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Caring for Our Future

Most High glorious God
enlighten the darkness of our hearts
and free us from worry and anxiety.

Give us true Faith
to recognize your presence among us;

certain Hope
to care for our parish's future;

perfect Love
to reach out to those in need;
sense and knowledge Lord

that we may carry out
Your holy and true command.

Amen.

-adapted from

St. Francis of Assisi's Prayer before the Cross

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The Case:

This year, some 100 parishioners were interviewed individually or discussed in small groups a proposed 5 year plan to care for our aging buildings and to develop a new youth ministry.

What Parishioners said:

- People are very happy with the state of the parish. They find the friars to be strong pastoral leaders and are pleased with the emphasis on Outreach ministries
- The breadth and depth of ministries bring vibrancy that attracts new parishioners
- In response to the needs of the church and parish centre, 90% of participants are extremely supportive of the plans for improvements.
- The two most important items were to repair the roof (done, but not fully paid) and to investigate ecological or "green" options for caring for our facilities
- Youth Ministry is seen as a very high priority for the parish
- 91.7% of participants in the study support having a capital campaign and 94% would consider a financial gift to a campaign at St. Bonaventure

Caring for Our Future

Our parishioners have identified two significant areas of focus for St. Bonaventure's over the next five years. These include areas of repair, renovation and refurbishment to our church and parish centre and areas of ministry to youth and seniors.

Our Spiritual Home - The Buildings:

Our church and parish centre are places of prayer and learning and both are in need of repair, renovations and refurbishment in order to serve the many needs of our growing Catholic Community. As with all structures, they must be maintained and the repairs must be environmentally and ecologically sensitive.

Ministry:

Our parish is blessed with an abundance of young people seeking the

spiritual guidance found in the Church. Our seniors have served our parish for decades and as vital members of the Church they are in need of programs that build community and relationship with others.

Our Goal:

The Caring For Our Future Capital Campaign 2009-2013 has as its goal to raise \$1.9 million over the next five years to support our new Youth Ministry and to care for the physical needs of our spiritual home.

A significant fundraising initiative is before us at St. Bonaventure, but it is also a unique opportunity to make a big difference! To realize our vision for our buildings and ministry, we need to be bold and commit ourselves and our resources.

The Economy:

Asking for money is never easy - and less so in difficult times. How and when a parishioner supports the Caring For Our Future Campaign for the parish is entirely a personal and private matter. There is no pressure. The needs are real and in many cases urgent, but parishioners and their decisions will be respected.

However, every member of St. Bonaventure parish will be asked to pray and reflect on the blessings they have received and how they are being called to respond in gratitude and faith.

Every member of our community will be invited to take advantage of this opportunity to make a meaningful gift, over a 5-year pledge period to care for our spiritual home... to care for our future!

Communication:

Parishioners will be provided with timely, accurate and clear communication about the campaign by the following means:

- Regular updates in the bulletin
- Information displays in church
- A Caring For Our Future page on the parish website
- Information sessions
- An evolving Questions & Answers sheet

The Challenge

We are a community who takes up the challenge laid before us, to keep ourselves vital and alive for future generations. St. Bonaventure captures the Spirit of Assisi and puts the gospel into action - a gospel that will always challenge and inspire us.

Capital Costs and Projects		\$
2009	EnergyStar® Cool Roof for Church	757,000
	Youth Ministry	40,000
	Energy efficient lighting and ceiling tiles in Church	30,000
	Total Costs for 2009	827,000
2010	Wheelchair Accessible Washroom in church	20,000
	Wheelchair Accessible Front Door in church	15,000
	Parish Centre Kitchen and Bathroom Renovation	100,000
	Youth Ministry	40,000
	Total Costs for 2010	175,000
2011	EnergyStar® Cool Roof for Parish Centre	375,000
	Youth Ministry	40,000
	Total for Costs 2011	415,000
2012	Ecological Heating and Cooling System	350,000
	Youth Ministry	40,000
	Total Costs for 2012	390,000
2013	Refresh Rooms in the Parish Centre	180,000
	Rebuild the Outdoor Cross	45,000
	Repair the Precast Beams	10,000
	Energy efficient lighting in Parish Centre	25,000
	Youth Ministry	40,000
	Total Costs for 2013	300,000
Contingency and Professional Fees		243,000
Total Capital Costs		2,350,000
Funds Available		
Revitalization Campaign Funds		355,000
Parish Reserve Fund		395,000
Total Available Funds		750,000
Replenish the Parish Reserve Fund		300,000
Capital Required		1,900,000

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Preparing for Confirmation

Tuesday, April 28, 7:30 pm

Youth preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in May will meet in the Parish Centre.

Preparing for First Communion

Thursday, April 30, 6:30 pm

Interviews will take place on a first come first served basis in the Parish Centre.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Theology & Tea

Wednesday, April 29, 9:30 am

Join the faith discussion with Friar Mark.

Cursillo Movement

Spanish Retreat, Thursday April 30

The Cursillo experience brings with it the discovery of the basis of Christianity and its fundamental significance to our lives. To register contact: Julio Morales
jmorales1479@rogers.com
 647-200-1479.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

ShareLife Earthquake Relief

The ShareLife office is accepting donations for relief efforts in Italy. To donate:

- online: www.sharelife.org
- by phone: 416.934.3411
- by cheque, payable to ShareLife - St. Bonaventure - Italian Earthquake Relief.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Mother's Day Lunch

Young women and men ages 11-30 years, please bring your mother, grandmother, or mother-like figure to lunch on Saturday, May 9th at 10:30am-12:30pm. A Guest Speaker will be announced. All donations will support our Youth Ministry Program.

CWL Communion Brunch

Sunday, May 24, 11:30 am - Donalda Club

Tickets \$35 on sale after masses on May 2 & 3.

Alyson Schafer Offers Free Parenting Seminar

Thursday May 21, 7:00 pm, Parish Centre

For tickets to a *The 4 Crucial C's Every Child Must Have to Succeed*. For tickets contact csac.stbonaventure@tcdsb.org.

Prayer Requests

Call Pat Berry, 416.267.9678, of the prayer network, or Friar Boniface, 416.447.5571, for private prayer.

Visit www.st-bonaventure.ca for more parish news

LITURGY		THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH		COMMUNITY LIFE	
9:00 am	† Otello Lucchiatti	Monday April 27	4:30 pm 6:15 pm	Kumon/Bonaventure Room Sparks/Francis Room	
9:00 am	† Catherine Connor	Tuesday April 28	7:30 pm 7:30 pm	Small Faith Group/Bonaventure Room Confirmation Preparation/Main Hall	
9:00 am	† Father Bill O'Brien	Wednesday April 29	9:30 am 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Theology & Tea/Francis Room Christopher Leadership /Main Hall Alcoholics Anonymous/Francis Room	
9:00 am	Vocations	Thursday April 30	4:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Kumon/Bonaventure Room First Communion Interviews/Main Hall Bereavement Support/Oak Room	
9:00 am	† Victor Dwarte	Friday May 1	10:30 am	CWL Bridge/Francis Room	
9:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	† Geraldo & Angelina Genova Reconciliation † Clare Magdalen Rodriguez	Saturday May 2	9:30 am	Christian Meditation/Oak Room	
8:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm 3:00 pm	Our Parishioners † John McAuliffe † Dortha Quackenbush Baptism: Kathryn Wu First Communion	Sunday May 3	11:00 am 2:00 pm	Sunday Coffee Hawaiian Dance Lessons/Main Hall	

SANCTUARY LAMPS: † Mike Kawalski

VIGIL LAMP: † Lorna Huhlewycih

The Spirit of Assisi Vision

St. Bonaventure Parish, the Franciscan Friars and Secular Franciscans working together to respond to the spiritual hungers of the community by becoming an oasis of peace, prayer and service; a little bit of Assisi in Toronto.



Eucharist

SUNDAY 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 12 noon
SATURDAY 9:00 am, 5:00 pm (for Sunday)
MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00 am (10:00 am on Civic Holidays)

Baptism

Celebrated on Sunday afternoons, except during Lent, by appointment. Parents need to be registered in the parish and practice their faith on a regular basis.

Reconciliation (CONFESSION)

SATURDAY 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm or by appointment

Marriage

Contact the Ministry Centre at least one year before the date you would like to be married. The bride or groom must be a registered member of the parish and both need to practice their faith on a regular basis.

Sacrament of The Sick

Call for the anointing of those who are seriously sick; preferably before entering the hospital.

Our Parish & Community

The Parish Ministry Centre

416.447.5571

MON-THURS 9:00 am - 12:30 pm;
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
FRIDAY Closed
SATURDAY 9:00 am - 6:30 pm - Limited Services
SUNDAY 9:00 am - 1:30 pm - Limited Services

PASTOR Friar Rick Riccioli, OFM Conv.
PARISH MANAGER Connie Durante
PASTORAL ASSISTANT Jeanette Williams
RECEPTION Mildred Cope, Elena Gecaj, Diana D'Souza,
Barbara Cooper, Patricia Krijgsman
DEACON Rev. Mr. Sal Badali
ASSOCIATE PASTOR Friar Mark Steed, OFM Conv.
Friar Canice Connors, OFM Conv
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE Friar David Suckling, OFM Conv
PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY Lina Gagliardi, MSW, RSW
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FRIARS Friar Mark Steed 416.447.5571
SECULAR David Mitchell 416.322.3977

Parish Mission Statement

WE ARE A COMMUNITY of believing people, who have chosen St. Bonaventure's as our spiritual home within the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto.

Together, inspired by the Franciscan Spirit, we seek to live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our daily lives by becoming a holy people and serving our sisters and brothers for the Glory of God.

I want to learn more

The Messenger of St. Anthony Magazine

is published by the friars to help you live your faith. Call Anna at 416.690.9904

Salt+Light TV

is a Canadian Catholic channel that tells our stories and also brings us events from the Vatican. Call Martha at 416.971.5353

The Parish Enquiry Programme

for people who want to learn more about becoming Catholics. Call Friar Rick at 416.447.5571

I want to help

Volunteer at St. Clare Inn

Shelter and care for homeless women. Call Friar Tom at 416.447.5571



Make a Casserole

to feed the hungry at the Good Shepherd Centre. Call Eva at 416.447.3040

I need help

Pregnant? Need someone to talk to?

Call Birthright at 416.469.1111

Homebound?

Our parish can provide communion at home and caregivers to come over for a visit. Call Mildred at 416.447.5571

St. Vincent de Paul serves those in need.

Call Jim at 416.447.5571

I am grateful

You can show your gratitude for the blessings in your life by supporting your Church. Consider...

Automatic Debit for your Sunday Offering assures the church with a regular flow of donations, even when you are unable to attend mass.

Including St. Bonaventure Parish in your Will or Testament helps you pass on your values to the next generation.

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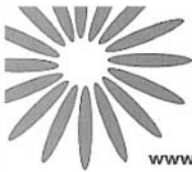
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