## I. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH

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#### **PASTORAL TEAM**

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Mrs. Fatima Chan

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Deacon

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# Let us be thankful ...

Let us be thankful for the blessings we receive.

Let us be thoughtful of others.

Let us remember dear and close friends.

Let us have faith in tomorrow.

Let us live life as a Golden Rule.

Let us find sunlight through the clouds.

Let us believe.

Let us be the people we have the ability to be.

Let us have understanding.

Let us say this thanks in prayer

To God, for the gifts He has given.



#### **International Food Festival and Dance**

Hosted by the Daughters of Isabella of St. Josephine Bakhita Parish
Friday, November 8, 2013 from 6 pm until 10:30 pm
St. Joan of Arc School, Mississauga
Entrance is \$10 with food sold at a nominal rate - Kids 15 and under enter free!
Contact: Rita Venantius #905-824-7223

#### **Social Concerns Ministry**

Interested in issues of poverty, hunger, homelessness, peace and equality? Do you want to help those who are helpless or be a voice for those who are silenced? Consider joining the Social Concerns Ministry Group. We will be working on projects for charity as well as promoting awareness and action on social justice issues. Come to the first meeting on Sunday, October 20 after the 9 AM Mass. If you have any questions, feel free to email: <a href="mailto:audferrer@yahoo.com">audferrer@yahoo.com</a>

#### **Thanksgiving Food Drive**

On Thanksgiving weekend, at all Masses in the Parish, we will be receiving canned goods for the Food Bank.

Please note that our Mass on Thanksgiving Day Monday, October 14, 2013 will be held at St. Peter's Mission Church 9:00 AM

## Vocation Retreat for Young Women with the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate

If you would like to spend 24 hours with the Sisters, getting to know about our vocation to the religious life and meeting other young women discerning their vocation, we encourage you to attend our upcoming Vocation Retreats! The retreats are for those between the ages of 16 and 35. <a href="http://www.solisisters.ca/retreats.html">http://www.solisisters.ca/retreats.html</a>.

Thank you for supporting our Building Fund

Invested in the Archdiocese \$1,373,706 Architectural Fees \$34,266.46

Total Building Fund Collected \$1,407,972.46

#### **Mass Intention**

#### Saturday (October 12)

5:00 PM +Rogelio Cruz

#### Sunday (October 13)

7:30 AM For the whole Parish Community 9:00 AM +Aquilino Rivera, Special Intention of Juan Cabading Jr. 11:00 AM Open 12:30 PM Open

#### Monday (October 14)

9:00 AM Thanksgiving Day

#### Tuesday (October 15)

7:30 AM +Emmanuel Villanueva

#### Wednesday (October 16)

7:00 PM Open

#### Thursday (October 17)

7:30 AM + Jose Feril, Jr.

#### Friday (October 18)

7:00 PM +Lourduswamy Naidu

#### Saturday (October 19)

9:00 AM For our parish benefactors and their families

5:00 PM Open

#### The 34th Annual Cardinal's Dinner

October 17

To order tickets online, please see <a href="http://bit.ly/CardinalsDinner">http://bit.ly/CardinalsDinner</a> or call 416-934-3400, ext. 567 for further information

#### **Vocation Fair**

October 20, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Scarboro Missions 2685 Kingston Road, Scarborough

Come and Discover mission with Scarboro priests and lay missioners. The day will start with Mass at 11 a.m. A light buffet lunch will follow, with plenty of time to chat with Scarboro priests and lay missioners about our service overseas. Please confirm your attendance for the buffet lunch! Call 416-261-7135, ext. 265. Or email <a href="mailto:lmo@scarboromissions.ca">lmo@scarboromissions.ca</a>.



"The Church is Catholic", he said, "because she is the space, the house in which the faith in its entirety is announced, in which the salvation brought by Christ is offered to all". ... In the Church, every one of us finds what is necessary to believe, to live as Christians, to became holy, to walk this path in every place and in every age".

"The Church is Catholic", he continued, explaining the second meaning, "because she is universal, she spreads through every part of the world and proclaims the Gospel to every man and every woman. The Church is not an elite group, she does not concern only the few. ... The Church is not closed, she is sent to all of humanity. She is

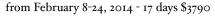
the only Church present even in the seemingly least significant parts of humanity".

With regard to the third meaning of Catholicism, the Pope reiterated how "the Church is Catholic because she is the 'House of harmony' where unity and diversity know how to come together to create richness". The Holy Father compared this to the image of the symphony, which means harmony and accord, in which different instruments play together. Each one retains its own inimitable timbre and the characteristics of its sound, guided by a director who ensures that the instruments all play together in harmony, but that the timbre of each instrument is not cancelled; on the contrary, the special quality of each one finds its highest expression. The Church, he said, "is like a great orchestra. We are not all the same, and we should not all be the same", he emphasised. "Each person offers what God has given him". "The life of the Church is variety", he said, "and when we seek to make it uniform, we erode the gifts of the Holy Spirit. ... Let us pray that the Holy Spirit may render us ever more 'Catholic'!"

#### Join Fr. Mark on a tour of South America

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#### **Training for Ministers of Consolation**

Office of Formation for Discipleship is pleased to be offering the Ministry of Consolation Training (also known as "Bereavement Ministry Training") at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Mississauga on Saturdays November 9, 16 & 30, 2013 from 9:45am to 3:15pm. This Ministry of Consolation training program is designed for those who are ministering to the bereaved in a parish setting. New and experienced parish bereavement ministers/volunteers are welcome to attend. This training is an interactive, three-day faith-based educational and spiritual learning opportunity. It will explore ways to begin a Ministry of Consolation in your parish or enhance your present bereavement ministry programs. This training will focus on The Order of Christian Funerals; Communication and Listening Skills; Overview of Grief and Mourning; Facilitating Skills and Support Groups; Beginning your Program; Healing and Meditation; and Self Care for the Minister. Participants are required to attend all three Saturdays.

#### **Knights of Columbus**

St. Josephine Bakhita Council invites you

Fifth Anniversary Dinner, Dance Party with Silent and Living Auction

November 23, 2013
6:30 PM Reception, 7:15 PM
The Elegant Oak Rooms of St. Volodymyr Cultural
Centre, 1289 Dundas Street West, Oakville, Ontario
Tickets available after Mass
\$45 per person till October 15
\$50 there after

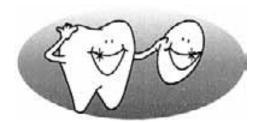
#### **Project Rachel**

\$55 at the door

October 18-20

A weekend retreat for women whose hearts have been broken by abortion. Abide in faith and God's power to heal. We can help. Call 416-629-8264. Private and confidential.

### **Offertory Collection** September 22, 2013 Offertory \$2,949.50 **Building Fund** \$4,938.05 St. Peter's Church \$395.00 Wednesday Collection \$135.25 Frames \$100.00 Confirmation \$3,055.00 First Communion \$20.00 \$160.00 Stipend \$20.00 Relic \$30.00 Beads and Things ShareLife \$200.00 From the box \$6.20 Total \$12,009.00



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