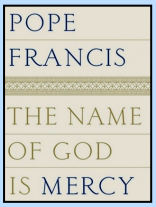
## Spiritual Book Club Coming to Cathedral!

The Pro-Cathedral offers a Spiritual Book Club opportunity to read and share responses to Pope Francis's new book, "***The Name of God is Mercy" with guide Sr. Mae Kierans, CSJ.***




Pope Francis offers fresh insights into our relationship with God in this very personal book interview with Vatican reporter Andrea Tornielli.

Begins Tuesday after Easter, March 29 with gatherings following: April 5, April 12, & April 19 from 1:30 – 3:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Refreshments served at all gatherings.

We require registration fee of $20 in advance so books can be ordered and arrive before Easter! Please email or call the parish office to confirm your registration.

**Registration is required by Monday, March 21 so books can be ordered.**



*'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'* LUKE 15: 8 – 10

## *Reflecting on the image*

In this parable, Jesus uses the image of a woman to portray God's mercy. The coin she lost, a drachma, was the equivalent of a day's wage. So, as small as this coin might seem, it was very precious and held a great value for her. In this image, the woman is announcing her good news to the neighbourhood. Her face reveals something of the exhaustion and intensity of the search she had undertaken, as well as the relief and joy she feels at having found what was lost.

Spend some time with this image and begin to relate it to your own life. When have you felt lost or in a dark place? When have you experienced the mercy of God 'sweeping' you out of that dark corner?

## *Praying with the image*

Ponder these words as an expression of God's loving mercy: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you. — ISAIAH 43:1—2, 4

***The Diocese of Hearst invites you cordially to the episcopal ordination of Bishop Robert Bourgon as Bishop of Hearst, on Monday, April 25th at 4 pm at the Cathedral Our Lady of Assumption in Hearst.***

***In the presence of The Most Reverend Luigi Bonazzi, Apostolic Nuncio in Canada, Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, s.j., Archbishop of Ottawa, assisted by Bishops Vincent Cadieux, o.m.i., and Jean-Louis Plouffe will preside the Eucharistic celebration during which he will confer the episcopal ordination on Bishop Robert Bourgon.***

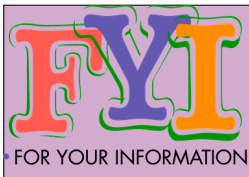
If we have enough people registered, a bus will travel from North Bay to the ordination early on April 25 to arrive in time for the ordination. A community feast will be offered and you will then be bused to your hotel for an overnight stay before returning to North Bay.



The bus cost will be $65/person and the Diocese is currently looking into group hotel rates which will be an additional expense to anyone wishing to attend. The price of the hotel should be known by next week if you wish to call the parish office to verify the cost before committing.

We need to hear from you by Thursday, March 10 if you wish to attend this blessed event in order to commit to the bus transportation and make hotel arrangements.

**All parishioners are welcome to attend!**




**Incense will be used at the Holy Thursday liturgy on March 24 at 7:00 PM and at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 26 at 8:00 PM. The incense we are now using is Trinity Brand, made with hypo-allergenic, non-choking, high quality resin.**

## Easter Memorial Flowers & Decorations

A beautiful way to remember loved ones during this holy season is to donate memorial flowers and decorations in their memory. Your donation will help decorate the altar and sanctuary during the greatest season of the year ***... the Resurrection!***



Pre-printed white & green envelopes are available for your donation at the entrance to the church. Please fill out the requested information as neat as possible (printing would be best!).

Include your donation and return the envelope to the office or in the weekly collection. A listing of remembrances will be printed in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. All donations over $10 are tax deductible.

# Confirmation Preparation 2016

## Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption



Dear Pro-Cathedral Parents & Confirmation Candidates:

**We wish to invite you to participate in our 2016 Confirmation Preparation.** Confirmation is a special time for a young person to commit to their faith and experience the Holy Spirit in their life. It is a sacrament that continues the welcoming and the belonging that began with Baptism and which continues with the celebration of Eucharist. We hope that your Confirmation will be fulfilling and joyful.

Our Preparation Sessions will once again involve candidates from the entire North Bay region. This will be a great opportunity for you to meet other young people who are also preparing for their Confirmation and will be celebrating the Sacrament along with you at the Pro-Cathedral.

**A Regional Confirmation Information Night will be held on Wednesday, April 6 at 6:30 PM at St. Peter's Parish Hall. *This meeting is mandatory* as you will receive an overview of the preparation program. Candidates, parents, and sponsors are asked to attend this meeting.**

This year, once again our Confirmation program will be hosted by 'ROCC' (Rebuilding Our Catholic Church), a program run for the elementary school system to give children a 'retreat experience'. The program incorporates music, skits, talks, games and small group activities to engage children in their faith and provide them with an opportunity to experience Jesus in the sacraments and prayer. The program is run by YEO (Youth Evangelizing Others), a local Catholic youth group made up of high school, college and university students.

We are hoping our Confirmation preparation will not only prepare you for the Sacrament of Confirmation, but will be a fun experience, that will help build new friendships, spark different interests and present personal challenges.

**PLEASE PICK UP A REGISTRATION FORM FROM THE PAMPHLET HOLDER IN THE CHURCH AND RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE PARISH OFFICE**

**REMEMBER - PLEASE SEND BAPTISM CERTIFICATE WITH REGISTRATION FORM**

**SPECIAL NOTE:** ***Please be sure to provide an email address so that we can send an information package with full Retreat Weekend Details once we receive your registration form.***

**Please note that in requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation it is presumed that you are in Grade 7 or 8 (or older) and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. If you are missing one or more of these sacraments, please call the parish office at 472-3970 as soon as possible.**