

PPPG NEWSLETTER

Generosity is LOVE in action

I made a plea in January 2019 asking for help to run our prayer group. First, I prepared a short presentation to explain various tasks that required to run a prayer meeting. I decided to have 5 teams: *publication, hospitality, setup, prayer intentions writers and prayer requests*. After the presentation, it was so heartening to see so many people stepping up to join the various teams. I especially want to acknowledge those who have already been part of the PPPG Team. In addition, it was truly wonderful to see so many people coming forward volunteering to bring food and refreshments to share with everyone! I'd like to share about more specific encounters with generosity.

One of our publication team members wrote this recently on her email to me -- this is in the context of making a poster for the upcoming prayer meeting – “I used the picture of Jesus with children, as Jesus said: *“Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of Heaven.”* She used the color purple for the title of the talk, she continued to explain that; “Purple is a combination of blue (the color of the Word of God) and red (the color of the Holy Spirit), so the combination is purple which means royalty and priesthood.” I love reading her email, indicates that she took the time to think and pray in making this poster. She wanted this poster to be a special one; inviting and engaging, growing the desire to come to the prayer meeting and to get to know Jesus. This poster is used as a means to promote God's event. It is a very special work of art, because she partnered with God in creating this poster. As Mother Teresa once said: *“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love”*. Others may say it is just a poster, but I know it

was made with great love, thus it is a special gift for Him. God loves the giver, the person who took the time to make the poster. Thank you for being generous!

People asked me in many different occasions, who wrote the prayer intentions? Well, we have three talented writers, they take turns to write. I always look forward to receiving an email from one of the writers, and I have the privilege to be the first to read the prayers. I am always amazed with what they could come up with every month. I have the easier task, just to provide the theme for the month, then they will turn them into the most beautiful prayers. They too partner with God, they cooperate with God, they certainly are very generous people sharing their talents. Thank you!

Now, I want to write about a different partner of God who are not officially listed as PPPG Team but plays a very important role in our prayer group. These are the people who generously bring breakfast to share prior at our prayer meeting. I notice that someone always brings hard boiled eggs. Whenever I passed by the food tables in front of the kitchen, I would see this big bowl full of hard boiled eggs, and I thought how generous of this lady who took the time to boil eggs, waited for them to cool down and then remove the shell one by one. She could have chosen to bring something ready to serve, but she chooses to prepare hard boiled eggs. This lady chooses to prepare food with great love, while peeling eggs I would imagine she offers it up to God, she intercedes for one soul at the time, and all for the glory of God. What a generous heart!

I will share more stories with you but meanwhile, I hope that through these stories more of us are inspired to allow our generosity to touch others as they have touched so many.

Let us show how generosity is love in action. Join our PPPG Team!

Written on Feb 14, 2020 at 7PM by *Lucy Rodjito*

PRAYER INTENTIONS

March 2020

1 | Ministry of Confession

Father, bless our priest, give them joy in availing themselves to hearing confessions. Let your healing touch and love flow through them. Help the penitents with sincere contrition and firm resolutions to amend their ways. Call all your children to reconciliation. May the parish Lenten Penitential Service be beneficial to all. In Jesus' name we pray through the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

St. Padre Pio, please pray for us!

Would you like to be part of PPPG Team?

Contact Lucy: PPPGVancouver@gmail.com

2 | World Outbreak

Father may the outbreak of the coronavirus be an invitation for us to pray for the suffering Church in China. As Chinese health and political officials struggle to contain the virus may they see our prayers as a global community rooted in Christian charity. In Jesus' name we pray through the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

St. Padre Pio, please pray for us!

3 | Health Care Workers

Father, we adore, praise and thank you for all the health care workers who are currently dealing with

the victims of the coronavirus. Protect them and grant wisdom and healing as the world works to prevent a global epidemic. In Jesus' name we pray through the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

St. Padre Pio, please pray for us!

4 | Priests (who are sick)

Father, we pray for all our priests, those active, sick, retired and those who have left this world. Be merciful to them and bless them. In Jesus' name we pray through the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

St. Padre Pio, please pray for us!

UPCOMING PRAYER MEETING

April 4, 2020 | Church Hall | 09:30AM

Keynote Presenter: Fr. Pierre Leblond, O.P.

Topic: **Overcoming Harmful Worries**

5 | For the Sick

Father, through sin the misery of sickness entered the world, we cry out with a mighty voice of misery. Gracious God, today's sicknesses are more than we can handle, heal and protect us. In Jesus' name we pray through the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

St. Padre Pio, please pray for us!

Do you want us to pray for you?

Email us: PPPG.Prayer.Request@gmail.com