

Holy Family Parish

Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto



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PASTORAL LETTER

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,…” Matthew 28:19

My Dear Parishioner,

Have you heard? Do you know our mission? It is the mission that Jesus gave to us, His church... and it is our call to continue His work here on earth, in this place, at this time. Our efforts over this past year have been focused on this path of discipleship, to be followers of Jesus and from a real relationship with him, to joyfully share our faith not only within our parish, but more importantly beyond the parish in our community.

Throughout the year, we have had many people participate in our various programs – from Alpha, ChristLife, and Bible Studies, to our special workshops to reveal our new mission and take it into Action! There has been a re-organization and revitalization of the music at our Masses. To further enhance our intentional welcome to Holy Family, we have been hosting hospitality after all of our weekend Masses where new parishioners have made connections and people have made new friends. And, a true blessing, some of our parishioners have been inviting others to attend our Masses and other events at our church. In many ways, we have been growing in our discipleship.

There continues to be a vibrant youth ministry at Holy Family where students from grade 3 – 5 may attend Edge Jr., grade 6 – 8 have Edge, and high school students gather for LifeTeen. We are really looking forward to a number of exciting opportunities for fun and faith for our young people at our summer camps. Edge Camp will be Aug 17 – 21, LifeTeen camp will be Aug 5 – 10, the Steubenville experience for teens will again be at UOIT Jul 12 – 14, and our Grand Camp for grandchildren and grandparents will return July 8 – 12. Please see our new website at: [https:// holyfamilywhitby.ca](https://holyfamilywhitby.ca) for more information.

In all things, we rely on God, but in real and practical ways, all of our programs, events, activities and even celebration of our faith in liturgy and Masses, we rely on your generous gifts of the time, talent and treasures. Each and every person has a contribution to make to the continued growth and pursuit of **our mission to love God, love others and make disciples**, and so I extend my sincere appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to all who support the parish. And in a special way, I am particularly inspired by and thankful for the more than 300 people who are presently participating in our Rebuilt Book Club to further support development of our parish plans to follow our mission.

I invite everyone to consider taking a next step in your faith, whatever that might be, by visiting the church, our website, our social media platforms, or any of our programs and events. If you feel in your heart that you are searching for an opportunity to *reconnect, renew and rebuild* your faith, we want you to know that at Holy Family there is a caring community of believers here to support you on that journey. We hope and pray for our continued growth together in faith, and invite you to reach out, and feel free to contact me directly to talk about how you can become more engaged and connected.

On behalf of Fr. Matthew and the parish staff, best wishes in Christ,

Rev. Fr. László Nagy, Pastor

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