

## WYD Update



World Youth Day 2011 gets underway August 16-21 with more than 500,000 pilgrims attending from around the world. To date, our Toronto Salesian Pilgrims visited Lisbon, Fatima and Santiago de Compostela before arriving in Salamanca, Spain for the

Days in the Diocese, where they will encounter the International Salesian Youth Movement, SYM and local youth leading up to WYD celebrations.

Twenty-three Canadian bishops will attend WYD representing dioceses from coast to coast. Five Canadian bishops will offer catechetical sessions; in French, Archbishop Lacroix (Quebec City), Bishop Durocher (Cornwall/Alexandria) and Bishop Gendron (Saint-Jean Longueuil). English catechesis will be offered by Archbishop Miller (Vancouver) and Archbishop Smith (Edmonton).

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Youth Pilgrimage  
to ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL  
is taking place on  
**Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**  
at 8:30am.

All are welcome! More details to follow!

## FAITH & FAMILY PROGRAM

Faith & Family serves children and youth, ages 5-18 who:

- attend St. Benedict Church,
- are baptized or not yet baptized with at least one Catholic parent,
- attend public school, private school or school other than a Catholic school,
- require ongoing faith formation and preparation for the sacrament of Reconciliation and/or the initiation sacraments: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation

Our next season  
runs for 20 weeks from:

**October 17-December 12, 2011 and  
January 9-May 7, 2012**

**Monday evenings  
St. Benedict Church hall  
6:45 pm - 8:30 pm**

**Registration until  
Monday, September 6**

Please contact Patricia for further information  
and/or registration @ 416-741-6556.

## Pastoral Ministry to Young People with Same-Sex Attraction

*Part 5~Excerpts from Episcopal Commission  
for Doctrine of the Canadian Conference  
of Catholic Bishops*

### To the Catholic Community

We wish to acknowledge in our midst the generous men and women with same-sex attraction who bear witness to the Gospel through their generosity and service to charity in the truth. At the same time, while recognizing the experience of persons with same-sex attraction and the turmoil it often causes in their lives, the Catholic community also has the responsibility of witnessing to the full truth of human sexuality. We must counteract false ideas of freedom promoted by secular society, ideas which can disorient and harm our youth. More than ever, the beauty of the Church's teaching on human sexuality, which leads to authentic freedom, needs to be lived and convincingly preached by everyone.

The moral and spiritual relativism of our society can make the Church's teaching on sexuality in general and homosexuality in particular appear bizarre, out of touch, and even intolerant. Yet when people cease to base their moral judgments on objective truth, confusion results. All too often they fall victim to lies about the meaning of true freedom and authentic self-expression. True Christian freedom is not first of all an acceptance of one's own desire to do what one wants, but an acceptance of the truth which sets us free (cf. Jn 8.32).

To assist young persons with same-sex attraction it is necessary to understand the enormous pressures to which they are frequently subjected: unjust discrimination, the sense of invisibility and isolation, and ignorance of their particular situation. We deplore all such attitudes and actions. Hedonism and an obsession with the pursuit of pleasure, combined with an excessive consumerism for "as much as possible as soon as possible," typify the mentality of contemporary Western society. Young people in particular are often the targets of solicitations, often through the media, which encourage them to consider sexual relations as simply another product of consumption, "a commodity, a mere 'thing' to be bought and sold." To help them overcome this confusion, we ourselves must be mature in our faith and profoundly rooted in friendship with Christ (cf. Jn 15.15), a friendship that enables us to discern between truth and deceit.

Catholics ought to be exemplary in treating persons with homosexual inclinations first and foremost as human beings created by God and worthy of respect. The Church's teaching emphasizes this attitude: "It is deplorable that homosexual persons have been and are the object of violent malice in speech or in action. Such treatment deserves condemnation from the Church's pastors wherever it occurs. It reveals a kind of disregard for others, which endangers the most fundamental principles of a healthy society. The intrinsic dignity of each person must always be respected in word, in action and in law."

*For full document go to:*

[www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/ministry-ssa\\_en.pdf](http://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/ministry-ssa_en.pdf)

### Catholic Missions in Canada

Since 1908, Catholic Missions in Canada has provided financial support to Catholic missionaries – preists, sisters, brothers and lay people – whose lives are dedicated to proclaiming the blessings of the Catholic faith throughout the poorest regions in Canada.

In 2011, we need \$4 million in funds for 914 projects in 26 Mission Dioceses affecting the lives of 677,000 people across Canada.

To find out more, ask for your free magazine and 2012 calendar! Call 416-934-3424 or 1-866-937-2642 or visit our website at [www.cmic.info](http://www.cmic.info).

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

**The Feast of St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows** will be celebrated on **August 21** at Immaculate Conception Parish (300 Ansley Grove Rd., Woodbridge, 905-856-2205). Procession at 3:30 p.m. followed by an outdoor Mass. Celebrant, Monsignor Giovanni Iverinci.



### Festa in onore di S. Gabriele Dell'addolorata

Domenica prossima **21 Agosto**. Sarà celebrata presso la Parrocchia dell'Immacolata Concezione (300 Ansely Grove Rd., Woodbridge, 905-856-2205.). S'inizia alle ore 1:00 p.m. con una visita al Santo e Confessioni. Processione con la statua all'ore 3:30 p.m. Segue la Santa Messa concelebrata (all'aperto) da Monsignor Giovanni Iverinci.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE SUNDAY

Bring your gently used clothing, household linens and footwear to share with others on September 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. A St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in the church parking lot so please share what you can with those less fortunate. We will donate or sell these donations to support our outreach efforts. Thank you for your continued support.



### Blessings on your Marriage



*As a parish community,  
we keep in prayer*

Paul Hrkal & Aleksandra Bzoma  
who will be married on **August 20, 2011**

**God grant them happiness, good health and a long life together.**

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION CAPITAL FUND TARGET: \$760,000

SUNDAY OFFERING \$6,911 SECOND COLLECTION \$595.00  
Average Env. Donation \$ 13.08 as of August 7<sup>th</sup> \$298,326.61

**Thank you for your ongoing generous support!**

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday, August 15

8:00am Donald Hilliard, by Samuel Baptiste & family

#### Tuesday, August 16

7:30pm Carmela Ponzo by Ponzo family

#### Wednesday, August 17

8:00am Betty Stockton by Mary Mclellan

#### Thursday, August 18

8:00am Irene Nicolas Gallardo by Gallardo family

#### Friday, August 19

8:00am George & Dolores Borg by Maria Borg

#### Saturday, August 20

8:00am Ronald Morgan by Bernadette Morgan

5:00pm Leo McKenna by Cathy McKenna

#### Sunday, August 21

8:00am Fiori Costantini by family

9:30am Max Del Gaudio by Mom & Dad

9:30am For the People

11:00am Patricio Buhain by Mendoza family



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD, ESPECIALLY:**

Franca Lombardi, Vincenzo Pagliuca &  
Antonio Galati

### Mass at Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery

Please join us for our annual mass on Wednesday August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The Mass will take place outside of the Queen of Heaven Mausoleum. Most Rev. John Boissonneau to preside. For further information contact the cemetery office at 905-851-5822.

### Feast in Honour of Maria SS. Delle Grazie of Torre di Ruggiero, Catanzaro

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2011**

Feast and Procession

St. Philip Neri

2100 Jane Street, Downsview

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOR THE NEEDS OF THE POOR IN OUR COMMUNITY

This month, please bring pasta and drop off in Church foyer

*Thank you*

### VOLUNTEERS FOR SAVIO CLUB AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Looking for adult volunteers to work at the Savio Club for next Fall.

- Tuesday and Thursday
- 2:30 to 4:45 pm,
- ages 18 and up

Good and rewarding work with young people from grade 3 to 8. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Bro. Bernie at 416-249-4574 or cell 416-262-4281.