

# Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson

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Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Mondays, Weekends & Stat Holidays – offices are closed. Please contact office to schedule an appointment.



June 21<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – Newsletter

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR A

## WEEKEND AND DAILY MASS TIMES:

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| Weekdays       | Rosary, 7:30 AM   Mass: 8:00 AM  |
| Wednesdays     | Rosary, 4:30 PM   Mass: 5:00 PM<br><i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena to follow Mass</i> |
| Saturdays      | Rosary, 8:30 AM   Mass: 9:00 AM, & 5:00 PM (Vigil, for Sunday)                             |
| Sundays        | Rosary, 8:30 AM   Mass: 9AM, 11 AM, & 5:00 PM  |
| First Friday's | <i>Benediction/Adoration 3:00 PM, Mass 4:00 PM</i>   |

*\*Monday of long weekends & Stat. Holidays: Rosary @ 8:30 AM, Mass @ 9:00 AM*

## RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 10:00–11:00 AM, & 3:45–4:45 PM

If you are unable to attend confession during these times, please call office or an appointment:  
250-762-3910

## MASSES AT CARE HOMES

*Village at Mill Creek* – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 9:45 am  
*Summerwood Retirement Resort* – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 10:00 am  
*Cottonwoods* – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 10:30 am  
*The Dorchester* – Last Tuesday of the month @ 10:00 am

## The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for the Month of June:

For the Values of Sports.

*"Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, of encounter, and lead to dialogue among cultures and nations so that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth."*

## KELOWNA AND AREA HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

For the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick/pastoral emergencies or for end-of-life blessings (Last Rites) please call 250-878-1502 (24/7).

*The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may be received more than once!!*

## Parish Coffee Socials

Sundays after the 9 am mass, there will be coffee in the hall. Coffee Socials are sponsored by the following ICC Ministries as follows:

Week 1 – Knights of Columbus, Breakfast

Week 2 – available

Week 3 – St. Vincent de Paul

Week 4 – Kelowna Right to Life Society

Week 5 – Parish Council

All are welcome!

## St. Vincent's Corner:



Dear parishioners, once again we are in awe at your generosity. We anticipate being able to receive donations for the new thrift store in late August, kindly store your treasures until then. This is an exciting undertaking for us which will provide funds to continue the work we are privileged to be able to do. Thank you and Happy Summer!

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We look forward to meeting you on Sunday June 21 at our coffee social, and remember you can always donate to [icc.ssvp@gmail.com](mailto:icc.ssvp@gmail.com)



## 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION BISHOP GREGORY J. BITTMAN

Join us in celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination of the Most Reverend Gregory J. Bittman, Bishop of Nelson.

Monday, August 17, 2026 | Immaculate Conception Church,  
Kelowna Mass at 5:00 pm | Dinner at 6:30 pm (Parish Hall)

Tickets are \$20/person. Purchase online via the QR code to the right, or visit the parish office for assistance, or pick up hard copy tickets at Loaves & Fishes



**Please be mindful of where you park when visiting the parish. Out of consideration for our neighbours, kindly use the ICC parking lot or city street parking. Thank you for your cooperation!**



## Do You Know Someone who is Curious about the Catholic Faith?

A survey once indicated that almost all RCIA enrollees were invited by a co-worker, friend, or family member. A simple and sincere invitation from a friend is many times all that is needed in their life. For some, becoming Catholic was a means to find what was missing in their daily life. If you know someone who may be looking for the peace that comes through the Catholic faith, I encourage you to extend an invitation to consider the RCIA program (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). There is no cost to attend. For more info, please see Father Maurice, or contact Leanne Hopegood, RCIA Coordinator at 250-762-3910 ext 4 or [leanne.icckelowna@gmail.com](mailto:leanne.icckelowna@gmail.com)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND INJURED:**

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Linda Kirkpatrick           | Juliana Lavell             |
| Chaz                        | Cyslin Isaacs              |
| Neil Herzog                 | Maritess Steiman           |
| Dallas Elliott              | Rhonda Jennens             |
| Loreta Batandolo            | Roy Velmonte               |
| Jason & Mary Angela Newcomb | Justina Mikosa             |
| Ken & Lynda Antao           | Mildred Reyes              |
| Filomena Rotundo            | Kathe Gonzaga Carpena      |
| Ashton Therrien             | Michelle Miller            |
| Bishop Gregory Bittman      | Victor Kovac               |
| Irene Heisler               | Phillip Dos Santos         |
| Lawson                      | Marlene Hughes             |
| Teresa Kovacs               | Dorota Nowak               |
| Elizabeth Downey            | Chinee Fajardo             |
| Maggie Johnstone            | Rosario                    |
| Samuel Jovez                | Luisito & Crispin Clemente |
| Rick Prost                  | Nancy Brisson              |
| Sheila Lowe                 | Ginoefa Diakow             |
| Teresa McGauley             | Rick Lock                  |
| Chiamaka Aghaizu            | Mertis Filiatrault         |
| Josephine Bruch             | Sister Barbara             |
| Diane Lynott                | Candace Gilmore-Stephensen |
| Hazel Csordas               | Anne Engel                 |
| Rihnon Coatsworth           | Aisley Ducharme            |
| Helen Zentner               | Catherine Fortunat         |
| Theresa Kaller              | Michael M                  |
| Kathleen Mayhew             | Trudy Szulkies             |
| Jesse Wilson                | Cherie Lynn Walsh          |
| Bambina Tinto               | Suzanne Crowe              |
| Anne Mould                  | Alicia L                   |
| Rose Harry                  | Arthur & Gudrun Cobham     |
| Adam Gorges                 | Marcus Cresswell           |
| Joyce Tremmel               | Ray Pauluk                 |
| Sandra Park                 | Desjardines Families       |
| Loretta Bouchard            | Rachel Donegan.            |

To add or remove a name from the parish prayer list, kindly contact the Parish Office at 250-762-3910 or email [icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org)

**STEWARDSHIP/WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

|                                |           |                    |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| Weekly Parish Budget           | \$        | 9,544.00           |           |
| Weekly 2026 POF Required       | \$        | 1,300.00           |           |
| Weekly Stewardship Required    | \$        |                    | 10,844.00 |
| Sunday Collections – 06/14/26  | \$        | 8,433.55           |           |
| 2026 POF Received – (Apr. 30)  | \$        | 10,227.25          |           |
| <b>YTD Offerings Shortfall</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>- 20,997.74</b> |           |
| <b>YTD POF Shortfall</b>       | <b>\$</b> | <b>- 22,064.50</b> |           |

**Total YTD Deficit \$ -43,062.24**

Thank you for your generous financial support.  
Your contributions are essential to helping our parish meet its weekly budget and continue serving our community.  
May God bless you!

**MASS INTENTIONS** Repose – R. Intention – I.

|        |        |          |    |  |
|--------|--------|----------|----|--|
| Sat.   | 20-Jun | 9:00 AM  | R. | Armando Chiarello                        |
|        |        | 5:00 PM  | I. | St. Vincent de Paul Families             |
| Sun.   | 21-Jun | 9:00 AM  |    | All Parishioners Intentions              |
|        |        | 11:00 AM |    | All Parishioners Intentions              |
|        |        | 5:00 PM  | R. | Holy Souls in Purgatory                  |
| Mon.   | 22-Jun | 8:00 AM  | I. | Mayhew, Bullock & Khan Families          |
| Tues.  | 23-Jun | 8:00 AM  | R. | Janina Sokolowski                        |
| Wed.   | 24-Jun | 8:00 AM  | I. | Monaco Parker & Family                   |
|        |        | 5:00 PM  | I. | Mathew Kwapinski                         |
| Thurs. | 25-Jun | 8:00 PM  | I. | Grant Fuergutz                           |
| Fri.   | 26-Jun | 8:00 AM  | R. | Leoncio Gulle Sr.                        |
|        |        |          |    | † † † † † † †                            |
| Sat.   | 27-Jun | 9:00 AM  | I. | Eileen & Martin Collins                  |
|        |        | 5:00 PM  | R. | Holy Souls in Purgatory                  |
| Sun.   | 28-Jun | 9:00 AM  |    | All Parishioners Intentions              |
|        |        | 11:00 AM |    | All Parishioners Intentions              |
|        |        | 5:00 PM  | I. | Betty Bolton                             |
| Mon.   | 29-Jun | 8:00 AM  | R. | Deceased members of the Chiarello Family |
| Tues.  | 30-Jun | 8:00 AM  | R. | Denise Cire                              |
| Wed.   | 01-Jul | 8:00 AM  | I. | Margarette and Leo Zuccato               |
|        |        | 5:00 PM  | R. | Kazimiera Soban                          |
| Thurs. | 02-Jul | 8:00 PM  | I. | Jessie Kosell                            |
| Fri.   | 03-Jul | 8:00 AM  | I. | Marty Collins                            |
|        |        | 4:00 PM  | I. | Knights of Columbus                      |



*Knights of Columbus Corner*



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Calling all men 18 and over to join the Pandosy KofC Council  
**FREE 1-YEAR ON-LINE MEMBERSHIP**

You can enjoy the benefits of being a Knights of Columbus Member, including Accidental Death Benefit and the famous Columbia Magazine. Go to: [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus)  
Promo Code: BLESSEDMCGIVNEY

After joining, please check your INBOX for confirmation.

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Contact [pandosy2558@gmail.com](mailto:pandosy2558@gmail.com)

There will be a Vocation Live-In on the weekend of July 4-5 at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC. Anyone wishing to enter the Seminary in the next couple of years is welcome. For more information phone 604-826-8975 or email [rector.minors@sck.ca](mailto:rector.minors@sck.ca)



**SEMINARY OF CHRIST THE KING**

**Catholic Book Sale & Breakfast Sunday, July 5 – ICC Main Hall**

The ICC Knights of Columbus are hosting a Catholic Book Sale & Breakfast on **July 5, 2026**. Browse a great selection of used and new Catholic books from **10am–3pm**. Cash, cheque, or e-transfer only. The Knights will be serving **breakfast by donation from 9:30am–1:00pm**, with coffee by donation continuing until 3:00pm. All proceeds support ICC Parish ministry and hall upkeep.

To donate books or for questions, contact Charlie Parker at 604-803-0833 or [cparkerr@gmail.com](mailto:cparkerr@gmail.com).



## ANNIVERSARY DINNER / DANCE

Join Bill & Paulet for our annual Anniversary Dinner & Dance as we honour all couples celebrating wedding anniversaries this year.

Whether you're marking a milestone or simply looking for a great night out... come and enjoy a wonderful meal, lively music, and time with our parish community. Adults 19+ are welcome.

Friday July 24<sup>th</sup>

Doors open @ 6:00/refreshments

Dinner @ 6:30 🎵 Dancing to follow!

Live music by Vic Dance Band 🎸 🥁 🎷 🎹 🎺 🎻

Tickets are \$45 /person & available through Loaves & Fishes!

**Event tickets must be presented at main door for entry.**

A garage door opener was found in the Church parking lot on Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup>. Please see the Sacristan on Sunday or visit the ICC office during office hours.



Come and celebrate with us the  
**SILVER JUBILEE** for  
Rev. Fr. Paul John Irumba  
July 7, 2001 - July 7, 2026

Sacred Heart Parish, Golden, BC cordially invites you to celebrate the Priestly Silver Jubilee of Rev. Fr. Paul John Irumba Abwooli to take place Tuesday July 7, 2026 @ 4:00 PM

The deadline for dinner tickets has passed, but your attendance at the Mass would be most appreciated. For further details contact the Golden Parish:

Email: [golden@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:golden@nelsondiocese.org) or Phone: 250 344 6328

808 11th St., South P.O. Box 289 Golden B.C V0A-1H0

or [etransfer.shpgolden@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etransfer.shpgolden@nelsondiocese.org)

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Greeting cards and gifts for Father Paul John Irumba's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration may be dropped off at the Church or ICC office by July 6<sup>th</sup> for free delivery to Father Paul John.

## Soccer with the Seminarians

Boys in Grades 7-11 and their dads are invited to a fun afternoon of soccer with the Minor Seminarians from Christ the King in Mission, BC. Join us on **Saturday, June 28 from 1:00-2:30 PM** at the Our Lady of Lourdes gym. A pizza lunch will be provided.



## DIOCESE OF NELSON PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL 839 Sutherland Avenue



The Adoration Chapel is seeking overnight spares for the 10pm to 6am hours. Please contact the info below.

Email: [adorationkelowna@gmail.com](mailto:adorationkelowna@gmail.com)

Contact: Luke Mitton - Text/Telephone: 778-214-0680

## STEWARDSHIP FOR ICC



### WAYS TO DONATE:

- QR Code.
- Regular offerings/collection envelopes.
- Pre-Authorized giving (PAG).
- e-Transfer: [etransfer.icc@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etransfer.icc@nelsondiocese.org)  
In the message box indicate that you want your donation to go to Sunday Collection, or a Special Collection.
- Mail your Offerings

Please call or email our offices to register with our parish, to arrange for weekly ICC Offerings Envelopes, or for SAG information, 250-762-3910 | [icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org)

Our parish has a Formed subscription!  
Sign-up information is in the church entrance!



To find this week's featured content, visit <https://watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed> or scan the QR Code to download the Formed app to your phone or device!

FORMED

### WEEK OF JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2026

- ✚ Saint Thomas More: The Age of the Author  
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582679/>
- ✚ The Nativity of John the Baptist  
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1608898/>
- ✚ St. Cyril of Alexandria | Catholic Saints  
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/2760680/>



## OKANAGAN CATHOLIC FAMILY CAMP 2026

Camp Winfield, Lake Country from September 11-13, 2026!  
This year's camp features BBQs and breakfast, pool and waterslide, campfire and social, teen, tween, and young adult programming, Saturday Night Mass, and a talent show.

Our Keynote Speaker is Deacon Rod Attwell, with special guests AJ Barrow (Youth Ministry) and Fr. Kenneth LeBlanc of the Legionaries of Christ.

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Registration is open May 15 - June 30:

Regular Rate: \$325/family

Non-Camping Day Rate: \$200/family or \$100/day

Young Adult Rate: \$50/weekend or \$25/day (free if volunteering)

Register online at [www.okanagancatholic.ca](http://www.okanagancatholic.ca) Connect with us on

Facebook: [facebook.com/okanagancatholicfamilycamp](https://facebook.com/okanagancatholicfamilycamp)

## OUR PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORIES HAVE ARRIVED!

If your family had a photo taken for the directory and have not picked it up, please come to the parish office during business hours to pick up your copy. Unfortunately, we do not have extra directories available at this time for those who did not have their photo taken.



## FALL 2026 PASTORAL CARE TRAINING SESSION

### Diocese of Victoria Pastoral Care Training Fall 2026

*"God calls us to touch the lives of our aging, lonely, ill, palliative and dying sisters and brothers with accompaniment, kindness and compassion as the hands and face of Christ. In these sessions, you learn basic tools necessary to accompany those who are in need of the healing ministry of Christ."* – Most Reverend Gary Gordon, Bishop of Victoria

The valuable and free Pastoral Care Outreach Training series will be offered online this winter. The training is open to spouse caregivers, family members who care for their loved ones, clergy and religious, care aides and others in the health industry, and anyone who is personally drawn to learn basic tools necessary to accompany those who are in need of the healing ministry of Christ.

Nine sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon, **starting on September 26 and running until November 28, 2026** (with no session on October 10). Missed session can be made-up, and a Certificate of Completion is provided to those who complete all nine sessions. Participants will require a phone number and email address, a computer, tablet or smart phone with speakers, microphone and webcam, a reliable Internet connection, and access to Zoom. **Please register through your parish by September 17, 2026.** For further information, please email [moiraking@shaw.ca](mailto:moiraking@shaw.ca)



Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria



**Ozanam House**  
HOME · HEALTH · HOPE

### Community Appreciation BBQ – Ozanam House

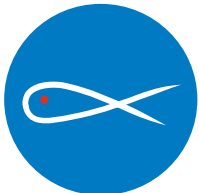
Ozanam House invites Kelowna's service providers to a casual thank-you BBQ celebrating those who support recovery, mental health, addictions, and homelessness work in our community.

**When:** Wednesday, July 8, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Where:** Ozanam House, 2629 Richter Street (enter off the back alleyway)

**Menu:** Grilled burgers (meat and veggie), salads, and refreshments

Enjoy lunch, connect with fellow practitioners and case managers, and celebrate the collective good being done across the region. RSVP to [jamie@ozanamhouse.com](mailto:jamie@ozanamhouse.com) and note any dietary restrictions.



**Society of  
Saint Vincent de Paul**

## Celebrate 50 Years of Loaves and Fishes



We are filled with gratitude as we reach a momentous milestone in our community. Please join us to celebrate the **50th Anniversary** of Loaves and Fishes!

For half a century, this ministry has been a testament to our local Catholic Book and Supply store's commitment to serving the community and those in need. We want to honor the volunteers, and supporters who have made this mission possible since 1976.

**When:** Saturday, July 11th, 2026

**Time:** Immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass

**Where:** The Parish Hall at Immaculate Conception Church

Come enjoy refreshments, share stories of our history, and **FREE** gifts to the first **250 people** as we look forward to the future of our service together. We look forward to celebrating this golden anniversary with our entire parish families.

**NOW HIRING**  
**AWESOME**  
**THRIFT**  
**STORE**  
**MANAGER**

**SALARY RANGE \$55K - \$85K/YR**

Send your Resume & References to [jamie@ozanamhouse.ca](mailto:jamie@ozanamhouse.ca)

COMING SOON TO KELLOWNA, BC

**Vincent**  
THRIFT STORE

100% CHARITABLE THRIFT STORE

A project of the Okanagan Valley



Society of  
Saint Vincent de Paul

## Catholic Women's League

OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Renew your membership or become a new member - Perks include:  
Monthly social gatherings, lots of prayers, quarterly newsletter,  
friendship, community + more!

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Ladies 16 and older are eligible for full memberships. Kids of all ages  
are always welcome with their mother/guardian & are encouraged to  
participate!

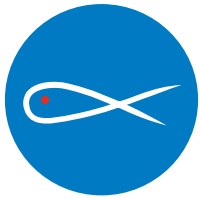
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Questions/e-transfer info? Contact Monaco Parker:  
250-300-7773/[cmparkerfamily@gmail.com](mailto:cmparkerfamily@gmail.com)

## CHEZ Vincent

THRIFT STORE

UPDATE: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has finally secured a  
space for their 100% Charitable Chez Vincent Thrift Store. Hooray!!  
While we would love to, we are not authorized to disclose the exact  
location for a few months as current tenants require time to vacate  
their premises. Also, it is very important to prevent unauthorized  
donation drop-offs. In the meantime, we are still seeking volunteers  
with construction management and trades skills for some demolition  
work and leasehold improvements.



## Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

## Evangelical Gardens

Our EVANGELICAL GARDENS are blooming with the  
artistry and perseverance of Mary Jane, our devoted volunteer  
gardener. You can assist her with:

1. Donation of flats of bedding plants.  
All colors & varieties appreciated.  
Costco, Independent, Superstore... all stock!
2. Time to help weed.

Thank you for your "hands on" support! 🌸 🌿 🍷

*If you would like to contribute towards ICC's  
Sanctuary floral displays please see a Sacristan or please  
put your donation in the donations box marked "Flowers"  
near the Sacristy (left of the sanctuary/altar).*

*Thank you for your kind support.*



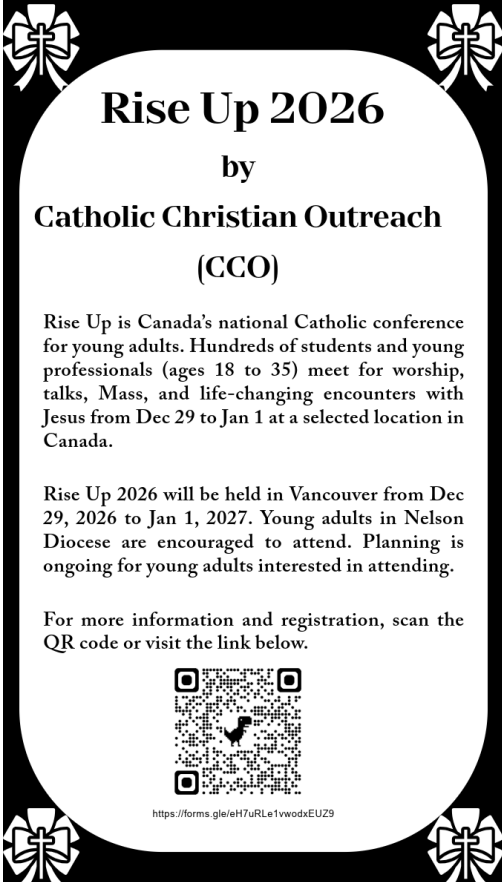
Grief to Grace is a program rooted in our  
Catholic faith. Designed to express the  
healing ministry of Jesus Christ, it is an  
integrated healing process of the body,  
mind, and spirit using the principles of trauma-informed care. It  
helps those who have endured abuse to find healing for neglect,  
abandonment, physical, emotional, sexual, clerical, and spiritual  
abuse, whether in childhood, adolescence, or as an adult.

The next retreat in Canada is **September 22 - 27, 2026 in Kelowna.**

For more information, please email [griefftoGracekelowna@gmail.com](mailto:griefftoGracekelowna@gmail.com)  
or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

The deadline for the intake process is **June 15.**

To view the retreat website visit <https://www.griefftoGracecanada.org/>




## Rise Up 2026

by  
**Catholic Christian Outreach**  
(CCO)

Rise Up is Canada's national Catholic conference  
for young adults. Hundreds of students and young  
professionals (ages 18 to 35) meet for worship,  
talks, Mass, and life-changing encounters with  
Jesus from Dec 29 to Jan 1 at a selected location in  
Canada.

Rise Up 2026 will be held in Vancouver from Dec  
29, 2026 to Jan 1, 2027. Young adults in Nelson  
Diocese are encouraged to attend. Planning is  
ongoing for young adults interested in attending.

For more information and registration, scan the  
QR code or visit the link below.



<https://forms.gle/eH7uRLe1vwodxEU29>



## SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES (OCDS)

### *Come and See!!*

The members of the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites, under  
the protection of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, in the biblical  
tradition of the prophet Elijah and inspired by the teachings of St.  
Teresa of Jesus and St. John of the Cross, seek to deepen their  
Christian commitment received in baptism.

For more information call Loretta at 250-448-5633  
or Doug at 613-363-8246