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*May the Blessings of this
Holy Season be with you Always.*

2015 Steubenville Youth Conference Toronto: Canadian Goan Christian Group (CGCG) subsidy

Canada's Largest Catholic Youth Conference, better known as Steubenville Toronto (ST 2015), will be back again in the GTA in 2015!

Who: Youth presently in grades 8 to 12 can attend ST 2015.

When: The conference will be held from August 7-9, 2015 (Friday noon - Sunday)

Where: The conference will be held at Roy Thompson Hall, Toronto. Hotel accommodation will be within 20 minutes walking distance of the Roy Thompson Hall Conference Centre.

What: The conference will have an exciting lineup of speakers, musicians, and entertainers in addition to Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, group discussions, etc.

Apply early to receive your CGCG Subsidy: To encourage the GAME (Goan, Anglo-Indian, Mangalorean, East-Indian) youth to participate in the 2015 ST conference, the CGCG will be offering a significant subsidy (\$200 for first child, \$250 for second and \$275 for third child of the same family). The regular price for the conference is \$325/youth. However, with the CGCG subsidy, GAME youth can participate in the conference at a greatly subsidized price of \$125 for one child, \$75 for the second child, and \$50 for the third child of the same family.

If there are any changes to your personal information (such as address change), please call Fatima at the parish office. Thank you.



If you wish to host the Pilgrim Statue of the Blessed Mother at your house, contact Aurora (905) 814-9627 or Patricia (905) 567 0345 or Ana (905) 821 2343 or send your request by email: legionofmary.sjb@rogers.com

Thank you to all who donated gift cards to bring cheer to families who are in need this Christmas. Our parish received almost \$900 worth and delivered to St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Join other Catholics on tour to Australia and New Zealand with Fr. Mark from November 17 for twenty-one (21) days
\$7490

For further information, please call Halina 647-294-4116 or Stan 647-463-9057

Tour is arranged by International Heritage Tours

Mass Intention

Saturday (December 20)

5:00 PM +Alvita Furtado +Olga Fernandes, +Alfredo & Antonio Fonseca, Thanksgiving of Nestor & Chicklette Masangkay, Thanksgiving of Rolando Pendon

Sunday (December 21)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community
9:00 AM +Dolores Santamina
11:00 AM +Sheldon Gomes, Thanksgiving of Tadeo Family
12:30 PM Thanksgiving of Kathleen Carolasan, +Joao Vieira Colasco

Monday (December 22)

7:00 PM Special Intention of Fred Aquino, +Polly Aquino

Tuesday (December 23)

7:30 AM Departed family and friends of Wendy Valere, +Sister Felicita. +Teresa Moolasseril

Wednesday (December 24)

All Masses for our Parish Community

Thursday (December 25)

All Masses for our Parish Community

Friday (December 26)

7:00 PM Departed family and relatives of Marilyn Sy

Saturday (December 27)

9:00 AM For our Parish Benefactors

5:00 PM +Remy Pe Benito

Thank you for supporting our Building Fund

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\$1,584,449.08

Architectural & other Fees

\$124,309.88

Total Building Fund Collected

\$1,708,758.96

Please remember to pray daily for our church building project

Angelus: rediscover the true joy of Jesus Christ



Vatican City, 14 December 2014 (VIS) – Francis remarked that the time of Advent, which began two weeks ago, invites us to spiritual vigilance to prepare the way for the Lord who is on his way. “On this third Sunday the liturgy proposes to us another inner attitude with which to await the Lord: joy. Man's heart desires joy. We all wish for joy, every family, every population aspires to happiness. But what is the joy that the Christian is required to live and to bear witness to? It is that which comes from closeness to God, from His presence in our life. Ever since Jesus entered into history, with his birth in Bethlehem, humanity has received the germ of the Kingdom of God, like the terrain that receives the seed, the promise of a future harvest. There is no need to search elsewhere! Jesus has come to bring joy to all for ever. It is not merely a hoped-for joy, or a joy postponed to paradise: here on earth we are sad but in paradise we will be joyful. No! It is not this, but rather it is a joy that is already real and that can be experienced now, because Jesus Himself is our joy, and with Jesus our home is joyful”.

“We baptised sons and daughters of the Church, all of us, are called upon to always welcome newly the presence of God among us and to help others to discover this presence, or to rediscover it if they have forgotten. It is a beautiful mission, similar to that of John the Baptist: guiding people towards Jesus – not to ourselves! – because it is towards Him that the human heart tends when it seeks joy and happiness”.

“St. Paul, in today's liturgy, indicates the conditions for being missionaries of joy: pray diligently, always give thanks to God, follow His Spirit, seek that which is good and avoid evil”, continued the Pope. “If this is our way of life, then the Good News will be able to enter into many homes and to help people and families rediscover that in Jesus, there is salvation. In Him it is possible to find inner peace and the strength to face each day the different situations of life, even the most onerous and difficult. We never hear about a sad saint or a saint with a gloomy appearance. It would be contradictory. A Christian is a person whose heart is filled with peace because he or she knows to place joy in the Lord even when experiencing difficult moments in life. To have faith does not mean not having difficult moments, but rather having the strength to face them knowing that we are not alone. And this is the peace God gives to His sons and daughters”.



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Total	\$7027.70

Last Day of the Christmas Novena

December 23
7 PM St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School
followed by a Potluck Parish Christmas Party

Christmas Eve Mass

December 24
5 PM, 7 PM, 10:30 PM
St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School

December 24
9 PM
St. Peter's Mission Church

Christmas Day Mass

December 25
9 AM, 11 AM, and 12:30 PM
St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School

December 26
Feast of St. Stephen
7 PM St. Peter's Mission Church

New Year's Eve

December 31
5 PM at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School
7 PM at St. Peter's Mission Church

New Year's Day
January 1
9 AM, 11 AM, and 12:30 PM
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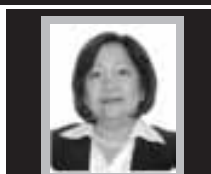
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