

**Pastor's
Corner**

Dear Friends in Christ, recently the Halton Catholic School Board voted to stop raising funds for charities and organizations that were not in keeping with the principle of Catholic mission. In particular, they refused to give donations to any institutions that did not uphold the sanctity of life from conception to natural death, including any charities or non-profits that “publicly support, either directly or indirectly, abortion, contraception, sterilization, euthanasia, or embryonic stem cell research.” Their actions were not only courageous (given that they were going to experience many forms of oppositions against their decision) but also in conformity with the Church’s moral and social teachings.

Just a few days ago, the Office of Public Relations & Communications from the Archdiocese of Toronto issued a statement from Thomas Cardinal Collins regarding Canadian Catholic Organization for Development & Peace. The full statement reads: “Since 1967, the Catholic bishops of Canada have entrusted the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development & Peace (CCODP) with the mandate of working in developing countries to support projects that reflect the social justice mission of the Catholic Church. We also rely on CCODP, as the Canadian member of the Vatican’s humanitarian relief network, Caritas Internationalis, to channel emergency funds when disaster strikes.

In the Archdiocese of Toronto, many donors and volunteers faithfully contribute to this important work. I am grateful for their continued support of our brothers and sisters in need.

In 2009, due to concerns about problematic partners in numerous countries, I announced that the Archdiocese of Toronto would require CCODP to provide greater scrutiny of its projects with overseas partners to ensure that they are consistent with Catholic teaching. CCODP is a significant recipient of funds collected as part of our annual ShareLife appeal. We consider our relationship with our donors to be that of a sacred trust. It was therefore also communicated to CCODP that funding from the Archdiocese of Toronto would require letters of endorsement from a local Catholic bishop or bishops’ conference to ensure that projects and partners were appropriately vetted at the local level and certified to be in harmony with our faith. This process has continued for almost a decade. Our donors’ funds have not been disbursed until these assurances were provided.

A recent review of CCODP partners, conducted by representatives of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB), has produced alarming concerns about dozens of overseas organizations. We anticipate a more detailed report on the situation in the coming months. In the interim, we will be withholding our 2018 allocation to CCODP until more information is provided to the CCCC. **As CCODP is the development arm established by the Catholic bishops, it is critical to ensure that it allocates no funds to projects or groups that operate contrary to the moral and social teachings of the church** (my emphasis).” Cardinal Thomas Collins Archbishop of Toronto April 11, 2018. [Additional information: A statement by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on questions concerning CCODP partners can be found at: bit.ly/cccbccodpapr18].

Many Catholics today make innumerable donations to various organizations based on noble intent, goodwill, and with the belief that their respective chosen organizations are compliant and in conformity with the Church’s teachings. Both the Halton Board’s decision to withhold funds to certain organizations and the Cardinal’s recent letter has revealed that isn’t always the case. If you are giving to any organizations (especially secular, non-Catholic ones), don’t be afraid to ask some questions: How are my funds being used? What type of programs are they supporting? Are these programs in conformity with our Faith? Etc.... Although sharing our resources is an important dimension of our religious duties, nevertheless, as Catholics, we should ensure that we are giving in a responsible manner, that is, we are only contributing to those organizations that are in conformity with our church’s moral and social teachings.

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Monday: April 23rd

8:00am - †Deceased Members of the Thuraisingham Family
7:00pm - †Rose Djolanga

Tuesday: April 24th

8:00am - †Eugene & Antonette Ricard
7:00pm - †Nicola & Eufemia Mantenuto

Wednesday: April 25th

8:00am - †Luis & Gisela Quero
7:00pm - †Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday: April 26th

8:00am - †Rosalia Bumanglag
7:00pm - †Tonino Di Biase (1month)

Friday: April 27th

8:00am - †Holy Souls in Purgatory
7:00pm - †Lucy & Philip Joseph

Saturday: April 28th

8:30am - †Rosy Coelho
5:00pm - For the People of Our Parish

Sunday: April 29th

9:00am - †Felicia Martin
10:30am - †Francesco & Maria Di Placido
12:00pm - In Thanksgiving Joseph & Stella Ghosal

“Two works of mercy set a person free: forgive and you will be forgiven, and give and you will receive.”
- St. Augustine

Eucharistic Adoration



Our parish has Eucharistic Adoration in the church every Friday from 8:30am to 7pm. Can you spare a few moments from your busy schedule to come and spend some time before Jesus in prayer and adoration?



WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Last Week's Collection \$2,983.00
Building Fund \$ 440.00

Thank You For Your Generosity

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Today's readings are especially poignant to the western world. North American culture is oversaturated with marketing. Advertisers promote the message that if we buy their products, we will be complete. Most of us have experienced the disappointment of a newly purchased item falling short of our expectations.

Today's readings, especially the Gospel, contrast God's true love with worldly promises of love that fade. Jesus uses the analogy of the Good Shepherd and compares his authentic concern for the flock with that of the hired help who only care about their pay cheque. They flee the scene at the first sign of danger, leaving the sheep to fend for themselves. This message is also present in the other readings. In the first reading, from Acts, Peter states that "there is no salvation in no one else." To put our faith in others, whether they be advertisers or celebrities, will lead to disappointment. In Psalm 118, the psalmist praises God who has protected him when all else failed.

God promises us a greater love than we can imagine. As the ultimate sign of this, he sent Christ into the world to call us. During this Easter season, and today on the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we pray that Jesus' message will be embraced by all people searching for immortal and timeless love.

(Andrew Hume, Living With Christ)

Gesù è il dono del Padre. Chi è veramente Gesù? Niente come l'antitesi tra il Buon Pastore e il mercenario ce lo fa capire. In cosa si differenziano radicalmente le due figure?

Non certo per il ruolo che, all'apparenza, sembra il medesimo. Li oppone e li divide la natura intima del rapporto con le pecore: la non appartenenza per il mercenario e l'appartenenza per il pastore. Se le pecore non ti appartengono te ne vai quando arriva il lupo e le lasci alla sua mercé.

Se sei un mercenario non t'importa delle pecore e non ti importa perché non le conosci. Non le conosci "per esperienza", non le conosci per amore: esse non sono tue.

E da che cosa si vede se sono tue? Che dai la vita per loro. Gesù dà la vita per noi. È lui che ce la dà, tiene a precisare, nessuno gliela toglie. Lui, solo lui, ha il potere di offrire la sua vita e di riprenderla di nuovo. In questo sta la sua autorevolezza, nel potere dell'impotenza, a cui Dio nella morte si è volontariamente esposto.

Gli uomini possono seguire Gesù solo in forza di questa sua autorevolezza. Per essa ne conoscono la voce, subiscono il fascino della sua Presenza, si dispongono alla sequela. Solo nel vivere questa appartenenza il cristiano diventa a sua volta autorevole, cioè capace di incontrare l'altro, di amarlo e di dar la sua vita per lui. L'appartenenza fa essere eco fragile e tenace della sua Presenza e suscita la nostalgia di poterlo incontrare.



ShareLife

Today is ShareLife Sunday!

Living the Gospel by providing for those in need...

"One of the core components of our Pastoral Plan is Catholic Outreach in Justice and Love. As a Catholic community we are called to be the hands and face of Jesus in our communities. ShareLife is a tangible way we can put the Gospel value to 'love one another as I have loved you' into action. I invite all parishioners to support the mission work of the church by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife."

- Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

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Thank you for your generosity**

Vocations Corner...

World Day of Prayer for Vocations which is observed on Sunday, April 22nd, is also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday."

The purpose of this day is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. The Church needs good leaders as well, leaders who will unselfishly care for the needs of God's people and minister to them.

If you feel God is calling you to a life of service, please call **Fr. Christ Lemieux, Vocation Office,**

Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca



OLA Youth

Are you in grade 6, 7, or 8?



All students in **grade 6 - 8** are welcome to our next **EDGE Night** on **Friday, April 27th**, from 7pm - 9pm.

LIFE TEEN *All grades 9 - 12 are invited!*

All Teens in grade 9 - 12 are welcome to our next **Life Night** on **Saturday, May 5th**.

'Life Teen' begins with the **5:00pm Mass**

6:00pm: Dinner (in the parish hall)

6:30pm - 8:30pm: Life Night

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For youth ministry info, please contact 905-677-4615 or email: OLAYouthministry@hotmail.com

OLA Young Adults

Programs and Events for ages 19 - 39.

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