

CLERGY NEWS

Clergy Changes

IN RESIDENCE

- Rev. Timothy MacDonald, SA – March 1, 2018
Paul Wattson Friary
15 Laxton Ave., Toronto, M6K 1K8
416-537-0327
- Rev. John Matheson, SJ – December 1, 2017
Rene Goupil House
2315 Liverpool Rd., Pickering, L1X 1V4

NEW ADDRESS

- Rev. Austin Francis, OFM – March 1, 2018
Holy Name Parish, Toronto
- Rev. Jobby Muppathiyil Joseph – March 15, 2018
St. Monica's Parish, Toronto

NEW E-MAIL/WEBSITE

- Our Lady of La Vang Vietnamese Community, Mississauga
E-mail: cddmlavang@gmail.com

CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS TO ARCHDIOCESAN DIRECTORY

The parish address and contact information for St. Josephine Bakhita Parish is as follows:

- St. Josephine Bakhita Parish
3200 Thomas St.
Mississauga, ON L5M 0V6
Phone: 905-826-1143
Fax: 905-826-0489

The e-mail and website remain the same. The mailing address for the parish is the same, as below:

3600 Forest Bluff Crescent, Mississauga, L5N 7W2

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Editor's Note

Please be reminded that the deadline for Sign-Up Sunday submissions is this upcoming Tuesday, March 20. Parish coordinators have been provided with a specific Microsoft Excel template for data entry. Once complete, please send to vanessasr@archtoronto.org. Thanks again for your support!

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

Office of Spiritual Affairs

Re: Obligatory Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

From: Fr. Ivan Camilleri, Chancellor of Spiritual Affairs

On March 3, 2018, the Holy See announced that Pope Francis has decreed that Monday following Pentecost Sunday will be observed annually as an Obligatory Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church.

The liturgical texts to be employed for this Obligatory Memorial are the same as those previously approved by the Holy See for the Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary found in the Roman Missal for Votive Mass 10 B, page 1337.

Below are links to the Decree signed by His Eminence Robert Cardinal Sarah, Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, dated February 11, 2018, as well his commentary concerning same:

[Ecclesiae Mater Decree](#)

[Ecclesiae Mater Commentary](#)

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Office of Formation for Discipleship

Re: Subsidies from Family of Faith to hire Lay Pastoral Associates

From: Fr. Chris Cauchi, Director

The Office of Formation for Discipleship is accepting applications from parishes in financial need to receive subsidies from *Family of Faith* to hire Lay Pastoral Associates (LPAs). Subsidies cover up to 50 per cent of an LPA's salary (excluding benefits and ministry costs) for up to three years. Sample job descriptions, policies, application and other relevant information are available on the [office website](#). Pastors are invited to submit their applications by the end of March 2018 and will receive an answer from the allocations committee by the end of April 2018. Please feel free to contact Fr. Chris Cauchi at 416-934-3400, x520 or ccauchi@archtoronto.org should you have any questions.

Re: Day of Prayer, Reflection and Fellowship for Parish Staff and Volunteers

From: Rebecca Spellacy, Associate Director, Liturgy

All parish staff and volunteers involved in parish ministry are invited to attend one of two days of prayer, reflection and fellowship on Saturday, April 14 or Saturday, May 5. Each day will run from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The cost to attend is \$20 and will include lunch.

For more information on the retreat leaders and topics and to register, please see the [poster](#) or go to www.bit.ly/workshopsTO

Please help us get the word out to as many parishioners involved in ministry as possible by including, if possible, the above invitation in the parish bulletin and other forms of communication. If you have any questions or with more information, please contact Rebecca at rsPELLACY@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3400, ext. 525.

Re: Neophyte Mass

From: Rebecca Spellacy, Associate Director, Liturgy

All those to be initiated at Easter, along with their Godparents, sponsors and other members of their parish community are invited to attend the Neophyte Mass, which will be celebrated on Sunday, April 22 at Saint Michael's Cathedral Basilica with Cardinal Collins presiding. Please keep all those who are preparing for their initiation into the Catholic Church in your prayers. If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca at rsPELLACY@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3400, ext. 525.

Re: Online Faith Formation Study Opportunity

From: Connie Price, Manager, Online Catechist Formation Programme

Registration is open for the next cycle of online faith formation courses, offered through the Archdiocesan partnership with the University of Dayton. This opportunity is available to all members of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Course Dates: April 8 – May 12

Areas of study include: Parish Ministry to those with Special Needs; Adult Faith Formation; Administration in Ministry; Youth Ministry; Scripture; Prayer; Morality; Church History and more.

For more information, go to <http://bit.ly/OnlineFaithFormationCourses> or contact Connie Price at cprice@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3400, ext. 513. **Registration closes on April 4.**

Re: Archdiocese of Toronto Online Catechist Formation Programme

From: Connie Price, Manager, Online Catechist Formation Programme

Registration is now open for the Online Catechist Formation Programme, run by the Office of Formation for Discipleship. The Programme begins on April 8. Prerequisites are the Pastor's approval, and the registrant's commitment to participate in both online courses and group gatherings. For full details, go to:

www.bit.ly/workshopsTO or contact Connie Price at cprice@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3400, ext. 513.

Re: Survey on Adult Faith Formation

From: Connie Price, Manager, Online Catechist Formation Programme

The CCCB Office for Evangelization and Catechesis has designed a survey for all who are involved in adult faith formation, that is, in the work of evangelization and catechesis. If you have not already received this survey from another source, please take a few moments to open and complete it. The survey will remain online until Friday, 23 March 2018. There is a fuller explanation of the survey once you click on the link.

The survey can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3WSJBBF>.

Re: ArchToronto Family Ministry Network Meeting – DATE CHANGE

From: Racquel Sevilla, Associate Director, Family Life & Special Projects

Our next meeting, originally scheduled on March 22 has been moved to April 25. See the original invitation and updated date below. Looking forward to seeing you in April!

Are you a parish leader who supports and engages families? Whether you have a thriving family ministry or are considering starting one, this network meeting can assist your efforts by connecting you with peers for support and sharing of information on programs, practices and resources for family ministry.

We are pleased to feature a couple of presentations:

- Dr. Alfred Yuen from the Archdiocese's Office of Formation for Discipleship on **Serving Families with Children with Special Needs**
- Tess Bondoc from Holy Family Parish Whitby on **Building Community with Families**

You will also have the opportunity to share and gather information to assist you in your ministry.

When: **Wednesday, April 25, 2018** (was originally Thursday, March 22, 2018), **5:30 to 8 p.m.** Light dinner and networking start at 5:30 p.m.

Where: **Catholic Pastoral Centre**, 4th Floor, Room 4B, 1155 Yonge St., Toronto M4T 1W2 or via **webinar**

We look forward to your participation! For any questions or to register, please email your first and last name, parish, and role to rsevilla@archtoronto.org by **April 20**. Invite a colleague and RSVP early as space is limited. Please indicate if you will be attending in-person or via webinar, and any dietary restrictions or accommodation needs. Unable to attend but are interested in how our office can support you? Please contact us.

Re: Workshops on the Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

From: Porfirio Garcia, Office of Formation for Discipleship

The Office of Formation for Discipleship is hosting workshops on the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. We invite those involved in parish ministries that reach out to the marginalized, the suffering, the sick, shut-in seniors and the newly arrived to attend any of the seven workshops that will run from April to September. All workshops will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, Room 4A (1155 Yonge Street, Toronto).

- April 6 – Life and Dignity of the Human Person
Matthew Marquardt, Lawyer
- April 27 – Call to Family, Community and Participation
Denis Costello, Executive Director, Catholic Family Services of Toronto
- May 25 – Rights and Responsibilities
Deacon Robert Kinghorn, Street Ministry
- June 22 – Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
Canadian Jesuit International
- July 27 – Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
Deacon Rudy Ovcjak, Director, Office for Refugees, Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT)
- August 31 – Solidarity
Fr. Anthony P. Lohale, OP, Director, Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs, Archdiocese of Toronto
- September 28 - Care for God's Creation
Karen Van Loon, Coordinator for the Cultivating Care for Our Common Home Program at Faith and the Common Good

Contact Porfirio Garcia at 416-934-3400, ext. 569 or pgarcia@archtoronto.org for more information.

POSTER: <http://bit.ly/CatholicTeachingWorkshops>

Office of Human Resources

Re: 2018 Employee Recognition Ceremony – Change of Date to May 3, 2018

From: Stephanie Nargoz, Director, Human Resources

Please note that the 2018 Employee Recognition Ceremony planned to be held on April 26, 2018 has been rescheduled to **Thursday May 3, 2018**. The location of the celebration will remain unchanged at the Chapel of St. Augustine's Seminary and invitations will be sent in the next few weeks. We apologize for any inconvenience this change in date may have caused.

Emails were sent to parishes on February 28 requesting confirmation of those employees to be honoured at this year's event. If your parish has yet to reply, please do so by Wednesday, March 21, 2018.

If you have any questions, please email hr@archtoronto.org & include "ERP" in the subject line or alternatively, you may contact Jaclynn Romeiro-Rodrigues at 416-934-3400, x524.

Re: Archdiocese of Toronto Fleeces

From: Rev. Frank Portelli, Director

We have a number of Archdiocese of Toronto branded fleeces available in our online store located at <http://ocytoronto.org/shop>. These wind- and water-resistant custom jackets are available in three colours and a variety of different sizes. Sizes and colours are limited and will be available while quantities last.

WEBSITE: <http://ocytoronto.org/shop> EMAIL: youth@ocytoronto.org PHONE: 416-599-7676

Re: Steubenville Toronto

From: Rev. Frank Portelli, Director

Registration remains open for our annual summer youth conference. Parishes that would like to bring a group of teens to attend the conference can register their group online at: <http://steubenvilletoronto.com/registration>.

The application for volunteers for the conference is also still open. We rely on a large number of dedicated volunteers to help make the weekend a success. Volunteers must be over the age of 18. To apply, visit <http://steubenvilletoronto.com/info/volunteer.html>.

Lastly, we would like to invite all Priests to join us for the conference. There is no charge for Priests to attend and we have arranged for complimentary accommodations at a local hotel for your convenience. We ask that you assist us by hearing confessions at designated times throughout the weekend. More information and registration information can be found here: <http://steubenvilletoronto.com/info/clergy.html>

WEBSITE: <http://steubenvilletoronto.com> EMAIL: info@steubenvilletoronto.com PHONE: 416-599-7676

Re: Renew Toronto

From: Rev. Frank Portelli, Director

Registration for the first-ever Renew Toronto conference for young adults is now open online at <http://ocytoronto.org/renewto>. Cost to attend is \$50 (early bird price for those who register on or before April 30); \$70 (regular price for those who register between May 1 and September 30); and there is an optional Friday night social for an additional \$30. Featured speakers include Katie Prejean and Dr. Edward Sri, with music led by Sarah Kroger.

WEBSITE: <http://ocytoronto.org/renewto> EMAIL: youngadult@ocytoronto.org PHONE: 416-599-7676

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Visit bit.ly/archTOcareers for the latest employment opportunities.

The following employment opportunities are currently posted on our website:

- Office Coordinator, Office of Formation for Discipleship
Closing date: Thursday, March 15
- Manager, Planned Giving & Personal Gifts, Development and ShareLife
Closing date: Friday, March 16
- Young Adult Minister, Office of Catholic Youth (OCY)
Closing date: Friday, March 23
- Canonical Coordinator, Office of Spiritual Affairs
Closing date: Friday, March 23

- Missionary for RE:Generation, Office of Catholic Youth, Toronto
Closing date: Friday, March 30

External Opportunities

- Appeal Campaign Coordinator, Diocese of Victoria, B.C.
Closing date: Friday, March 23

Reflecting on the Pastoral Plan of the Archdiocese of Toronto

Vocations

Why is ongoing formation important for both laity and clergy?

For more reflections, resources and information on the Pastoral Plan, visit www.archtoronto.org/pastoral.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit bit.ly/archTOevents for a complete list of upcoming community events.

Exhibit Opening and Public Lecture

Thursday, March 22 – 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Muzzo Family Alumni Hall, Room 100

University of St. Michael's College

121 St. Joseph St., Toronto

CENTRAL REGION

Join the Faculty of Theology & John M. Kelly Library for the opening of *Love Your Neighbour as Yourself: Catholic Social Teaching in Toronto*. This exhibition explores the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching and features archival materials from Kelly Library's Special Collections, and the archives of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto, the Loretto Sisters, the Basilian Fathers and the Archdiocese of Toronto. The Royackers Lecture Series opens the exhibit with a talk by Archbishop Paul-André Durocher of Gatineau, *Echo Chamber or Megaphone? The Church in Canada and the Prophetic Voice of Pope Francis*. Reception and Opening to follow.

WEBSITE: To RSVP, visit:

<http://bit.ly/RSVPLoveYourNeighbourAsYourself>

POSTER: <http://bit.ly/LoveYourNeighbourExhibit>

Theology on Tap: Redefining Success

Monday, March 26 – 7 to 9 p.m.

Duke of York Pub

39 Prince Arthur Ave., Toronto

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Faith Connections invites young adults (19-39) to join us for an evening of thought-provoking theological discussion in a comfortable and relaxed setting. Special guest: Kevin Kelly, SJ, Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice. Munchies provided, cash bar. For more information, call Kataryna Ryba at 416-467-2645 or visit www.faithconnections.ca — a ministry of Fontbonne Ministries, Sisters of St. Joseph, Toronto.

Good Friday Procession

Friday, March 30 – 3 to 5 p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

72 Mansfield Ave., Toronto

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We invite you to join us in our annual Good Friday Procession, which starts at 3 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Parish and ends back at the church by approximately 5 p.m. We are also looking for volunteers, young and old, to participate in the procession. A verification form for community service will be provided upon request. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us at the below coordinates.

CONTACT: Rita PHONE: 416-822-5342

EMAIL: goodfridaycharacters@gmail.com

TCDSB Staff Arts presents “Curtains”

Friday, April 13 – 7:30 p.m

Saturday, April 14 – 7:30 p.m

Thursday, April 19 – 7:30 p.m

Friday, April 20 – 7:30 p.m

Saturday, April 21 – 7:30 p.m

Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts

36 Greenfield Ave., North York

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TCDSB Staff Arts, which features current and former Board teachers and staff, is presenting “Curtains”, a musical comedy from the creators of “Cabaret” and “Chicago.”

COST: \$28 (Only \$26 for online ticket orders).

CONTACT: 416-222-8282, x2787

WEBSITE: www.tcdsb.org/staffarts (ticket order form and/online ticket orders)

POSTER: <http://bit.ly/TCDSBCurtains>

Electronics Recycling Event

Saturday, April 14 & Sunday, April 22 – 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

St Philip Neri Parish

2100 Jane St., Toronto

WESTERN REGION

In collaboration with the Ontario Electronic Stewardship Program and the Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy, the parish will be hosting our second electronics recycling event. Also, we will be accepting old clothes. These must be securely bagged.

CONTACT: Brother Alan Gaebel, OFM **PHONE:** 416-241-3101

Theology on Tap East: Loneliness

Monday, April 16 – 7 to 9 p.m.

Boston Pizza

400 Progress Ave., Scarborough

EASTERN REGION

Faith Connections, the Office of Catholic Youth and the local parishes invite young adults (19 to 39) to join us for an evening of thought-provoking conversation on theological topics. Special guest: Shereen McFarlane, Program Manager, Catholic Family Services of Toronto. Munchies provided, cash bar available – come and bring a friend!

12th Annual Jesuit Provincial Dinner

Wednesday, April 18 – 5 p.m.

The Church of the Good Shepherd

21 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill

NORTHERN REGION

Join us for Mass, followed by dinner at Le Parc Dining and Banquet Hall, 8432 Leslie St., Thornhill, Ont., at

7:30 p.m. Please join us as we honour Scarboro Missions with the MAGIS Award, and honour our Jesuit Jubilarians, Fr. Michael Kolarcik, SJ, and Br. Leo Mikkola, SJ, who are both celebrating 50 years in the Society of Jesus.

CONTACT: Jesuit Development Office

PHONE: 416-481-9154

EMAIL: jdo@jesuits.ca

WEB: <http://jesuits.ca/story?TN=PROJECT-20161003124714042818>

D’Arcy McGee Catholic School’s 50th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, April 28 – 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

D’Arcy McGee Catholic School

(Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Church beforehand)

20 Bansley Ave., York

CENTRAL REGION

D’Arcy McGee Catholic School is celebrating its 50th anniversary on Saturday, April 28, 2018. A community Mass of Thanksgiving will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas Church at 12 p.m. (650 Glenholme Ave.), followed by a reception and open house at the school. Staff, students, alumni and friends are invited to join in the celebrations. Presentations will begin at 2 p.m. More details available online.

PHONE: 416-222-8282 ext. 2302

WEB:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/schools/darcymcgee/news/2017-2018/Pages/50thanniversary.aspx>

Come & See Discernment Weekend with the Salesian Sisters

Friday, April 27 to Sunday, April 29

300 Montreal Rd., Cornwall

OUTSIDE DIOCESE

This is a unique opportunity for young women, ages 18 to 32, to come and see Salesian consecrated life up close and personal. The weekend promises to be prayerful, interactive, inspiring and supporting the desire to discern freely with God and with a Salesian community consecrated to youth in the style of St. John Bosco. Transportation available. For more information, visit www.salesiansisterscanada.com.

CONTACT: Sr. Cora Beboso, FMA

PHONE: 514-664-6488

The New Evangelization Summit

Friday, April 27 – 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 28 – 9 a.m. to 4:30

Holy Family Parish

91 Ribbelsdale Dr., Whitby

EASTERN REGION

Be inspired and learn as you grow both in faith and in your ability to share your faith! Discover new purpose in your life and answer God's call from your heart.

COST: \$40 with lunch **PHONE:** 905-665-6470

EMAIL: holy.family@rogers.com

Life in the Spirit Conference:

“Refreshed & Renewed”

Saturday, April 28 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, April 29, 2018 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Academy

66 Dufferin Park Ave., Toronto

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Presented by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Council (CCRC) of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Join us for a weekend of praise & worship, celebration of the Eucharist and a Spirit-filled conference led by powerful speakers. Allow yourself to be renewed through the power of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Free admission with lunch included.

CONTACT: CCRC Toronto

PHONE: 647-669-7524 or 647-887-5517

EMAIL: CCRCtorontoinfo@gmail.com

WEBSITE: <http://www.ccrctor.com>

FACEBOOK: CCRC Toronto

POSTER: <http://bit.ly/LifeintheSpirit>

Voices for Peace

Saturday, April 28 – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Cardinal Flahiff Basilian Centre

95 St. Joseph St., Toronto

CENTRAL REGION

Join us for a day of presentations and workshops by seasoned and dynamic peacemakers. Steeped in the spirituality of Henri Nouwen and Thomas Merton, these committed individuals will encourage and motivate you with a peaceful call to action. Keynote speakers are author/activist Jim Forest and musician/broadcaster Shad. Presented by Church of the Redeemer, Citizens for Public Justice, Basilian Centre for Peace and Justice and the Henri Nouwen Society.

EMAIL: chalferty@henrinouwen.org

WEBSITE: <http://bit.ly/2BEZ4LS> (Tickets available at Eventbrite.com \$25 (adults) /\$15 (students) Light lunch included.

POSTER: <http://bit.ly/VoicesforPeace>

St. Gerald Catholic School's 50th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, May 5 – 9 a.m.

St. Gerald Catholic School

200 Old Sheppard Ave., Toronto

CENTRAL REGION

On Saturday, May 5, 2018, St. Gerald Catholic School will celebrate its 50th anniversary. It is an ideal opportunity for all to celebrate the long and rich history of the school, and learn about the many traditions that our students and administration continue today. A special Open House and Fun Fair will be held at the school on Saturday, May 5 beginning at 9 a.m. More details available online.

PHONE: 416-222-8282, ext. 2302

WEB:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/schools/stgerald/News/20172018/Pages/St.-Gerald-50th-Anniversary-Celebration.aspx>