St. Ann’s Angelina Domingo, rip.