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FROM THE OFFICE OF PFS:

Collection Bag Theft:

One of our parishes suffered a theft from their collection bags that has gone on for some time – unnoticed.

The parish appropriately used tamper evident bags, but the thief, after using a hanger to fish the bags back out of the sacristy safe*, was able to carefully open the bags, pull much of the cash out, reseal them in such a way that if you didn't look carefully you might think the bag was just badly crumpled, and put it back in the sacristy safe.

PLEASE alert your collection counters that if they are seeing bags where the opening looks like in any way it has been crumpled or unsealed, that they should let you know. Another thing that was noticed, but the collection counters never mentioned to anyone, was cash actually being caught in the 'seal' portion of the bag.

(* the safe that was compromised had a front loading hopper for depositing bags)

PAA Gathering Survey:

The PAA Gathering planning committee would still like to get more responses to our survey.

Please take a few minutes during the next week and go to

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8D8VLKB> to share your input with us.

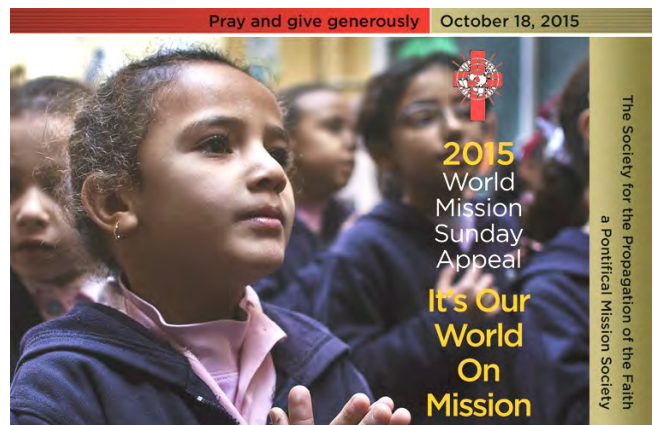
World Mission Sunday 2015

World Mission Sunday, celebrated in every parish in the world, took place the weekend of **October 17-18th**. Spiritual and material sharing enables all of us, rich or poor, to be evangelized and to serve.

Parish staff: please send your parish check, with "World Mission Sunday" referenced in the memo, to the Missions Office at 710 9th Ave Seattle WA, 98104. We ask that you please do not combine checks. Please note that checks made out to "World Mission Sunday" or "Missions Office" can be deposited by the parish.

Do not hesitate to contact the Missions Office with any questions, (206) 382-4580 or missions.office@seattlearch.org. Information on how donations are used by recipient pontifical and episcopal organizations can be found at our web site: www.seattlearchdiocese.org/missions.

Thank you!- Missions Office staff



Property & Constructions: New Contract Requests

Parishes who need contracts written are encouraged to make use of the new contract request form, now available on the Property & Construction website under "Forms and Contracts." There are two options: a fillable electronic form and a print-and-mail version. Providing contract requests on this form will help Property and Construction assemble contracts more quickly and allow for better tracking of requests. The contract request form may be submitted for large or small construction projects, consultant agreements, leases, land or facility use agreements, and any other type of agreement for which parishes would like assistance in writing.

Please remember that work cannot commence without a signed contract and proof of insurance. Also, if a Good Faith Asbestos Survey is required, it will take a couple of weeks to assemble and may add additional time to the project if abatement is needed.

Please feel free to contact Christina Lewis with questions about this new form at christina.lewis@seattlearch.org or at (206) 274-3125.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP



JUST TWO WEEKS AWAY! REGISTER TODAY!

FREE Workshop & Lunch!

One Great Workshop – Two Locations!

Tuesday, November 3rd (9:30am – 2:30pm):

St. Rose De Viterbo Parish, Longview

Wednesday, November 4th (9:30am – 2:30pm):

Isaac Orr, Seattle Chancery

Add continuity & depth to your mission & message

The Archdiocese of Seattle stewardship office and Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) present a workshop designed to provide digital solutions and enhance communications while helping to maximize your parish stewardship and engagement message. See OSV's exciting new "highly customizable" mobile app which includes "faith in action" content. Explore essential tools for communication including websites and stewardship & formation materials. Drive giving opportunities with online giving (includes giving app and direct donate capabilities) and high impact offertory envelopes.

"Taking the next step" has never been so easy! Small group breakout sessions will be available in the afternoon. Spend 20-25 minutes with the experts to ask in-depth questions on the above mentioned topics, view materials, or simply tell us what you need.

CLICK NOW TO REGISTER VIA EMAIL: steve.homiack@seattlearch.org
(Please specify which location)

Please contact me directly if you have any questions. Thank you!

Steve Homiack
Director
Parish Stewardship



2015 Update:

One of our efforts to help parishes with pledge fulfillment each year is to mail a letter to donors who made a pledge to the 2015 appeal but have not yet made a payment. This year, we are mailing to 600 donors that have a total of \$253,000 in outstanding pledges. This effort last year collected 54% of the outstanding amount that could have otherwise gone uncollected, which would have reduced the amount of parish rebates. If you want a list of your parishioners who will be receiving a letter, please send your request to aca@seattlearch.org

The Annual Appeal office will continue to send campaign and rebate status reports on a monthly basis. Individual detailed donor reports are uploaded through ShareFile on the last Thursday of the month or you may request it at any time. Email your request to aca@seattlearch.org or call 206-382-4274.

2016 LEADERSHIP SESSION DATES - 12:00-3:00pm (lunch included)

February 17	St. Cecilia, Bainbridge Island
February 18	Isaac Orr room, Seattle
February 24	Sacred Heart, Lacey
February 25	St. Charles Borromeo, Tacoma
February 26	Holy Spirit, Kent
March 2	St. Rose, Longview
March 3	St. Madeleine Sophie, Bellevue
March 9	St. Charles, Burlington
March 10	St. Pius X, Mountlake Terrace
March 11	Isaac Orr Room, Seattle
March 11	NEW THIS YEAR - SPANISH Session – small Isaac Orr room, Seattle
March 12 th	Morning SPANISH session from 9:30-Noon – Isaac Orr room, Seattle (continental breakfast included)

Registration will begin in December.

We'll email you with the link when the time gets closer.

The 2016 Campaign Dates are set - Mark Your Calendar!

- ◆ Appeal Kickoff Weekend - April 17, 2016
- ◆ Presentation/Ask Weekend 1 - April 24, 2016
- ◆ Presentation/Ask Weekend 2 - May 1, 2016
- ◆ Follow-Up/Ask Weekend 1 - May 8, 2016
- ◆ Follow-Up/Ask Weekend 2 - May 15, 2016

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Changes to Marriage Nullity Processes

On September 8th Pope Francis issued the *motu proprio*, *Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus* (*The Gentle Judge, the Lord Jesus*), announcing substantive changes to the process for obtaining a declaration of nullity (often called an annulment). These changes will take effect on December 8, 2015, to coincide with the beginning of the Jubilee Year of Mercy.



What are the major changes?

- Under the new rules it will be easier for the Seattle Tribunal to accept a marriage case when the wedding took place outside the United States or a person's former spouse is currently living outside the United States.
- If the tribunal gives an affirmative decision and no one challenges it, both parties can enter a new marriage in the Catholic Church.
- Pope Francis encourages tribunals to make the marriage nullity process accessible to all.
- Some who petition for a declaration of nullity will qualify for the new shorter process introduced by the Holy Father if evidence for the invalidity of the marriage is strong and not disputed. For cases that qualify and when both parties to the marriage consent to the shorter process, the Tribunal will do an investigation and the bishop will make a decision in a time shorter than the ordinary process.

What has not changed?

- The preliminary gathering of testimony and documents will occur in the parish with the assistance of a tribunal advocate for all types of cases.

Will the new laws benefit me?

If you have been told that the Seattle Tribunal cannot hear your case because it did not have jurisdiction, call the Tribunal to find out whether the Seattle Tribunal has jurisdiction under the new laws.

Are you divorced from a previous spouse and living in a new marriage not celebrated in the Catholic Church? Now is a good time to ask about petitioning for a declaration of nullity in order to have your new marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.

Most of the parishes in the Archdiocese of Seattle have women and men trained to assist you in presenting a petition to the Tribunal. If you would like to begin this process, please call your parish and ask to have a tribunal advocate contact you.

Seattle Metropolitan Tribunal
710 9th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104
206-382-4830



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WORKSHOP FOR LAY MINISTERS

Life Is Changed, Not Ended:

FINDING JOY IN THE
CHURCH'S FUNERAL RITE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015
8:30 AM—4:00 PM
HOLYROOD CEMETERY, SHORELINE

PRESENTER: REV. H. RICHARD RUTHERFORD, CSC
PASTORAL LITURGICAL STUDIES PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND

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WORKSHOP FOR CLERGY

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015
9:30 AM—3:00 PM
HOLYROOD CEMETERY, SHORELINE

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