



Bishops' Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada

Today, a special collection is held in parish communities across the country to support the pastoral work of the bishops nationally and internationally. Known as the Bishops' Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada, this collection helps dioceses pay their annual contribution to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB).

Founded more than 65 years ago, the CCCB is the assembly of all the Bishops of Canada, including those of the Eastern Catholic Churches. In addition to assisting in consultations with the Holy Father and the various departments of the Holy See, the CCCB works in close partnership with other Episcopal Conferences around the world, and in particular with those in the Americas. Through the work of its commissions and committees, it is involved in the issues that affect the life of the Church today and shape society.

The Bishops of Canada wish to thank you in advance for your generosity.

Communication to our Faith Community regarding the H1N1 Flu Virus

For the last several months, the Archdiocese of Toronto has been in regular communication with health officials to determine whether or not it is necessary to alter our liturgical practices, in light of current concerns regarding the spread of H1N1 influenza. To date, we have been informed that this is not required. It is important, however, that we remain diligent with preventative measures. We need to take note of the following reminders from our health officials:

- Good hand hygiene is the best way to prevent the spread of all flu viruses. Wash your hands with soap and water thoroughly and often.
- Keep an alcohol-based hand sanitizer (gel or wipes) handy at work, home and in your car. It needs to be at least 60% alcohol to be effective.

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and dispose of tissue. Cough into your upper sleeve if you don't have a tissue.
- Stay home when you are feeling sick or have a fever out of respect for those around you.
- Keep common surfaces and items clean and disinfected.

In addition to these general recommendations from the health officials, I would ask everyone to be attentive to some particular points relating to our celebration of the liturgy:

- Parishes may wish to provide hand cleaning stations near the entrances to the church.
- Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are especially reminded of the need to practice good hand hygiene.
- Ministers of Holy Communion should always wash their hands before Mass begins. In some parishes, as a further precaution, hands are cleaned before and after distributing Holy Communion.
- The faithful should be instructed that if they feel ill, have a fever, or have been sick in recent days, they certainly should not receive communion on the tongue or from the cup. Of course, as noted above, if they are ill they really should stay home.
- The Sign of Peace is an important part of our liturgical celebration. The usual custom is to express the Sign of Peace by shaking hands. It may, however, be preferable, especially in our present circumstances, to use another gesture, for example, by bowing and perhaps saying "Peace be with you."

We will continue to monitor the situation and, if necessary, adopt additional measures. Updates and additional resources regarding the situation can be accessed online at: www.archtoronto.org/flu.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ Thomas Collins

WOMENS' WEEKEND RETREAT FOR CWL MEMBERS

October 30-November 1, 2009 at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga

"Women of Peace and Hope" will be plumbed more deeply by the Retreat House Team of Oblate priests and Mrs. Anne Hales.

Is the Spirit inviting you to a deeper awareness of the presence of God in your everyday life? Through sharing with one another, an opportunity is present to promote personal growth and develop friendships with your CWL sisters. Come away to a peaceful place and let Jesus speak to your soul.

For further information or to register please call Anne at 905-278-5229.

Theology of the Body Conference: Discovering the Master Plan of your life: Come and discover the great gift that Pope John Paul II gave to the world called the *Theology of the Body*. This profound teaching is a contemporary vision for life, offering a "new lens" through which to authentically see ourselves, our Faith, our relationships and the world around us.

Date: Friday, October 16, 2009 from 7:00p.m.—9:30 p.m. continuing Saturday, October 17, 2009 from 8:00a.m.—4:30 p.m. at: Canada Christian College 50 Gervais Drive Toronto, Ontario Cost \$40.00

Presented by Christopher West, music by Critical Mass. Archbishop Thomas Collins will celebrate Mass on Saturday morning.

Registration: stbreg@gmail.com or www.godsexandthmeaningoflife.com

By Phone: 416-481-5465 (Natural Family Planning Association)



Masses For The Week

Sat. Sept. 26 - 5:00pm

+John White

req. by Joan Morris & Family

Mon. Sept 28 – 8:20am

+Janina Malyjasiak

req. by David Courtney

Wed. Sept. 30 – 7:00pm

+In Thanksgiving

req. by Evangeline Davidson

Thu. Oct. 1 – 8:20am

+Janez Donko

req. by His Wife & Family

Fri. Oct. 2 – 8:20am

+Special Intention

req. by A Parishioner

Sat. Oct. 3 – 5:00pm

+Robert Griffin

req. by The Guimond Family



Please remember in your prayers this week, our parishioners and family who are ill, and those who care for them:

RAY HAYES, LINA SPENCER,
ASHLEY HUININK, FRANK PLUE
NELLIE WYDEVEN.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

Welcome to the Catholic Womens League. Please come and join us at our table for Our Wine & Cheese Evening on Monday September 28th, 2009. This is open to all women in our Parish. Come and join us for a fun evening of new ideas for our league. Please call Carolyn Meaney, if you have any questions or if you need transportation to the meeting (905) 668-9175.

Life Chain Sunday

October 4, 2009 2pm - 3pm

Dundas St. E and Thickson, Whitby

Please join us to witness for the millions of unborn lost in Canada through abortion and to silently and prayerfully intercede to the Lord to end abortion and heal our nation. We meet at the south-east corner at 1:50pm. For further information call (905) 666-1888.

Healing Mass

Everyone is welcome to a special Mass of healing and prayers on Wednesday, September 30th at 7pm at St. Gregory's Church, celebrated by Fr. Tom Lynch.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

For **GRADE 8 STUDENTS**

Confirmation is a sacrament that continues the welcome and belonging that began with Baptism and continued with Eucharist. Confirmation deepens our relationship to God and strengthens us to live lives of faith and mission. We invite the young people of our parish and their parents to attend the Registration Session on Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

Please bring a photocopy of your child's Baptism Certificate and \$30 in cash or cheque to cover the expenses of the program, such as crosses, journals, retreat day with lunch and Confirmation gowns.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Linda Pilon at the parish office.

Youth Group –

WANTED Youth Ministers

Would you like to empower our youth to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today? Can you help draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission and work of the faith community? Would you like to foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person? Then we need you! We are looking for two parishioners to take over from our out-going ministers, Lynne & Rose. We meet two Sundays a month, in addition to our service projects. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Lynne Childerhouse at 905-668-5206 or Rose Tyms at 905-668-0023.



Next Weekend is Social Sunday October 4th. Please join us in the Parish Centre for refreshments after Mass.

Feed the Hungry Program

Pick up a container and follow the recipe instructions provided. The containers will be served at St. Vincent Pallotti Kitchen.



**DID YOU KNOW?
DOES YOUR CHILD ATTEND PUBLIC,
PRIVATE OR ALTERNATIVE
SCHOOL?
DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR CHILD
MUST ATTEND
PARISH HOME CATECHISM CLASSES
AT THE PARISH FROM GRADE 1-8
IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE
SACRAMENTS OF
FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST
EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION?**

**PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE OR
CONTACT CHRISTINE HANNON AT
905-444-9913 FOR INFORMATION.**

Oktoberfest

Dinner & Dance

Saturday October 24, 2009

Knights Hall 133 Brock St N, Whitby

Doors open at 6:30pm

Featuring Bavarian food & beers

Dancing to the music of

The Usual Suspects

Tickets \$25.00 each

(Reserved table with group purchase of 6 or more tickets)

Contact Len / Sharon

905-668-6723 or

lenshar@rogers.com

Looking Ahead

Mon. Sept 28

CWL Wine & Cheese Night, PC main

Wed. Sept 30

6:00 – 6:50pm PHCP, Gr 1-8, PC all,
St. Jos/St. Alb Rms

7:30 – 8:30 pm Baptism Preparation,
PC #1

Sat Oct 3/Sun. Oct 4

5:00pm, 9:00am, 11:00am

First Eucharist, Rite of Enrolment

Sun Oct 4

9am & 11am Social Sunday after

Mass