

SHARELIFE AGENCY LIST

All ShareLife-funded agencies share the Catholic tradition of serving the entire community regardless of race, religion, or culture.

FAMILY SERVICES

Catholic Community Services of York Region (CCSYR)

(905) 770-7040 | www.ccsyr.org

Speaker booking contact: Mr. Robert Hickey, Executive Director | rhipkey@ccsyr.org

CCSYR is a Family Service Agency offering counselling and group services to help people cope with mental health needs, parenting issues and relationship challenges. CCSYR is also a Settlement Agency, assisting immigrants and refugees in over 30 languages.

Catholic Family Services of Durham

(905) 725-3513 | www.cfsdurham.com

Speaker booking contact: Mrs. Elizabeth Pierce, Executive Director | E.Pierce@cfsdurham.com | *Other languages: French*

CFS Durham strengthens the emotional and social well-being of individuals and families in Durham Region through counselling, prevention programs, education and community development work. CFS Durham staff members help victims of family violence obtain the protection and safety they need to strengthen their lives.

Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin

(905) 450-1608 | www.cfspd.com

Speaker booking contact: Mrs. Sharon Mayne-Devine, Executive Director | SMayneDevine@cfspd.com | *Other languages: Polish, Spanish*

CFS Peel-Dufferin provides counselling services and education programs to individuals, struggling couples, and families dealing with emotional and relational issues, including domestic violence, stress, couple and family problems, emotional trauma and bereavement.

Catholic Family Services of Toronto

(416) 921-1163 | www.cfstoronto.org

Speaker booking contact: Ms. Charlene Taboy, Executive Assistant ext. 2240 | ctaboy@cfstoronto.com | *Other languages: Italian, Spanish*

CFS Toronto's counselling services and wellness programs help individuals, couples and families in difficult situations move through tough transitions and make positive changes in their lives. The agency also offers extensive marriage/remarriage preparation and family life programs.

Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County

(705) 726-2503 ext. 107 – Barrie location | www.cfssc.ca

Speaker booking contact: Ms. Michelle Bergin, Executive Director | mbergin@cfssc.ca | *Other languages: French*

CFSSC offers professional counselling services, family life education programs and community development activities designed to strengthen and enrich the family and individual lives of the residents of Simcoe County.

Book an Agency Speaker

Please refer to the contact information in this document when booking an agency representative to speak at your parish. Many agencies can provide speakers in other languages, as indicated.

Book a ShareLife Agency Visit

Did you know ShareLife agencies are eager to welcome visitors from parishes? As agency staff explain their services and answer their questions, ShareLife parish volunteers witness firsthand how the campaign supports those in need.

When booking a visit, please contact the agency at least one week beforehand to ensure they can set aside the appropriate amount of time for your appointment.

Referring a Parishioner to a Social Service Agency

Parish priests across the Archdiocese play a vital role in supporting the spiritual needs of their parishioners. Many times these same parishioners will approach their priests for non-spiritual advice concerning family, relationship, mental health or grief related issues. In these cases, clergy and parish staff can act as a vital lifeline in referring parishioners to agencies that are able to immediately assist them.

If a parishioner needs help, please review this list of ShareLife agencies and provide him or her with contact information based on the type of support required. As a warm introduction for the referral, you may also wish to contact the agency beforehand with any information you feel is relevant to the client seeking help.

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FertilityCare Toronto (formerly Marguerite Bourgeoys Family Centre FertilityCare™ Programme)

(416) 465-2868 | www.fertilitycare.ca

Speaker booking contact: Mrs. Holly Raj, Executive Director | holly@fertilitycare.ca or info@fertilitycare.ca

FertilityCare Toronto offers services to support women and couples with their gynecological and reproductive health by providing instruction in the Creighton Model FertilityCare System and restorative health care through the science of NaProTechnology, which respects the dignity of each person. Our health professionals educate and assist women in their teens through the perimenopausal stage of their lives in the areas of fertility/infertility, family planning and women's health.

Natural Family Planning Association

(416) 481-5465 | www.toronto.naturalfamilyplanning.ca

Speaker Booking Contact: Ms. Rosierre Leka Mercieca, Office Administrator | nfptoronto@naturalfamilyplanning.ca

Other languages: Cantonese, Mandarin, Polish, Spanish

The Natural Family Planning Association helps women and couples take the guesswork out of preventing pregnancy and achieving pregnancy. Women learn to identify their natural signals of fertility and infertility using the Billings Ovulation Method of family planning. Instead of a "one-size-fits-all" approach, it works with each woman's unique patterns of fertility and infertility in all circumstances and all stages of reproductive life. Also, fertility awareness programs are offered to mothers and daughters, high school students, young adults and couples preparing for marriage.

Birthright International (Toronto)

(416) 469-1111 | www.birthright.org

Speaker Booking Contact: Ms. Maureen McKenna, Director | toronto@birthright.org

Birthright provides a caring, non-judgmental support to girls and women, who are distressed by an unplanned pregnancy, to enable them to give birth to their baby. Using its own resources and those of the community, Birthright provides friendship and emotional support, free pregnancy testing, and maternity and baby clothes. It gives information and referrals to help clients meet legal, medical, financial, and housing needs.

SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Covenant House Toronto

(416) 598-4898 | www.covenanthousetoronto.ca

Speaker Booking Contact: Mr. Michael Sheiner (416) 204-7094 | msheiner@covenanthouse.ca

As Canada's largest youth shelter, Covenant House Toronto offers a place to stay and 24/7 crisis care to homeless youth, providing a wide range of services under one roof, including education, counselling, health care and employment assistance. Covenant House has helped thousands of youth move from a life on the street to a life with a future.

Camp Ozanam (formerly Four Winds Boys' Camp)

c/o Society of St. Vincent de Paul – Toronto Central Council

(416) 364-5577 | info@ssvptoronto.ca

Speaker Booking Contact: Ms. Louise Coutu, Executive Director | lcoutu@ssvptoronto.ca

Referred by social service agencies, school boards and parishes, boys from across the Greater Toronto Area and beyond receive a safe summer camp experience at Camp Ozanam. Activities include aquatics, crafts, skills sports and field sports.

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Office of Catholic Youth (OCY)

(416) 599-7676 ext. 227 | www.ocytoronto.org

Speaker Booking Contact: Leyna Jacques-Carr, Administrative Assistant | leyna@ocytoronto.org

OCY serves youth, campus and young adult ministries in the Archdiocese of Toronto by providing support and training to parish youth and young adult ministries, and to university chaplaincies. The office forms partnerships with youth-focused organizations to strengthen Catholic youth networks. It also hosts larger-scale events, programs and retreats to help bolster and reenergize the life of local ministries.

Sancta Maria House

(416) 925-7333

Speaker Booking Contact: Ms. Sonia Seaton, Executive Director | soniaseaton@smhtoronto.org

Other languages: Italian, Spanish

Young women aged 14 to 21 are provided a home-like environment in which to gain life skills, independence, a sense of self-worth and personal responsibility. Sancta Maria House also provides low income support housing for young women and follow-up aftercare services.

Youth In Transition (YIT)

(416) 598-4898 | www.covenanthousetoronto.ca

Speaker Booking Contact: Mr. Michael Sheiner (416) 204-7094 | msheiner@covenanthouse.ca

Administered by Covenant House, Youth In Transition is an innovative program that provides youth ages 16-24 coming from child welfare, youth justice and children's mental health programs with one-on-one support to make a smooth and positive transition into adulthood.

SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY

Centres d'Accueil Héritage

(416) 365-3350 | www.caheritage.org

Speaker booking contact: Ms. Barbara Ceccarelli, Executive Director, ext. 262 | bceccarelli@caheritage.org

Other languages: French

As the only French-speaking organization in the Greater Toronto Area offering community support services and supportive housing, Les Centres d'Accueil Héritage provides a full range of personal care and community aid, with special support available for the aged, sick and handicapped.

LA Centre for Active Living

(416) 452-4875 | www.loyolaarrupecentre.com

Speaker booking contact: Ms. Sandra Cardillo, Executive Director | sandra@loyolaarrupecentre.com

Other languages: Italian, Korean, Lithuanian, Portuguese, Spanish

LA Centre for Active Living provides a variety of programs and services promoting independent community living for seniors. Seniors have easy access to the centre's social, recreational and spiritual services, helping them to live with dignity, respect and confidence.

Providence Healthcare

(416) 285-3747 | www.providence.on.ca

Speaker booking contact: Brennan (Jeff) Vidt, 416-285-3666, ext. 4245 | BVidt@providence.on.ca

Other languages: French, Spanish

Providence Healthcare specializes in rehabilitation for seniors who have experienced strokes, orthopaedic surgery, or lower limb amputation, or who require specialized geriatric rehabilitation, assessment and treatment. Providence also provides complex continuing care, long-term care and community outreach for individuals with geriatric conditions. ShareLife helps support the Cardinal Ambrozic Houses of Providence, a Catholic-sponsored long-term care home for residents.

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Society of Sharing

(416) 413-0380 | www.societyofsharing.org

Speaker booking contact: Mrs. Mariza Garcia, Executive Director, ext. 223 | mariza@societyofsharing.org

Other languages: Spanish, Tagalog

The Society of Sharing provides volunteer services to isolated seniors and adults with physical disabilities in the inner city of Toronto, extending their ability to live independently in the community through sustained home visiting, escorts to medical appointments, telephone support and socialization groups.

SERVICES FOR SINGLE AND TEEN PARENTS

Rosalie Hall

(416) 438-6880 | www.rosaliehall.com

Speaker booking contact: Ms. Jane Kenny, Executive Director | jkenny@rosaliehall.com

Rosalie Hall is an accredited Child and Youth Mental Health agency that focuses on the needs of pregnant and parenting youth with mental health issues, their children and families. We provide a range of services including counselling and therapy, residential care, a high school program, early learning and child care services and the young parent hub which offers groups and an opportunity for social inclusion and community activities.

Rose of Durham Young Parents Support Services

(905) 432-3622 | www.roseofdurham.com

Speaker booking contact: Ms. Deneen Nolte, Office Manager | deneen.nolte@roseofdurham.com

Rose of Durham offers young parents a variety of critical programs to help them deal with the challenges of pregnancy, childbirth and parenting. Programs include individual and group counselling, prenatal and parenting classes, teen parent school programs, drop-in programs and skills workshops.

Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers

(905) 853-5514 | www.roseofsharon.com

Speaker booking contact: Ms. Jill Jambor, Community Engagement Coordinator | jjambor@roseofsharon.com

As two generations of York Region's most vulnerable members of society, our youngest moms and their children depend on Rose of Sharon. Through one-on-one counselling, essential parenting and personal development programs, high school educational services, child minding, plus access to basic needs including food, diapers and other baby supplies, young moms receive the help they need for today and build hope and skills for the future.

Vita Centre

(905) 502-7933 | www.vitacentre.org

Speaker booking contact: Ms. Tanya Pereira, ext. 223 | t.pereira@vitacentre.org

Vita Centre provides support, education and counselling for pregnant and parenting youth, and vulnerable women up to the age of thirty. Vita Centre services include counselling, parenting groups, and access to practical supports such as diapers, formula, and gently used baby clothes. The goal of our programs and services is to support parents to access resources and information to help them create the best possible outcomes for their young families.

SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Mary Centre

(416) 630-5533 | www.marycentre.com

Speaker booking contact: Ms. Tracey Berman | traceyb@marycentre.com

Mary Centre supports a variety of residential and outreach services for adults with developmental challenges—helping them attain greater self-confidence and personal independence so they can have fulfilling educational, employment and life experiences. Residential services are made available to adults in the GTA and Peel Region every year.

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St. Michael's Homes / Matt Talbot Houses

(416) 926-8267 | stmichaelshomes.org

Speaker booking contact: Rachael Whalem, ext. 115 | rachael@stmichaelshomes.org

St. Michael's Homes provides services for men in recovery from addictions, including residential treatment, aftercare, and supportive housing through their Matt Talbot Housing Program.

Our Place Community of Hope

(416) 598-2919 | www.ourplacecommunityofhope.com

Speaker booking contact: Natasha Wakaruk, Senior Operations Manager | info@ourplacecommunityofhope.com

Our Place provides a safe space for people with mental health issues to socialize with each other and access services that build skills for independent living. A variety of social and recreational programs are available for people who have been marginalized because of their illness.

SE Health

(905) 940-9655 | www.sehc.com

Speaker booking contact: communicationsSEHC@sehc.com

ShareLife funding allows SE Health to offer mentoring opportunities to other social service agencies. In addition, ShareLife supports SE Health to provide back-office services in the areas of human resources and financial management. For many smaller agencies, these services are invaluable in improving administrative efficiency, agency effectiveness and organizational capacity.

St. Bernadette's Family Resource Centre

(416) 654-9810 | www.stbernadettesfrc.org

Speaker booking contact: Mrs. Angie Carboni, Executive Director | angiecarboni@hotmail.com

Other languages: Italian

St. Bernadette's integrates children, youth and adults with developmental and/or physical challenges, such as autism, Down's syndrome, cerebral palsy and blindness, with their able peers. Parent relief programs and support groups are available to help care givers better face the challenges they encounter.

Silent Voice Canada

(416) 463-1104 (Voice) & (416) 463-3928 (TTY) | www.silentvoice.ca

Speaker booking contact: Ms. Gayathri Samaroo, Office Manager | g.samaroo@silentvoice.ca

Other languages: American Sign Language (ASL)

Silent Voice is the only organization in the GTA offering programs, services and community and family-based support to Deaf children, youth and adults in an American Sign Language (ASL) environment. Social-recreational programs are offered in ASL for Deaf children and ASL instruction is available for hearing family members.

IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Catholic Crosscultural Services

(416) 757-7010 | www.cathcrosscultural.org

Speaker booking contact: Ms. Lisa Loong, Regional Director, ext. 2208 | lisal@cathcrosscultural.org

Other languages:

Toronto – Gujarati, Hindi, Mandarin, Tagalog, Tamil, Urdu

Peel – Polish, Spanish, Tagalog

Catholic Crosscultural Services (CCS) provides immigrants and refugees with a number of services to make transition and integration to their new life in Canada easier. Programs include settlement counselling, English language instruction, job search, settlement and education partnership in Toronto, as well as the private refugee sponsorship.

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Office for Refugees of the Archdiocese of Toronto

(416) 934-3400 | www.archtoronto.org/refugee

Speaker booking contact: Mr. Luciano Moro, Outreach Manager, ext. 803 | lmoro@archtoronto.org

Other languages: Arabic, Kikwa

The office's main focus is the Private Refugee Sponsorship Program of the Archdiocese of Toronto, which works to bring refugees overseas to Canada. They are fostering a sense of community within the archdiocese, as parishes and religious orders are asked to work together to help newcomers integrate into Canadian society.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS & MISSIONS

Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace

(416) 922-1592 | www.devp.org

Speaker booking contact: Mr. Luke Stocking, ext. 225 | Luke.Stocking@devp.org

Development and Peace is the international development arm of the Canadian Catholic Church, established in 1967 by Canada's bishops and a concerned group of laity and clergy to increase awareness of the causes of poverty and injustice. During the past four decades, Development and Peace has provided more than \$500 million to improve working and living conditions in more than 70 countries. They also provide emergency relief abroad for natural disasters, civil disturbances and other human tragedies.

Pastoral Mission Fund

(416) 934-3400 ext. 567

Speaker booking contact: Ms. Lysle Kintanar, ext. 567 | lkintanar@archtoronto.org

The Pastoral Mission Fund was established in 1982 to direct funds to worthy missionary and pastoral programs in developing countries, especially where no other help is available. Missionaries are provided training supplies, religious education materials, and practical items like bicycles. Additionally, the fund supports the education of seminarians, religious and lay catechists.

EDUCATION OF CLERGY

Office of Vocations

(416) 934-3400 | www.archtoronto.org

Speaker booking contact: Fr. Chris Lemieux

The Office of Vocations is here to assist Catholics find their own particular and unique vocation as Disciples of Jesus Christ (priesthood, religious and consecrated life or the permanent diaconate). Our office walks with those in the discernment process as we prayerfully figure out what God's calling us to do. We support men considering a possible call from the Lord to the diocesan priesthood through a variety of discernment programs and events at the seminary. For women and men considering consecrated and religious life, we can make connections to a great number of religious communities in the archdiocese. The Office of Vocations is a friendly atmosphere where visitors can share the path of discernment with others.

Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary

(416) 264-9477 | www.rmmstoronto.org

Speaker booking contact: Fr. Tomasz Skibinski, Rector, ext. 1 | rmmstoronto@gmail.com

Other languages: Croatian, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish

In 1997 His Eminence Aloysius Cardinal Ambrozic called to life Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary (RMMS) for the Archdiocese of Toronto, which he officially erected in 1999. The RMMS is a diocesan, missionary and international seminary forming presbyters who upon their ordination will be incardinated in the Archdiocese of Toronto while ready to carry out the New Evangelization anywhere in the world at the discretion of the Archbishop of Toronto. RMMS shares the premises of St. Augustine's Seminary in Scarborough.

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St. Augustine's Seminary

(416) 261-7207 | www.staugustines.on.ca

Speaker booking contact: Ms. Avani Pandya ext. 223 | avani.pandya@utoronto.ca

Other languages: Cantonese, French, Italian, Korean, Polish, Spanish

St. Augustine's Seminary is the major seminary of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto. Its primary purpose is the preparation of candidates for ordained priesthood in the Catholic Church, both for the Archdiocese of Toronto and elsewhere. This preparation promotes spiritual formation, theological education and field training. The seminary is also mandated to form men and women aspiring to other ministries in the Church. Classrooms are used by such groups as the Permanent Diaconate and Ministry to the Deaf.

St. Augustine's Seminary also has a downtown campus known as Serra House, which is a residence for seminarians engaged in philosophical studies at various universities.

Note: Seminarians are available to speak in parishes on the weekends of March 23/24 and 30/31, 2019. While stipends are not required for seminarian speakers, assistance with travel expenses is encouraged.

ON-GOING SUPPORT/VOLUNTEERING

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto

(416) 934-3401 | www.catholiccharitiestor.org

Speaker booking contact: Ms. Kaye Quan, Office Manager | KQuan@catholiccharitiestor.org

Other languages: French, Italian, Tagalog

Catholic Charities is the central office that provides planning, co-ordination and support to Catholic social services that help those in need. This office refers clients, organizes volunteers, conducts regular agency reviews, works with ShareLife to allocate funds, and ensures a high standard of service is met by all member agencies.

GRANTS-IN-AID AGENCIES

Canadian Food for Children

(905) 274-9239 | www.canadianfoodforchildren.net

Speaker booking contact: Mrs. Helen McGuire, Executive Director | Mr. Salvatore Badali, Assistant Executive Director
cffc.aasimone@yahoo.ca

Canadian Food for Children is a registered Canadian charity founded by Dr. Andrew and Joan Simone with a goal to feed the poorest of the poor in developing countries throughout the world. Inspired by the teachings of the Catholic faith, CFFC is run entirely by volunteers and currently sends food up to 22 countries.

The deVeber Institute

(416) 256-0555 | www.deveber.org

Speaker booking contact: Mrs. Kathy Matusiak, Executive Director | bioethics@deveber.org

Other languages: Italian, Polish

The deVeber Institute for Bioethics and Social Research conducts and disseminates research on topics connected to human life in its biological, social and ethical dimensions, believing in the inherent value and dignity of human life. We offer presentations to all audiences on the topics of ethics, beginning of life to end of life issues, including but not limited to abortion's impact on women, men and society, euthanasia and its impact on health care, and proper palliative care. We offer and present resources and scholarship for an informed social response to important human life questions.

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Good Shepherd Centre

(416) 869-3619 | www.goodshepherd.ca

Speaker booking contact: Bro. David Lynch, OH | david@goodshepherd.ca

The Good Shepherd Centre in Toronto provides services to homeless, disadvantaged and marginalized people. ShareLife supports the 25-bed Drug and Rehabilitation Recovery Enrichment Program (DARE), a post-detoxification and pre-treatment program offering homeless men with addictions a safe place to live while awaiting treatment. DARE provides counselling that prepares clients for residential or out-patient treatment for addictions. Clients live together in a secure dormitory, offering each other support and encouragement.

New Beginnings

(416) 921-1163

Speaker booking contact: Ms. Charlene Taboy, Executive Assistant, ext. 2240 | ctaboy@cfstoronto.com

Other languages: New Beginnings

New Beginnings is a ministry developed to meet the needs of those who are separated, divorced, widowed or who are enduring a significant loss. Through various programs, participants are given the opportunity to move through the stages of healing, leading to the beginning of a more fulfilling life.

Hospital Chaplaincy

(416) 934-3400 ext. 349

Speaker booking contact: Ms. Agnes Vaz, Chaplaincy Coordinator, ext. 349 | avaz@archtoronto.org

The office coordinates pastoral and sacramental care to Catholic patients in large acute care hospitals. The office also provides ongoing consultation and support for priest chaplains and Catholic lay chaplains working in the hospital setting.

Toronto Right To Life

(416) 483-7869 | www.trtl.ca

Phoebe Heng, Administrative Assistant | phoebe.heng@trtl.ca

Other languages: French, Spanish, Tagalog

At Toronto Right to Life, we envision a country where the intrinsic dignity of every human life is valued and the human rights of all human beings are protected. We are a non-sectarian human rights organization that aims to change the country by reaching and transforming Toronto and the GTA. We educate schools, churches and community groups on life issues, such as abortion and assisted suicide, to change hearts and minds, and save lives by providing scientific evidence and research, and learning from past successful social reformers.

St. John Paul the Great Family Centre

(416) 661-8221

Speaker Booking Contact: Fr. Jose Signorelli, IVE | staugcanter@gmail.com

Located at St. Augustine of Canterbury Parish, the St. John Paul the Great Family Centre provides regular after-school programs for youth and activities for seniors.