

HOLY ROSARY PARISH
TORONTO, ONTARIO
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

Re: The Future of Holy Rosary Parish Hall

The majority of the parishioners who participated in the meeting of June 14, 2009, were in favour of studying further the potential redevelopment of the Parish Hall site, as were most who filled in the questionnaires before and after the meeting.

Over the summer, the Toronto Catholic District School Board was asked if they were interested in a joint-redevelopment of Holy Rosary School and the parish hall site. Last Wednesday, the TCDSB gave its preliminary approval. Mr. Joe Mihevc, our City Councillor and members of the City of Toronto planning department have also been consulted and have provided useful input at this preliminary stage. The Archdiocese of Toronto has appointed Mr. Paul Stagl, Opus Management Inc, as planner to guide us through the entire process. Mr. Tom Payne of KMPB Architects will continue to work with the parish.

A committee has been formed composed of three members from the original Parish Hall Committee and three members from the Property Committee. I thank them sincerely.

We shall begin with a preliminary investigation of how the parish and the School Board can co-operate. In the meantime, there will be minor renovations and up-keep in the parish hall.

I continue to rely on your prayers and support. If you would like to offer advice or express an opinion, please contact me at chui@holyroary.ca or 416.923.8471.

Current Parish Centre Committee members are Susan De Sousa, Paul Duffy, Anne-Marie Fleming, Gerry Gawen, Vincent Goetz and Tim Reilly.

Sincerely,
Fr. Daniel Chui, csb
Pastor

A SPECIAL MASS FOR OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY will be celebrated at Holy Rosary Parish on **October 7**. The procession will start at 7 p.m. at the back of the Church, followed by the Rosary. The Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will follow.

TODAY, A SPECIAL THANKSGIVING MASS BY FR. PAUL MCGILL, C.S.B., will be celebrated at **11 a.m.** A **reception** will follow in the Parish Hall at **D & P Coffee Sunday**.

CONFIRMATION

Parents and students preparing for Confirmation who wish to have Confirmation here in May 2010 are reminded that there is a mandatory information meeting **Sunday, Oct 25** from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall Gym.

Mission: B.L.T. (Youth Group) meetings resume this Sunday from 2-4 p.m. All youths 11+ are welcome to attend.

The Homework Club needs your help! We are in need of 1-2 more tutors to help with math and reading for students between grades 1-9. This is an excellent opportunity for individuals looking to share their knowledge and mentor young people, and for high school students in need of community service hours. Contact Lindsay at 416-923-8471 if you can help Mondays between 7-8 p.m.

Baptism Preparation



The next Baptism Preparation class will take place on **Saturday, November 21, 2009 (1 to 3 p.m.)**. Parents requesting baptism for their child must have been parishioners of Holy Rosary for at least three months and practising Catholics. Contact Lindsay Moore to register at 416-923-8471.

Please pray for all who are ill, especially for Len Pagniello, Shirley Rowland, Sue Hussey, Mary Moreno, Lynn Duhaime, Don Daynard, Therese Marion, Raul Corre, Goquin Lumagbas, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Rose Page, Bogo Avsec, Fr. Ivan Plazar, Betty Hotchkiss, Karen Southon, Whitney Goulstone, Myrtle Grandy, Turchyn Volodymyr, Dominga Iniguez, Louisa Corre, Leonchia Navidad and David Bowyer.

**Holy Rosary's Office will be closed
Thanksgiving Monday, October 12th**



LIFE CHAIN

TODAY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 (2 TO 3 P.M.)
AT THE CORNER OF YONGE & ST. CLAIR

LifeChain is a powerful and prayerful way to be a witness to the Truth and to Life. It takes only an hour and all you have to do is stand quietly with others at a busy intersection, holding a sign with a simple message. The signs say something like: "Life, the First Human Right", "Abortion hurts Women," "Jesus forgives and heals." And as you

stand, you can pray quietly for our nation. LifeChain is growing!



**Development
and Peace**

TODAY, Development & Peace will be hosting **COFFEE SUNDAY**. Freshly-ground coffee and muffins will be served after the 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. Masses.

Ideas

"Keep the Rule . . ."

"Religious" are men and women who have taken vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. In the past they were a prominent feature of Catholic life, but of late they seem to have almost disappeared. In this week's IDEAS, Father Callam examines the basic characteristics of this special vocation and offers a suggestion for restoring its lost lustre. See IDEAS on the parish website — www.holyrosary.ca.

A SHORT SEMINAR ON CATHOLICISM

Text: G.K. Chesterton, *Orthodoxy*.

The book is still in print and may be purchased through Pauline Books & Media or any bookseller. It is also on the web at <http://www.gutenberg.org/etext/130>

Dates: 7, 14, 21, 28 October

G.K. Chesterton (1874-1936) was the leading British journalist of his time. *Orthodoxy* has long been a classic of Catholic apologetics, although Chesterton was still an Anglican in 1908 when the book was first published; he entered the Church only in 1922. A review of the special centenary edition can be found at our web site—www.holyrosary.ca—under "IDEAS."

The meetings, on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in room 5 of the Parish Hall, will be led by Fr. Daniel Callam. These seminars are open to parishioners or any other interested party. There are no pre-requisites; all that is needed is a copy of the text and a willingness to say something about it. There is no charge.

THE PASTORAL COUNCIL SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

Holy Rosary Parish Pastoral Council seeks four new members. The Pastoral Council is made up of parishioners who provide the pastor and the pastoral team with support, guidance and advice. The term of this appointment is two years, with a possible additional two-year appointment. The Council meets once a month, on the fourth Tuesday, from September to June. If you already participate in one of the Parish's ministries or are looking for a way to contribute to the growth of our Church, contact Father Chui at 416-923-8471.

VOTIVE CANDLES

Votive candles have been available on a trial basis during the month of September, but the response has not been sufficient to justify making them permanent. Consequently, they will no longer be available.

Briefly

Bible Classes with Sr. Brenda Duncombe are held on **Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.** Please call the office at 416-923-8471 for the new location.

Holy Rosary Charismatic Prayer Group: meets every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Room 2. All are welcome.

Tagalog Mass: celebrated at Holy Rosary Church at 6 p.m. on the **4th Sun.** of each month. The next Mass will be on **October 25**. The Joy of the Lord Prayer Group holds regular prayer meetings on **Sun. at 5 p.m.**

Development & Peace meetings: held on the **3rd Mon.** of each month in the Parish Hall, Room 4 at **7:30 p.m.** The next meeting is on **October 19th.**

Until Oct. 13 – Annual Food Drive: Non-perishable food can be dropped off provided at the main entrance of Holy Rosary Church.

Oct. 10-11 – CHALICE (Christian Child Care International): Deacon Tom Pillisch will explain how you can help a destitute child at one of 42 mission sites in 16 developing countries. The website is www.chalice.ca

Oct. 16 (7 – 9 p.m.) & 17 (8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) "Theology of the Body: Discovering the Master plan for Your Life" conference: call 416-481-5465 or email: stbreg@gmail.com. Location: Canada Christian College, 50 Gervais Drive.

Oct. 17-18 – Bundle Sunday: St. Vincent de Paul will be accepting items at Holy Rosary at the St. Vincent de Paul truck.

Oct. 18 – Neighbourhood Interfaith Group's Interfaith Evensong (Service from 4 – 5 p.m. & Kosher-Halal reception - 5 – 6 p.m.): to end bias, bigotry and racism in Toronto and the world. Location: Anglican Church of the Transfiguration, 111 Manor Rd. E., Toronto. Information: Bryan Beauchamp at 416-926-9438 bryan.beauchamp@sympatico.ca.

Oct. 29 – The Annual Cardinal's Dinner: Please call the parish office for details if you wish to attend.

Parish Secretary Needed: St. Mary of the Angels Parish, located at 1481 Dufferin (416-532-4779), has an immediate opening for a Parish Secretary. The candidate must be fluent in English and Portuguese. Italian would be an asset. Please send resumes to Pastor, Father Neidson Gomes at neighomes@hotmail.com.

Open House events for the following schools:

Hawthorn School for girls: www.hawthornschoo.com; St. Joseph's College School: webmaster@tcdsb.org; De La Salle College "Oaklands": www.delasalleoaklands.org

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TROPICAL STORM KETSANA RELIEF PHILIPPINES



On September 26, Tropical Storm Ketsana (also known as Typhoon Ondoy) struck the Philippines, causing the most severe flooding the country has experienced in more than 40 years.

As of September 29, 240 people were reported to have died and an estimated 450,000 had been displaced, many having lost their homes, their property and their livelihoods. With the impact of this disaster still not fully clear, relief efforts are underway around the world to assist the victims of the flooding and landslides related to Tropical Storm Ketsana.

The ShareLife Office is accepting monetary donations to support disaster relief efforts in the Philippines, assisting in the provision of food, shelter, clean water, and medical and cooking supplies for those affected by the storm and flooding. Working through the Catholic Church's official international relief network, Caritas Internationalis, funds will be channelled to Caritas Philippines (NASSA). Initially, NASSA is providing aid for a total of 10,000 families (50,000 people) in the seriously affected areas.

Those wishing to help through a financial contribution may do so in the following ways:

- Online through ShareLife's website: www.sharelife.org.
- By phone through the ShareLife office – 1-800-263-2595 or 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: **ShareLife – Holy Rosary Parish – Tropical Storm Ketsana Relief - Philippines**

We offer our prayers for the thousands of families affected by the storm. Thank you for your ongoing efforts to serve those in need, both here at home and around the world.

Be assured that ShareLife does not apply any administrative fees to humanitarian relief contributions, ensuring as much money as possible is directed toward assistance of those in crisis.

*Archbishop Collins, Auxiliary Bishops
and Mr. John McGrath*



*There's a holy, high vocation
Needing workers everywhere;
'tis the highest form of service,
'Tis the ministry of prayer.
– Woodworth*

THE ANNUAL OUT-OF-THE-COLD PROGRAM will be commencing Saturday, November 7/09 through March 27/10, in the Parish Hall. We are looking for volunteers in all areas, from home cooks (recipes provided), students who need their volunteer hours, to adults who like to lend a hand to a very worthy cause. Please join us to help those less fortunate in our community. Your participation would be greatly appreciated. Please direct your interest to Jackie Jensen at krax1@rogers.com or 416-489-3668



Saturday, October 3rd, 2009

5:00 p.m. 25th Wedding Anniversary
Requested by Lily Cugliari Kobayashi

Sunday, October 4th, 2009

8:00 a.m. Holy Rosary Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Sean Ward (+)

Requested by Michael & Eithne Heffernan

11:00 a.m. Eugenia Dziedzic (+)

Requested by Holy Rosary Gallery Choir

12:30 p.m. Michael Erdman (+)

Requested by Mother

Monday, October 5th, 2009

12:10 p.m. Richard Charles Nicholson (+)

Requested by Friends: Theresa, Roz, Pat and Alma

Tuesday, October 6th, 2009

12:10 p.m. 25th Wedding Anniversary of
Lily Cugliari and Jeff Kobayashi

Requested by Alexandra & Kiyoshi Kobayashi

Wednesday, October 7th, 2009

12:10 p.m. Liliana Marziale (+)

Requested by Lois McLaughlin

Thursday, October 8th, 2009

12:10 p.m. John Kucia (+)

Requested by Lois McLaughlin

Friday, October 9th, 2009

12:10 p.m. Katherine Fleming (+)

Requested by Anne-Marie Fleming

Saturday, October 10th, 2009

5:00 p.m. Raymondo (+) & Aurea (+) Navidad

Requested by Remy, Sally, Belen, Mila & Tony Navidad

Sunday, October 11th, 2009

8:00 a.m. Holy Rosary Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Family Members (+)

Requested by D. Quon

11:00 a.m. Lloyd Thomas (+)

Requested by Monica Harding

12:30 p.m. Thanksgiving

Requested by Louisiana Chiu

Legalized Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide: What Would It Mean for You?

Over the next few months, the Canadian Parliament will discuss Bill C-384. This private member's bill seeking to legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide was introduced by MP Francine Lalonde of the Bloc Québécois.

- Bill C-384 is not only for the terminally ill, it does not define "terminal illness"; a person could request euthanasia or assisted suicide right after being diagnosed and not be actively dying. Bill C-384 would also allow the killing of anyone 18 years old and over who requests it while in severe chronic mental or physical pain, or depression, **even if he or she has refused appropriate treatments**. Although medical practitioners must explain the consequences of this request and the available alternatives, they are not required to refer patients to a psychologist or palliative care specialist. So the bill would allow people to be killed even if they could have managed their pain with medication for many years.
- **Bill C-384 would allow people to be killed within two weeks if two "medical practitioners" confirm their condition in writing, and the person seems to understand his or her choice**. The bill requires only two requests to die, more than 10 days apart, with the person merely **"appearing lucid."**
- Bill C-384 endangers the sick, depressed, elderly, and disabled. It confirms the fears of the most vulnerable Canadians, those who may feel like a "burden" to others. Instead of protecting them, Bill C-384 opens the way to their elimination. **Many of the weakest members of society may feel pressured into a "duty to die."**
- Bill C-384 is not about compassion. **The truly compassionate act is to focus on providing the most vulnerable with proper care, effective pain control, along with social, emotional and spiritual support**. We should show special respect for the true human dignity of the suffering. We should also invest more in palliative care and in research and training in the area of pain management.

- Bill C-384 is not about "death with dignity." Dignity does not depend on health, lack of suffering, or being valued by society. **The life of every person has inherent worth and dignity that cannot be reduced or taken away by life's circumstances.**

What is euthanasia and assisted suicide?

Euthanasia is a deliberate act undertaken by one individual with the intention and result of ending the life of another to relieve that person's suffering. Assisted suicide is the act of intentionally killing oneself with the assistance of another who provides the knowledge, means or both.

It's my life. Can't I do what I want with it?

Rather than a "right to die," every person has a right to live until his natural death. We have a responsibility to love and support each other so that no one will ever feel he is a burden and so request euthanasia or assisted suicide.

What will happen if Bill C-384 becomes law?

We can expect a loss of trust between doctors and their patients, and between the vulnerable and the powerful in society. We can expect the sick, the disabled and the elderly to have good reason to fear going to hospitals and care-giving institutions.

We can expect people to be killed because they chose to die while depressed or temporarily in intense pain, instead of receiving proper medical attention.

We can expect a slippery slope as in the Netherlands, where the legalization of euthanasia and assisted suicide has resulted in many abuses by doctors. In 1990, almost **6000** Dutch citizens were killed by doctors **without their consent** (Wesley J. Smith, attorney for the International Anti-Euthanasia Task Force).

How can we stop Bill C-384?

- **Know the issues!** Understand the arguments, and know the responses!
- **Get involved!** Write to or visit your MP, write to newspapers, and call radio shows. Join initiatives organized by organizations favorable to life.
- **Mobilize others!**

For more information, please visit

<http://www.euthanasiaprevention.on.ca/concerns.htm>