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A MESSAGE FROM FRIAR RICK

Last weekend, during the homily, I announced that I will be leaving Toronto this August to begin a new friary-life and ministry. My brothers in the Franciscan community have asked me to move to Syracuse, NY to lead [FrancisCorps](#), a young adult volunteer experience.

The thought of leaving makes me very sad. I have spent most of my adult life in Toronto and 20 years of ministry as a priest serving in the Archdiocese of Toronto as vocation director, formation director, editor of Companion Magazine and in parish ministry at St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Bramalea and here at St. Bonaventure. Moving to Syracuse does not excite me very much. I have heard there is lot of snow and it is often grey, but that it is a great community. I know a few people there, besides the friars, so I go with an open mind. My ministry will involve quite a bit of time "on the road" to recruit and interview prospective volunteers. I'm a little anxious about driving in the US North East in the winter – winter driving makes me crazy!

I am genuinely excited about FrancisCorps. It is a ministry of our Order that reflects the friars' desire to work collaboratively with lay women and men. The mission

is to pass on the vision and values of Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi to a younger generation who will live these out in their lives and hopefully help transform the world. These young Volunteers live in community, share in prayer and serve the poor in Syracuse, NY and San José, Costa Rica.

Next month I will begin shuffling between Syracuse & Toronto to learn about FrancisCorps. Since there is a Costa Rican component to this ministry, I will go to Costa Rica in April/May to study Spanish, hopefully enough for basic communication. I will return home for Holy Week and then do the shuffle again in the summer.

In August, our Minister Provincial, Friar Justin Biase, will propose to Archbishop Collins, Friar Paul Lininger as the new pastor. Friar Paul is the Executive Director of the Conference of Major Superior of Men in the US. He has a PhD in Pastoral Counselling and served as a very able treasurer for the friars.

I am sure, that with support of the friars, the collaboration of our parish staff, and the love of the parishioners who make St. Bonaventure such a wonderful community, this transition will go smoothly. In the meantime we still have much to do together. Let's get busy ☺

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Theology & Tea

Tuesdays, 9:30 am

Join Friar Canice for a presentation on a theological topic and an opportunity for questions and discussion.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

March 10 - 20, 2011

Join Kitty McGilly this spring when even the desert is in bloom and journey in the footsteps of Jesus. Cost \$2595 plus airport tax. Contact Kitty, 416. 201.7375, kmcgilly@rogers.com. www.faithjourneys.ca

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Refugee Family Update

We recently learned that the *Aal Hano family* who we planned to sponsor, was granted asylum in the US by the United Nations Refugee Agency. Apparently refugee



families are so in need of a home, that they pursue a variety of avenues to find a safe place to live. The family have expressed gratitude for all that we tried to do for them. Following this news, the Archdiocesan Office of Refugees contacted us regarding an Iraqi family of four who need a sponsor: *Bashar and Raya Tobeya, Karam* a boy age 3 and *Kati* a girl age 2. They are Chaldean Catholics who have fled

Iraq after several attempts to return and work there. They have suffered persecution in a variety of manners and are currently in Syria. Their refugee visa applications have already been approved and consequently they could arrive in Toronto quickly, as early as March! The Resettlement Committee, our parish staff and friars, are very grateful to all who have generously contributed to this wonderful project. As the time draws near for the arrival of the Tobeya family, there will be a need to continue to help welcome and nurture them in their new home. Since the family will be arriving with little more than the clothing on their backs, they need your help to supply them with household linens and basic house wares. To avoid duplication, we ask you to choose an item from our list and sign up for it in the Ministry Centre after mass this weekend or next. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Register for St. Bonaventure Baseball League

Application forms are available at the Ministry Centre and at www.st-bonaventure.ca. The league needs coaches, conveners and umpires. If you would like to volunteer, contact bonaventurebaseball@gmail.com

Prayer Requests

Call Sharon West, 416.445.7841 or Friar Boniface, 416.447.5571, for private prayer.

Go to www.st-bonaventure.ca for more parish news. Find us on Facebook

LITURGY		THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH		COMMUNITY LIFE	
9:00 am	† Edward Badya	Monday January 31			
9:00 am	Genedicte Sidibe	Tuesday February 1	9:30 am 6:15 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Theology & Tea/Francis Room Sparks /Brownies/Francis Room CWL Executive/Ministry Centre Small Faith Group/ Bonaventure Room New Beginnings/Francis Room	
9:00 am	† Ted Masterson	Wednesday February 2	8:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous/Francis Room	
9:00 am	† Elizabeth Stracey	Thursday February 3	7:30 pm	Marriage Preparation/Francis Room	
9:00 am	† Robert Brooks	Friday February 4			
9:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Vocations Reconciliation † Delia Cabahug	Saturday February 5	9:30 am 10:00 am	Christian Meditation/Oak Room AI-Anon/ Bonaventure Room	
8:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Parishioners † Paddy Morrison † Josephine Covelli	Sunday February 6	11:00 am	Sunday Coffee	

Sanctuary Lamp: Moira Ste. Marie
Vigil Lamp: Lillian Brooks

OUR MISSION

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.

OUR 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.

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
WEB SITE: www.st-bonaventure.ca

Eucharist
SUNDAY 8:30 am, 10:00am, 12 noon
SATURDAY 9:00 am, 5:00 pm (for Sunday)
MON-FRI 9:00 am (10:00 am Civic Holidays)

Baptism
Celebrated Sunday afternoons, except during Lent, by appointment. Parents need to be registered in the parish and practice their faith on a regular basis. Download baptism request from web site.

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.

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

Funerals
Download our funeral guide to plan a funeral.

Vocations
Visit Franciscans.org for information on vocations to religious life and priesthood

Justice, Peace & Creation

- The Franciscan presence at the UN www.FranciscansInternational.org
- The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace: www.devpo.org
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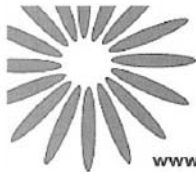
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