



The Insider — Your bi-weekly OLPH update for Oct. 19 – Nov. 1, 2008

Read the latest Bulletin – www.olphtoronto.com/Bulletins_homilies/index.php

This will also provide access to the **audio and text** versions of the latest **homilies** (with liturgical readings). At the same time, don't forget to check out **Electronic Calendar** on our website for all the upcoming events, ministry meetings, sacramental preparation, etc. at www.olphtoronto.com/Calendar_events/month.php (more info about using it provided below).



Upcoming Events

- **Theology on Tap – Oct. 20 (Mon) at Duke of York Pub**

Sponsored by **Faith Connections**, this periodic event will present “*Oh God, What do you want from me?*” by Fr. Santo Arrigo, Coordinator of Redemptorist Vocation Ministry. More info at www.faithconnections.ca/node/1555. See other Upcoming Events on that page also.

- **Interfaith Education Series, Oct. 21 – Nov. 18, all on Tuesdays 7:00 pm at Scarboro Missions**

Another interesting series with good speakers is planned by the Interfaith Desk of the Scarboro Missions, 2685 Kingston Road (at Brimley Rd) - www.scarboromissions.ca/News/docs/sep08_edu_series.pdf.

The **October 21st talk** is “*Reporting on the 2008 North American Interfaith Network Conference (San Francisco, July)*”. The speaker is **Rev. Terry Weller**, interfaith minister, journalist and editor of Interfaith Unity Newsletter. The presentation will be followed by other participants who attended that conference sharing their experience.

- **"Musical Bishop hits Town" - St. Matthew's Passion concert on Oct. 24 (Fri), 7:30 pm at St. Paul's Basilica**

According to the Oct. 12th issue of the Catholic Register, the Russian Orthodox bishop of Vienna, **Bishop Hilarion Alfeyev**, will be accompanied by St. Michael's Choir School and others for this concert. The Bishop will also deliver three lectures before the concert:

- **Oct. 21** (Tues), 7:30 pm - "Theological Education in the 21st Century" at Sheridan Hall, Wycliffe College, 5 Hoskin Ave
- **Oct. 22**, 12:00 - "Prayer and Monasticism" at Toronto School of Theology, 47 Queen's Park Cres. E. (lecture comes with free lunch)
- **Oct. 23**, 7:00 pm - "Orthodox Mission in the 21st Century" at St. John the Compassionate Mission, 153 Broadview Ave.

- **Youth Minister's Workshop – Oct. 25 (Sat) at St. Michael's College/St. Basil's Church**

For more info, contact the Office of Catholic Youth at 416-599-7676.

- **Providence Healthcare Foundation – Open House – Oct. 29 (Wed), 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

A tour of Providence Hospital followed by a panel discussion on estate planning topics http://www.providence.on.ca/provhealth_about.asp. Tour begins at 6:45 pm and panel discussion at 7:25 pm. Register with Gia Thompson at 416-285-3624. Providence Hospital is located at 3276 St. Clair Ave. E. (near Warden subway station).

- **Harmony Hall Centre for Seniors – Oct. 30 (Thurs), 9:00 – 4:00**

Harmony Hall Centre (part of “Seniors in Cultural Harmony”) is holding an educational conference for seniors and disabled adults in the East York Community. The previous conferences have been in Bengali,

Chinese and Tamil but this one will be in English. It will be at 2 Gower St., Toronto, M4B 1E2, 416-752-0101 (St. Clair/Victoria Park area).

- **Bright Lights @ The ROM – Oct. 30 (Thurs), 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

This is an Evening of Arts for Education – a fundraiser for the Yonge Street Mission **Scholarship Program**. This year, Bright Lights is helping nearly 30 young people from our Community Centre in Regent Park and Evergreen Centre for Street Youth in their post-secondary studies - www.brightlightsevent.com.

Yonge Street Mission has worked, for 112 years, to meet the needs of people living in poverty, providing emergency care and fostering long-term positive change in the lives of individuals and families. More info about them at www.ysm.on.ca

- **Heaven's Rehearsal – Nov. 1 (Sat), 6:30 pm at Rogers Centre**

You may have seen Heaven's Rehearsal advertised much in the Catholic Register. Quoting from this website http://www.heavensrehearsal.com/en/church_information_1.php - "Heaven's Rehearsal is a gathering to unite followers of Jesus in preparation for the day we all stand as one in Heaven before His throne. We will worship with the finest musicians, vocalists, and dancers and we, the bride of Christ, will be ushered into the very presence of God. Every scripture read, every song and dance offered, will be directed to the throne of God."

- **The Road to Asia Festival – Nov. 1 - 2, 11:00 – 5:00**

This 2-day festival celebrates the richness and exciting diversity of Asian culture. The festival creates a thriving multicultural atmosphere which highlights Asian cultures through traditional food, arts and crafts, music, dance and martial arts, all under one roof. It will be held at the Japanese-Canadian Cultural Centre, 6 Garamond Court, Don Mills (416-441-2345), Eglinton/Don Mills area (www.jccc.on.ca).

- **Walk Home with Us – Nov. 2 (Sun), 1 pm start at City Hall Rotunda**

Welcome to Walking Home 2008, Toronto's fundraising walk for homeless young people - www.walkinghome.ca. This year's event is taking place as follows:

- 12:00 noon registration, 1 pm start
- location: starts and finishes at Toronto City Hall Rotunda (Nathan Phillips Square)
- proceeds to benefit **Youthworks**, a national "Raising the Roof" initiative aimed at breaking the cycle of homelessness among young people by offering transitional housing and educational opportunities combined with training and employment programs - www.raisingtheroof.org/lrn-youth-index.cfm .

- **Health Achieve 2008 – Nov. 3 – 5 at Metro Toronto Convention Centre**

If you play an important role in health care, this is a "must attend" conference and exhibition. See the latest in technology, listen to some of the most dynamic leaders in the health care industry. Keynote speakers include Lance Armstrong (cycling champion) and Dr. Mehmet Oz "High to Low-tech Medicine". In 2007, over 8,600 health care professionals and 335 exhibitors attended HealthAchieve, www.healthachieve.com . All completely free for students.

- **An Evening of Music and Lyrics – Nov. 6 (Thurs), 7:30 pm at Calvin Presbyterian Church**

The Deer Park Very Little Theatre is presenting an evening of music with well-known singers. The Calvin Presbyterian Church is at 26 Delisle Avenue. More info on Oct. 19th Bulletin, also available on parish website.

- **Bake & Craft Sale – Nov. 9 (Sun), 1:30 pm at St. Anselm's Church**

The annual event is at St. Anselm's Church, 1 MacNaughton Road, at the corner of Millwood Road and one block east of Bayview Ave.

- **St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Weekend – Nov. 15 - 16**

Save your giveaway things till then. More info to come.

- **"Humanae Vitae" – Nov. 15 (Sat), 8:00 am – 6:00 pm at Univ. of St. Michael's College (Sam Sorbara Auditorium)**

The Church's Teaching on Sexuality and Marriage will be covered at this event, at 81 St. Mary St.

- **Ecumenical Canned Food Drive – Nov. 22 & 29 (Sat)**

Nov. 22 is for flyer distribution and Nov. 29 for food pickup. More details to come. See pictures from last year's Food Drive on our parish website at http://www.olphtoronto.com/News_events/Photo_gallery/canned_food_07.php .



What's New at OLPH

- **Fr. Guenter's Monthly Lunch/talk Series – next on Oct. 30 (Thurs), 1:00 – 2:30**

Fr. Guenter is resuming his monthly series on Thursdays starting with the 12:10 mass. Bring a bag lunch and participate in a presentation about certain tenets of our faith. Refreshments will be provided but please **let Helen know** which of the following topics you want to attend:

- **Oct. 30** – “*The Sacraments in the Writing of St. Paul*”
- **Dec. 4** – “The Four Sundays of Advent”

- **Parish Mission Statement – posted on OLPH website**

This was issued as an insert in the Sept. 14th Bulletin. It has been added to the Homepage of the OLPH website <http://www.olphtoronto.com> . You can also listen to Fr. Jim Hannah's **speak about it** as his homily on Sept. 14th (after the usual three readings). Click on Bulletins/Homilies on the Left Menu and go to the Archived Homilies area. Fr. Jim provides an informative talk about the Mission Statement – its origins and development through Pastoral Planning meetings and its significance to all parishioners.

- **Interested in joining the OLPH Choir?**

Come join the OLPH choir! If you like to sing, come along on Thursday evenings at 7:15 as we rehearse. You don't need to have a lot of musical knowledge, just a desire to worship through your love of music. The choir sings at the 11:00 a.m. Sunday masses, as well as at ecumenical Churches-on-the-Hill functions, and our annual choir concert. Music is very rewarding and we're a fun group! All ages are welcome. Just come on any Thursday evening to the upstairs balcony and join in. For further information, call Carolynne Godin at 905-883-4491.



Other Items of Interest

- **National Me-to-We Rally held Oct. 17th at Ricoh Coliseum (CNE)**

Movie and TV stars plus other celebrities were at this gathering of 8,000 students (Gr. 7–12) to launch a campaign to build 100 schools across the globe this school year. This Me-to-We organization is associated with the **Free the Children**, the Toronto-based advocacy/development group founded by **Craig & Marc Kielburger** www.freethechildren.com . Read more about this rally at <http://www.thestar.com/article/519767> . The amazing Kielburgers also founded the **Leaders Today** organization with which young parishioner Jackie de Santis went on her Kenyan experience this July – mentioned in an earlier *The Insider* as well as on our Parish Website under “News”.

- **Discovery Walks Toronto**

Discovery Walks is a program of self-guided walks that links city ravines, parks, gardens, beaches and neighbourhoods. They are sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Toronto (416-338-0338) www.toronto.ca/parks/recreation_facilities/discovery_walks/discover_index.htm .

There are currently 11 such Walks listed at the above link - you can download the 2-page PDF files including a detailed map for these self-guided walks. Samples of those walks include “*Downtown Toronto*”, “*Uptown Toronto*” and “*Don Valley Hills and Dales*”.

- **Beautiful Slideshow**

A slideshow with beautiful sceneries and thought-provoking words in the attached Powerpoint.

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Archived copies can be found at www.olphtoronto.com/eNewsletter/index.php . Most events will naturally be over in time but there are numerous other items that are of general interest and independent of time.

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