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FAREWELL BBQ FOR FRIAR RICK

Saturday, August 13, 6 pm

All are welcome to attend as we thank Friar Rick for the many gifts he has shared with us. Tickets are available at the Ministry Centre until August 6.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

OCY Regional Celebration

*Martyrs' Shrine in Midland,
August 19-21, ages 14-35, \$75*

This weekend — modelled on World Youth Day — is an opportunity for those who can't make the trip to Madrid, Spain to celebrate their faith with other youth. Register at the Ministry Centre.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Join Friar Rick for Linda's Walk *5k Fundraiser, Saturday, August 13*

1300 Leslie Street, 8 am to 1 pm
"Walking with me on August 13 would be the greatest gift that you could offer me and would help me realize that my ministry among you has been a success." Individuals who feel the 5k may be too tiring can do a shorter walk. Register at www.stclareinn.org or the Ministry Centre. Pledges can be dropped off next weekend after any of the masses. Your support will change lives in ways you can't begin to imagine.

COMMUNITY LIFE

East Africa — Famine Relief

The ShareLife Office is accepting donations for disaster relief efforts in East Africa which have left at least 10 million people in need of aid due to the worst droughts in 60 years. Donations can be made through ShareLife:

- at www.sharelife.org
- by phone 416.934.3411
- by cheque payable to ShareLife, St. Bonaventure, East Africa.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Civic Holiday Schedule

Monday, August 1

We will celebrate mass at 10 am and the Ministry Centre will be closed.

Faith-Based Business Networking

We are starting a Catholic Business Network, for Catholics to do business with other Catholics. The group will meet over coffee after the 10 am mass, starting once the Parish Centre renovations are complete. Contact: Gerald Lamoureux, glamoureux@rogers.com or the Ministry Centre.

Prayer Requests

Call Linda Etkorn 416.510. 0264., or Friar Boniface, 416.447.5571, for private prayer.

“I Believe”

Daniel Merz, SLL

When Catholics profess the Creed, or Profession of Faith, during Mass, the first change in the translation will be immediately apparent. We have been beginning the Creed with the words, “We believe . . .” With the new text, we will profess, “I believe . . .” Many may wonder why this change has been made.

In its original form, as approved by the Ecumenical Council of Constantinople in the year 381, the Nicene Creed (or Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, to be precise) begins “We believe.” The Council Fathers were establishing a rule of faith, a criterion that helps us interpret Sacred Scripture correctly and to preach and theologize correctly; it was a bulwark against many of the heresies of the day (Arianism, for example). It was not written to be recited during the Mass. An abbreviated version of the Creed was, however, used for Baptisms. Before being plunged into the water, the catechumen would be presented the Creed in question and answer form. The response to each question was “I believe.”

And, of course, more baptismal water would follow. Thus the initial use of the Creed in the liturgy was in the context of Baptism, employing the words, “I believe.” It wasn’t until the year 1014 that Rome began to use the Creed within the Mass on a regular basis. This broader liturgical use of the Creed followed the form used in Baptism, and thus the opening word, *Credo* (meaning “I believe”), was employed. In the centuries since then, additional reasons for using “I,” instead of “we,” have been put forth. Saint Thomas Aquinas (*Summa Theologiae* IIa IIae 1, 9) says that the Church proclaims the Creed as a single person, made one by faith. Whereas the original baptismal context calls us to take personal responsibility for our faith by the use of the singular “I,” Saint Thomas complements this idea by observing that the singular “I” also



demonstrates the united, corporate nature of the Church. Each of us singly also speaks as the one body of Christ in crying out, “I believe.” In professing the faith, we acquire, in the words of Saint Paul, “the mind of the Lord” (1 Corinthians 2:16, NRSV) and speak as his one body.

There are two additional reasons for this change to the form of the Creed. First, every other major liturgical language either already uses the singular “I” or soon will. This change will unite English-speaking Catholics more closely to the rest of the Catholic world. Secondly, the Latin text of the Creed in *The Roman Missal* uses *Credo* (“I believe”) rather than *Credimus* (“We believe”).

Some of the prayers of the Mass employ the first person plural, for example, the Gloria (“we praise you . . . we give you thanks. . .” [emphasis added]); the prayer at the Preparation of the Gifts: “May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands . . . for our good . . .” (emphasis added); the Preface Dialogue: “Lift up your hearts. / We lift them up to the Lord” (emphasis added); the Our Father; and the Lamb of God: “have mercy on us” (emphasis added). Also, a number of prayers use the first person singular, for example, the *Confiteor*: “I confess to almighty God,” and the response to the Invitation to Communion: “Lord, I am not worthy to receive you . . .” (emphasis added)—and now the Creed.

The emergent pattern seems to be that when we confess our sins and when we confess our faith, the Church wants us to use the “I.” When we otherwise say or sing prayers of praise or mercy, it is rather “we.” In a beautiful way, when a Catholic prays the Mass, we are both one and many: many parts, one body; many grains, one loaf; many minds, united in one faith, in the one mind of Christ.

Mass Intentions

Monday August 1	10:00 am	Personal Intention
Tuesday August 2	9:00 am	† Paul Wadsworth
Wednesday August 3	9:00 am	† Marietta Drew-Brook
Thursday August 4	9:00 am	Personal Intention
Friday August 5	9:00 am	† Elizabeth Stracey
Saturday August 6	9:00 am 5:00 pm	† Rupert Figeuro Personal Intention
Sunday August 7	8:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Parishioners † Patricia Cantona † Mark Van Steen
Sanctuary Lamps: Puskas & Sakic family; † George Gapusan		

Ministry Centre Summer Hours

The Ministry Centre will be closed in the evenings throughout July and August.

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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
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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
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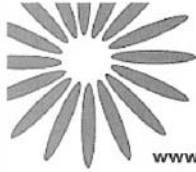
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