

Requests from Cynthia Bouchard, Chancellor, Diocese of Victoria

Over the course of the last few months the theme of “HOPE” has emerged as a clarion call to remain focused in faith and continue to trust in Jesus, our living hope. Our communities have been challenged to focus on the “horizon of hope” as we work together to discover the “new normal” during the pandemic.

Diocesan Blog: The diocesan Blog post for this week entitled “Back to School”, may be accessed via the link: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog/backtoschool>
We continue to pray for our students, administrators and staff who head back to school this week.

Diocesan Mission: Join Bishop Gary Gordon as he leads a Mission on “**A Path to Hope in Jesus**”, reflections on the Sorrowful Mysteries, which will serve as a reminder that “we already enter into glory when we have the cross in our lives”. The Mission will begin after the live-stream Mass (7 pm) on Monday, September 14th, Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, and conclude on Friday, September 18th.

Pastoral Care Webinar on Hope and Healing

Tuesday, September 29 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. **Pre-registration is required.**
Sponsored by Gardens of Gethsemani and the BC Catholic Health Association.

We will be virtually welcoming Father William Hann, a parish priest at Holy Cross Parish in Victoria, as our guest speaker. He brings much life experiences along with a depth of understanding and great compassion for the people he ministers to. He has also done a residency in clinical pastoral education at the University of Alberta Hospital, from 2005 – 2006.

He will be focusing on serving individuals and families who are grieving in times of the COVID-19 pandemic and visit topics such as how bereavement is interrupted by the pandemic; the challenging impacts we face during these times; finding Jesus amid COVID-19; how to move forward in our pastoral care; and the consolations and desolations during these difficult times.

Register now

An opportunity from St. Mark’s College:

Are you currently involved in or discerning a call to ministry in a parish, school or pastoral office? Enroll in Foundations of the Catholic Faith: Theology in Ministry. Offered virtually and taught synchronously Thursday evenings, starting October 1st. For more information or to register, visit stmarkscollege.ca.