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Thanksgiving Mass

Dear friends,

The annual Copper Ridge thanksgiving Mass was held on the last Sunday of August at the site of the future Copper Ridge Conference Centre at Britannia Beach. The big turnout to this year's thanksgiving mass (nearly 400 people) shows that this event has become a well-established fixture.

Monsignor Frederick Dolan, the regional vicar of Opus Dei in Canada, celebrated the Mass. In his homily he stressed the impact that the Copper Ridge Conference Centre will have for many generations to come thanks to the life-changing decisions that will be made during retreats at Copper Ridge. We cannot imagine the importance of the generosity and hard work of all who are helping to make the Conference Centre a reality.

To illustrate the point, Msgr. Dolan recounted the story of an elderly priest who was asked whether, as he looked back over more than 70 years as a priest, his life of self-giving dedication had been what he expected. His response was powerful. He said, "Somewhere, a thousand years ago there was a priest, no one knows his name, no one remembers that he even existed. But because of his fidelity to his calling,

centuries later I came to know Jesus Christ. Somewhere a thousand years from now, a young couple will bring their child to the baptismal font to receive the new life of Christ. It will be because of me!”.

Our efforts to build the conference centre will produce similar echoes in the future.

A big thank-you to the team that made this mass possible and to all of you who made the trek to join us in this celebration. Please continue to pray for the coming stages of the construction of this important instrument. Pictures of the Mass are available [here](#) thanks to Carlo Bugash.

Best regards,

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NB We look forward to seeing you at the [fundraising dinner](#). If you have not yet purchased your ticket you can do it online [here](#).

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