

REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE

Regarding the Iraqi refugee family our parish is preparing to sponsor, this update requests our community's continued patience and support in prayer. Last April, our parish sponsorship application was approved by Immigration Canada and to date, it remains in process.

Our family, a mother and father and three daughters aged 12, 18 and 29 are in Syria waiting for an interview with the Canadian Embassy. This stage in the process is delayed as a result of the civil and political unrest in that country. The good news is that since our family's application has been in process for more than 6 months, they will receive an interview with the Canadian Embassy in one of many other cities that have taken the load of interviews that were to take place at the visa post in Damascus before it shut down. This unforeseen change in the interview process could likely result in our parish receiving very little or no notice about the arrival date of our family.

Our parish Refugee Family Committee will keep you updated as news comes. In the meantime, please keep our family and all refugee families in your prayers.

Thinking about the call... Salesian Come and See

for young men discerning ~ Ages 16-35

Friday March 9 to
Sunday March 11

*Do you want to do a good thing, a very good thing,
the best thing? Educate the young. St. John Bosco*

Consolata Missionaries Center

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CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING SESSION

St. Benedict Parish Hall
Tuesday February 28 ~ 8:15pm
following the 7:30pm Mass

*Presented by Quentin Schesnuik, Manager of
Planned Giving and Personal Gifts for the
Archdiocese of Toronto*

Have you been meaning to update your Will or get one made? If so, then come to the estate planning session. The Development Office conducts these sessions across the Archdiocese as a service to parishioners. The goal is to help you protect yourselves and your loved ones by creating a well thought out estate plan that respects your wishes and Catholic faith. Some of the topics will include:

- Estate planning from a Catholic perspective
- How to protect your loved ones with a proper Will
- About Powers of Attorney
- Finding lawyers and estate planning advisors
- Our Catholic traditions around Wills, burial and funerals
- The importance of remembering our Catholic faith when creating bequests

An estate planning kit will be provided at no cost.

Lent Daytime & Evening Mass Schedule at Neighbouring Parishes

Looking for a Lenten mass during the day or evening?
Visit our neighbouring parishes as follows:

St. Andrew's Parish	Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish
2547 Kipling Avenue	45 Ludstone Dr.
7:00 pm Mon – Fri <i>Mondays in Italian only</i>	12:05 pm Mon – Fri 7:30 pm Wed only

About Salesian Cooperators

The vision of Saint John Bosco to extend his ministry, to the young and poor, to the far corners of the earth could not be realized without the help of lay men and women. This foresight inspired into being, in 1876, the Association of Salesian Cooperators.

As an official third order of the Church, the Salesian Cooperators are thus the essential lay component of the Salesian family. As lay men and women (or secular priests), Cooperators live the charism of St. John Bosco in their own secular reality. Inspired by Don Bosco's apostolic project to contribute to the "salvation of the young", they share in Don Bosco's mission and work both explicitly and implicitly for the good of the Church and society, in a manner adapted to their own circumstances and personal possibilities.

The Salesian Cooperators welcome lay Catholics, 18 years of age or older, who desires to discern how their own Christian call to discipleship can be nourished by the spirituality of St. John Bosco.

A brief portrait of the Salesian Cooperator will be offered on **Sunday March 4th following the parish event featuring Michael Coren.**

*Interested in finding out more about Salesian Cooperators?
contact: marilena_berardinelli@yahoo.ca*

SALESIAN Leadership Retreat February 24-26



Please keep in prayer these youth and adults from our community who gather with over 70 youth from other areas and their facilitators as they take part in the SLR, Salesian Leadership Retreat this weekend. This is an important event that gives young people an opportunity to develop their leadership skills in the name of Jesus and in the spirit of St. John Bosco.

RETREATANTS

Anissa Lucchitti
Jeremy Letrondo
Maja Govaert
Ese Makolomi
Giovanni Annarilli
Ryann Maure
Erica Fernandez

YOUTH LEADER

Raquel Aranjó
Fernanda Gonzalez

ADULTS

Fr. Mike Pace
Cathy Lynn Dresser
Foster Kwon
Frankie Iacobazzi
Kelechi Nwosu



**ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE
SATURDAY MARCH 17TH**

The Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets on the weekends of MARCH 3&4 and MARCH 10&11.

The event will begin at 6:15pm with dinner to be served at 7:00pm. The meal includes, corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, dessert, tea and coffee. There will be a Cash Bar and Irish Coffee available. COST \$25.00. The event is being held in memory of LEO MCKENNA and proceeds will go towards our support of seminarians. Tickets will be available after all of the masses or by calling Wolf Hartmann at 416-745-7983 or Ray Gallant at 416-748-3344.

**YOUTH WEEKEND
MARCH BREAK 2012**

SATURDAY & SUNDAY MARCH 10 & 11

**BISHOP MARROCO HIGH SCHOOL
(1515 BLOOR ST. W. AT DUNDAS)**

COST: \$20/both days

Talks & Discussions on: Sexuality, Life & Family; Internet & Addictions, God & Church; Vocations & Others. Meditations & LOTS OF FUN with Music, Skits, Sports (Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball), etc. Special guests (among others): Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, Archbishop Emeritus from Washington DC (Main Celebrant).

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 27

8:00am Giuseppe Marin by Marin family
7:30pm Alberto D'Orsogna by Iolanda

Tuesday, February 28

10:30am Mass at Kipling Acres
7:30pm Fr. Ron Quenneville
by Salesians of Don Bosco

Wednesday, February 29

8:00am Deceased members of the Farrugia family
by Gina Farrugia

Thursday, March 1

8:00am Living Intention~Nicole Paties by Paties family

First Friday, March 2

8:00am Maria Borg by Gina & Pasquale Perta
7:30pm Edgardo Gargoles by wife & family

Saturday, March 3

8:00am Deceased members of Mazzi family
by Carlo & Adelaide Sala
5:00pm Barbara & Marian Gawlik by Gawlik family

Sunday, March 4

8:00am Stephen Szakacs by Eleanora & family
9:30am Giuseppina Roppa by Rosa Sassi
9:30am For the People
11:00am Josefina Sophia Defend by Defend family
12:45pm Silvestre, Ilealda & Goao Melo
by Nelía & Henriques Melo



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

FIRST FRIDAY MASS ~ Friday, March 2nd, 6:45pm
Rosary, 7:00–7:30pm, Songs of Praise and Worship
and 7:30 p.m. Mass.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

will be held at Martingrove United Church on
Friday March 2 at 1:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

CARDINAL THOMAS COLLINS

REGIONAL MASSES OF THANKSGIVING

In celebration of Cardinal Collins' elevation to the
College of Cardinals. A reception will follow in the
parish hall. Everyone welcome to attend.

CENTRAL PASTORAL REGION **March 1**
Blessed Trinity Parish, Toronto 7:30pm

EASTERN PASTORAL REGION **March 7**
St. Isaac Jogues Parish, Pickering 7:30pm

WESTERN PASTORAL REGION **March 12**
St. Francis Xavier parish, Mississauga 7:30pm

NORTHERN PASTORAL REGION **March 13**
St. Clare of Assisi Parish, Woodbridge 7:30pm

Signore, insegnaci a pregare! (Lc 11,1)

Domenica 11 marzo

**Ritiro quaresimale in lingua italiana
a St. Benedict Church
con don Francesco Armenti**

9:30am **Messa**
3:00pm – 6:00pm **Pregiera**



**young adults' ministry of
St. Benedict Parish invites you to:**

**An Afternoon of Prayer,
Fellowship & Reflection
with Michael Coren**

**Sunday March 4, 2012
St. Benedict Church Hall**

2:30pm Salesian Family Gathering
in Church

3:30pm Musical Interlude in Church Hall

4:00pm Michael Coren Presentation:
Why Catholics are Right, followed by Q & A Period

5:00pm Praise & Worship, followed by Social



Michael is the host of The Arena, a nightly TV show on Sun News. He is a weekly columnist, published in more than a dozen daily and weekly newspapers across Canada. He is the best-selling author of thirteen books, his latest being "Why Catholics Are Right." A highly popular and entertaining public speaker, we are happy to have him speak at our church.

Free will offering welcomed.

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

SUNDAY OFFERING	\$7,837	SECOND COLLECTION	\$566.50
Average Env. Donation	\$13.85	TOTAL	\$353,322.49

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!