



February 19, 2021

Dear Sacred Heart Families,

With the sunshine we have had this week, it is hard to believe it snowed on the weekend and that we returned to school on Tuesday with mounds of snow on the blacktop. With the warmer weather comes the potential to stay on the school grounds and socialize at the end of the day; our friendly community is one of the great things about our school. I am hopeful that restrictions will be lifted soon and we will be able to greet and meet each other and spend time together. However, until then, I ask that you leave the school property promptly once your children have been dismissed. I thank you for entrusting us with your greatest treasure, your children, and for your support as we work together to help them become the best version of themselves, as God intended.

God Bless,
Kelly Kozack
Principal

Anti-bullying/Pink Shirt Day: Wednesday, February 24 is Spirit Day. This is anti-bullying. Your child may come to school in a pink shirt on February 24.

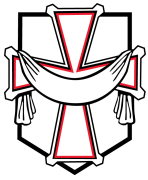
Parish Education Committee – Call Out for New Members Starting September 2021!- The Parish Education Committee (PEC) is seeking new members to join the committee for the next school year.

The PEC is composed of our pastor, our principal and parents, who, together, provide direction for Sacred Heart School. We meet once a month to discuss school matters and work with various sub-committees that support the school (Fundraising, Marketing, Communications, Finance, Parent Participation and other initiatives and activities).

Serving on the PEC is a great opportunity to learn more about Sacred Heart and its programs while using your experience and expertise to ensure a successful future for the school. Your participation in the PEC fulfills your family's annual Parent Participation hours requirement. We encourage parents who are Catholics in good standing and members of the parish to consider joining the PEC.

Please email Tim Dumas, PEC Chair at tim.dumas@jaks.com , or Ellen Fair, PEC Parish Liaison at ellen@modern-line.ca if you are interested.

Please see the separate attachments.



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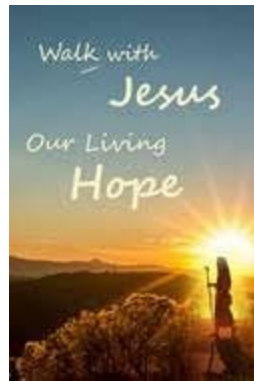
Box 10, 3900 Arthur Drive, Delta, BC V4K 3N5
(604) 946-2611, <https://shsdelta.ca>

St. Monica Guild Corner: Please join us for the virtual 2021 Annual World Day of Prayer on Monday 1st March at 7pm, hosted by St. Monica Guild.

This year the program was put together by the women of Vanuatuthe (a small group of islands off the coast of Australia)

For more information contact Lynne Willox (604)789-2912. please register by email to be sent the zoom link: saintmonicaguild@shsdelta.org

Parish News: Please see the bulletin from the Parish.





Rationale

CISVA Policies and Procedures exist for Education Committees to function effectively. The effectiveness of our Catholic schools is strengthened by clergy and lay people working together with faith and commitment for the education of our young people. It is very important, therefore, that those who accept the call to serve on an Education Committee understand the expectations of office and conduct themselves in a way that will foster collaboration and Christian community and put into practice the philosophy of Catholic education as promulgated by the Roman Catholic Bishops of British Columbia.

Policy

When parishioners allow their name to stand for election or appointment to a Parish or Regional Education Committee (PEC or REC), they are agreeing to adhere to the responsibilities and expectations of a Committee member and CISVA Policies and Procedures. They must conduct themselves in a way that will foster collaboration and Christian community and put into practice the philosophy of Catholic education as promulgated by the Catholic Bishops of British Columbia.¹

Procedure

Education Committee members are expected to accept the following responsibilities and commitments:

1. Agency

- 1.1 Acknowledge that Catholic schools function within the structure of the Catholic Church and are an expression of its mission.
- 1.2 Understand that the Catholic school that they are called to serve functions within the structure of the Catholic Independent School Vancouver Archdiocese (CISVA).
- 1.3 Understand that the role of the Education Committee is to implement policies and decisions of the CISVA Board of Directors.
- 1.4 Commit to becoming more knowledgeable of CISVA Policies and endeavour to become more knowledgeable about Catholic education, its mission, and educational and religious goals.
- 1.5 Promote Catholic education, its values and benefits to the community.

2. Authority

- 2.1 Develop local policies in collaboration with the Principal and Pastor. Local policies must not supersede provincial or federal legislation or CISVA policy.
- 2.2 Participate in long-term planning in consultation with school stakeholders: Pastor, Principal, parents. Examples include, financial and capital plans and strategic plans.
- 2.3 Ensure the safe and orderly operation of the school in the following areas: collection of fees, payment of operating expenses, facilities, maintenance, parent participation, etc.

¹ Catholic Bishops of British Columbia, Pastoral Letter of Catholic Education, (4 November 2016).



2.4 Assume other duties as are assigned to Education Committees from time to time by CISVA.

3. Administrative Relationships

3.1 Support and recognize the Principal as the educational leader and chief administrator in the school.

3.2 Work in harmony with the Pastor and parish organizations.

3.3 Understand that in matters that affect the Catholicity of the schools, the approval of the Pastor/Archbishop's Representative is required.

3.4 If in the carrying out of their responsibilities the Pastor/Archbishop's representative and the Education Committee come to an impasse they cannot resolve they may appeal to the Board of Directors of CISVA.

3.5 Pray for other members of the Committee, Catholic schools and the communities they serve.

4. Conduct and Confidentiality

4.1 Committee members will demonstrate collegiality and respect for one another. The opinions expressed and perspectives given must be conducted in a manner that is always respectful and courteous

4.2 Attend regular, extraordinary and sub-committee meetings and participate in discussion and decisions to the best of their ability.

4.3 Be fully and thoroughly prepared for each meeting by completing the required committee work or reports.

4.4 Share and utilize their knowledge and experience for the betterment of the committee's work and the school as a whole.

4.5 Actively support the principle of collegiality in the decisions taken as a committee and ensure support of these decisions in one's conduct and example both within and outside the committee.

4.6 Be open to stand for election to the executive of their Committee and act as a member of a sub-committee as elected and/or assigned.

4.7 Recognize that they do not officially represent the Committee unless explicitly authorized to do so by both the Chair and the Pastor.

4.8 Ensure confidentiality of all matters dealt with in confidence and in camera.



4.9 Disqualify themselves from discussion and voting on issues where there may be a conflict of interest.

5. Finances

5.1 Recommend to the Superintendent and receive his/her permission before increasing or decreasing enrolment by adding or deleting the number of classes or grades. The Superintendent must seek approval of the Board of Directors when the decision could impact other schools or have implication for future capital costs.

5.2 Prepare the budget for the operation and maintenance of the school. Such a budget requires approval of the Pastor/Archbishop's Representative.

5.3 Ensure that proper books and financial records are kept for the purposes of claiming government grants and issuing tax receipts. The Education Committee will complete and submit reports and other documents as may be required by the Board of Directors or the Superintendent.

6. Personnel

6.1 Ensure adherence to CISVA Policy 306 in relation to hiring of school personnel and Policy 304 in cases on non-renewal of school personnel.

7. Removal from Office

7.1 A member of an Education Committee who ceases to fulfill those conditions of eligibility to hold office, which pertain to membership in the parish or practice of the faith, or who at any time falls into one of the exceptions defined in Policy 107 – Education Committee Elections (see section 1.4, “Procedures before Elections, Eligible for Nominations”) automatically ceases to be a member.

7.2 A member of an Education Committee may be removed from office for conduct unbecoming a member and/or for action contrary to the spirit of the philosophy of Catholic education as promulgated by the Catholic Bishops of British Columbia.²

Such a decision by an Education Committee requires a two-thirds majority vote of the Committee. A member so removed may appeal to the Board of Directors of CISVA.

7.3 A member of an Education Committee, after missing three (3) consecutive monthly meetings, may be removed from office by a two-thirds majority vote of the Committee.

7.4 CISVA reserves the right to remove Education Committee members for just cause.

7.5 Loss of membership on an Education Committee automatically will result in the loss of any membership and offices in the Catholic Independent Schools of Vancouver Archdiocese.

² Catholic Bishops of British Columbia, Pastoral Letter of Catholic Education, (4 November 2016).



7.6 Dismissed members are not entitled to membership for positions in CISVA but shall not be entitled to apply or be nominated for a position on the Education Committee from which he/she was dismissed.

Reference Cross-reference Policy 108 – Education Committee Meetings Policy 111 – Education Committee Term of Office	Approved Board of Directors
	Date Pre - 1996
	Date(s) Revised 5 July 2016 5 June 2018

NOMINATION FORM

To nominate or be nominated a parishioner must meet the following eligibility pre-requisites:

ELIGIBLE TO NOMINATE: All persons eligible to hold office

ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION (HOLD OFFICE):

Those eligible to hold office as a member of a parish education committee or represent the parish on a regional education committee are practising Catholics, approved by the Pastor, who are eligible to vote in that parish and have reached the age of twenty-one (21), with the following exceptions:

- i. teachers and principal of the school;
- ii. past employees of the school until three full calendar years have passed since the termination of employment;
- iii. employees of the parish and/or school;
- iv. spouses, children, parents, brothers and sisters of persons covered in above;
- v. all other teachers/principals employed by CISVA.

CANDIDATE NOMINATED: _____

I hereby agree to stand for election to the Education Committee of _____
_____ School and confirm that I am eligible for nomination.

I also agree to attend the Education Committee Workshop that is held in the Fall.

Signed: _____

PASTORS AUTHORIZATION: _____

The above-named candidate has been nominated by the two undersigned nominators who confirm that they are eligible to nominate:

PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE
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PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE
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This nomination form received by _____ representing the Nominating
Committee of _____ School.

Signed	Date
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IMPORTANT NOTE: This form must be received by a representative of the Nominating Committee no later than 7 days before the election date.

EXPECTATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF CISVA EDUCATION COMMITTEES

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Members of CISVA Education Committees, according to Policy Manual, **are expected to:**

- Acknowledge that Catholic schools function within the structure of the Catholic Church and are an expression of its mission.
- Endeavor to become more knowledgeable about Catholic education, its mission, and educational and religious goals.
- Promote Catholic education, its values and benefits to the community.
- Attend regular, extraordinary and sub-committee meetings and participate in discussion and decisions to the best of their ability.
- Be fully and thoroughly prepared for each meeting by completing the required committee work or reports.
- Share and utilize their knowledge and experience for the betterment of the Committee's work and the school as a whole.
- Be loyal and supportive of Committee decisions.
- Be open to stand for election to the executive of their committee and act as a member of a sub-committee as elected and/or assigned.
- Recognize that they do not officially represent the Committee unless explicitly authorized to do so.
- Ensure confidentiality of all matters dealt 'in confidence'.
- Disqualify themselves from discussion and voting on issues where there is a conflict of interest.
- Support and recognize the principal as chief administrator in the school.
- Work in harmony with the Pastor and parish organizations.
- Pray for other members of the Committee, Catholic schools and the communities they serve.

I have read the above expectations and agree to abide by these expectations if I am elected to the Education Committee.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Sacred Heart Catholic Church



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Parish Website: www.sacredheartparish.ca
Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver
604-683-0281 Website: <https://rcav.org/>

Augustinian Friars in the Parish:
Fr. Francis Galvan, OSA – Pastor
Fr. Michael Martell OSA



The Archbishop of Vancouver, following the Provincial Health Order from Dr. Bonnie Henry, directs that all Masses, whether Sunday or weekday, beginning on Friday, November 20th and until further notice, are to be offered without public congregation.

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Our in-person drive through Sunday Adoration is cancelled until further notice.

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Individual Confessions Saturday from 10am-11am in the Chapel.

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Live streaming of Mass on YouTube, Saturdays at 6pm.

Search:
[Sacred Heart Parish Delta](#)

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Chapel is open daily from 10am to 4pm for private prayer. (Except Sundays and holidays)

Baptisms: Please contact parish office for more information.

PARISH CONTACTS

Doug Lynes	Parish Financial Manager	940-0583
Barry Marshall	Maintenance/Rentals	319-4740
John Barker	Choir Director/Music	943-7558
Erin Seddon	Religious Ed. (PREP)	946-2618
Kelly Kozack Brandy Grund	School Principal Vice-Principal	946-2611
Mylene Lock	Lil Saints Preschool	946-4525
Martin Grund	Youth Ministry (Gr 8+)	magsh@axionet.com

First Sunday of Lent

February 21st, 2021

Repent, and believe in the Good News.

Mark 1.12-15

Sunday Focus: If we go into the desert with Jesus this Lent, his grace will move us forward in our life of faith. Lent isn't an end unto itself; we go into the desert with Jesus in order to advance in holiness and in our spiritual life. All the blessings and trials in our lives are not closed events. They're precursors to more: greater trust in God, deeper union with him, and a greater sense of our mission to proclaim the kingdom of God.

Drive-In Communion on Saturday and Sunday.

For contact tracing purposes - If you wish to receive Holy Communion through our drive-in please call the parish office to register for a time spot.

Drive-In Mass at Sacred Heart Parish. We invite our parishioners to attend our Drive-In Mass on Sunday mornings at 9am. You remain in your vehicle and listen to the Mass on your car radio. Fr. Francis has an outdoor altar set up in front of the cars. Sorry, no washrooms are available. Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass. We are limited to 50 cars maximum and you must be registered through the parish office. Once registered you will receive a gate entrance ticket. Please call for more information.

Parish Office: 604-946-4522

Fast and abstain on upcoming Holy days

The Church prescribes fasting (only one full meal and two smaller meals which together are not greater than a full meal) and abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Catholics aged 18-59 are bound to fast; those 14-59 to abstinence. Those who are ill are freed from these obligations. Everyone, even those above the age of 59, are encouraged to fast and abstain. All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety in place of abstinence. Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance.

2020 Income Tax Receipts

Due to COVID, this year we will be having different options available for our parishioners to receive their tax receipts.

Starting Wednesday, Feb 24th

- 1) You can pick up at the office – during office hours. **Please email or call ahead.** (Please call only during office hours).
- 2) We will have a **Drive-Through Pick-Up Day, Saturday, Feb 27th from 10am-12pm in front of the Church.**
- 3) Receipts that have not been picked up by Wednesday, March 10th will be mailed unless you have called to make other arrangements.
- 4) If you are going to ask someone else to pick up on your behalf please notify the parish office first.

At this time we would like to take this opportunity to thank our parishioners for their ongoing financial support of the parish. It is greatly appreciated.

Needed: Bikes in good condition for our Migrant Workers. If you have a bicycle to donate please call the parish office and we can arrange for pick up or drop off. 604-946-4522 Ext 100. Thank you for your generosity.

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If you are using offertory envelope **#49** can you please let us know whom you are if you wish to receive a tax receipt. Please contact the parish office at 604-946-4522.

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT **Year to date up to Jan 24th, 2021**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Year to Date	\$37,280	\$59,925	-\$22,645

Our pastoral staff would like to thank everyone for their continued prayers and support for our parish community. Your support has been and will continue to be important to our parish during this difficult time. If you wish at this time to make a donation, please use one of the following methods.

- 1) Secure mailbox in front of Monastery.
- 2) Mail to Parish: **PO BOX 10 Stn. Main, Delta B.C. V4K 3N5**
- 3) Join our PAP program by calling or emailing the office.
- 4) If you are unable to drop off or mail in your donation please call the parish office and we can make arrangements to have it picked up.

Thank you for your ongoing financial contributions to the parish.

Online PREP Classes take place Tuesdays at various assigned after-school times per grade. Newcomers are welcome to participate in our online PREP Classes or Supported Home-School for children attending public, private non-Catholic or home school (K-Gr 7).

Contact **Erin Seddon** our Prep and Religious Education Coordinator at (604) 946-2618 or eseddon@shsdelta.org



Stewardship Reflection

“After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God....” - Mark 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us. *From RCAV Copyright © 2021 Archdiocese of St. Louis*

Into the Deep: The Laity and the Call to Conversion

We are all called to conversion and Lent provides us with a special moment to reflect on its true and continuing significance. We sometimes think that the act of conversion is singular, uniquely personal, my own. But, in fact, we are all agents of conversion as well. Conversion is not merely individualistic. It is communal. It has a social dimension. It calls us to a deeper fidelity to Jesus. Join Dr. Michael Higgins, author, scholar, and educator, as we journey through this Lenten season and open ourselves to the call of continued conversion. This event will take place Friday, Feb. 26 at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Register online for free at beholdvancouver.org/events

And Jesus Looked at Him: Look of Love Lenten Retreat

Join us on Saturday, Feb. 27 at 8:45 am - 12:00 pm for a Lenten Retreat. Inviting all who desire a retreat to reflect on scripture, poetry, art, and music as we journey into the holy season of Lent. This morning online retreat features opportunities to sense God beholding us with love and nourishing dream for us. The retreat includes short inspiring talks, guided prayer materials, quiet time for individual prayer, and small group faith-sharing in breakout rooms. Suggested donation \$35-60+ (students \$20) plus GST. Register online at beholdvancouver.org/events

A Heart Open to the Whole World Retreat

SFU Chaplaincy invites you to a free retreat to discover and share the gifts of each person, and to grow in mutual respect as part of the larger human family on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. There will be reflections, testimonies, poems, songs, and group sharing. Let's explore together how love can build bridges. All are welcome. Please register at bit.ly/SFURetreat

A Lenten Retreat: Combatting the Evil One by the Power of the Lord

This Lenten retreat is based on the writings of Gabriele Amorth, Gianluigi Pasquale, and Saint Padre Pio. The power of evil forces is identified in the light of the Scriptures. Fr. Bellusci will unveil Padre Pio's interior life and his battle with evil forces. The spiritual battle in the life of Padre Pio teaches us our need for Jesus Christ and the Sacraments of the Church. We are victorious in Christ who is our strength. Come and join our Lenten retreat with Fr. David Bellusci, OP on Saturday, March 6 at 7:00 pm. Register online for free at beholdvancouver.org.

Catholic Street Missionaries One-Day Training and Outreach for Young Adults

We love meeting new people, making new friends, sharing our love for God, praying for His presence and guidance, and going out bringing His hope and love to the homeless, the addicted, and the prostituted. Spend a day with us reaching out to our less privileged brothers and sisters on the streets of Vancouver. Young adults ages 19-39 who would like to serve Jesus in the poor are invited to join on Sunday, Feb. 28 from 10:30 am - 4:30 pm. We will meet at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Our session will include Bible meditation, training, homeless outreach, and sharing at the end. (All participants must meet online at 10:30 am to attend the training before joining us for outreach in-person). Register online at catholicstreetmissionaries.org

Ministry to Divorced and Separated

Join us for an online series hosted by the RCAV's Ministry to Divorced and Separated including small-group discussion, online rosary, and presentations. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events

40 Days for Life - Daily Online Rosary during Lent

Join us for the 40 Days for Life Evening Zoom Rosary at 8:00 pm every night throughout Lent. Sign-up at beholdvancouver.org/events

Pope at Ash Wednesday Mass: Lent is a journey of return to God- As the Church begins the holy season of Lent, Pope Francis celebrated Mass for Ash Wednesday, with the blessing and imposition of ashes.

In his homily, the Holy Father reflected on Lent as a journey of return to God and as an opportunity to deepen our love of our brothers and sisters.

God, said the Pope, is appealing to our hearts and our entire being, inviting us to Him.

“It is a time to reconsider the path we are taking,” he said, “to find the route that leads us home and to rediscover our profound relationship with God, on whom everything depends.”

From slavery to freedom

He urged Christians to evaluate the direction our lives are headed and how steadfastly we walk along our path toward God. “The journey of Lent is an exodus from slavery to freedom,” he said. As we progress, we will feel tempted to return to our old habits and illusions. But, noted the Pope, we can rediscover our way by looking to the Word of God, no matter how many times we stumble.

To the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Pope Francis said the first step of Lent involves returning to the Father, by accepting God’s forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession.

“It is the Father’s forgiveness that always set us back on our feet,” he said.

Next, he said, we need to return to Jesus. Like the leper who returned to thank Him, we too “need Jesus’ healing. We need to present our wounds to Him and say: ‘Jesus, I am in your presence, with my sin, with my sorrows. You are the physician. You can set me free. Heal my heart.’” Then, said the Pope, we are invited to return to the Holy Spirit.

The ashes sprinkled on our heads, he pointed out, remind us that we are dust. “Yet upon this dust of ours, God blew His Spirit of life.”

In heartfelt reconciliation

The Holy Father went on to note that our return journey to God is only possible because He “first journeyed to us.”

Because Jesus embraced our sin and death, “our journey then is about letting Him take us by the hand.”

Our response to God’s invitation, said the Pope, involves heartfelt reconciliation, “with the deeds and practices that express it.”

A descent in love

Finally, Pope Francis reminded us that Lent is the proper time both to journey toward God and toward our brothers and sisters.

“Lent is a humble descent both inwards and towards others,” he said. “It is about realizing that salvation is not an ascent to glory, but a descent in love.”

No matter how often we stumble, concluded the Pope, we can always turn to the Cross of Christ and contemplate in His wounds our own shortcomings and emptiness.

“By kissing those wounds, we will come to realize that there, in life’s most painful wounds, God awaits us with His infinite mercy.”

By Devin Watkins @ Vatican News

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-02/pope-francis-ash-wednesday-mass-lent-return-god.html>