

# ShareLife Agency List

All ShareLife-funded organizations share the Catholic tradition of serving the entire community regardless of religious affiliation.

## FAMILY SERVICES

### Catholic Community Services of York Region (CCSYR) \*

(905) 770-7040 | [www.ccsyr.org](http://www.ccsyr.org)  
21 Dunlop Street, Unit 101, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 2M6  
Speaker booking contacts: Nasrin Sabegh, Clinical Manager  
[nsabegh@ccsy.org](mailto:nsabegh@ccsy.org) | *Other languages: Cantonese, Mandarin, Farsi*

CCSYR is a Family Service Agency offering counselling and group services to help people cope with mental health needs, parenting issues and relationship challenges. CCSYR is also a Settlement Agency, assisting immigrants and refugees in over 30 languages.

### Catholic Family Services of Durham \*

(905) 725-3513 | [www.cfsdurham.com](http://www.cfsdurham.com)  
707 Simcoe Street South, Oshawa, ON L1H 4K5  
Speaker booking contact: Elizabeth Pierce, Executive Director  
[E.Pierce@cfsdurham.com](mailto:E.Pierce@cfsdurham.com) | *Other languages: French*

We exist to provide help, hope and healing to individuals, couples and families, regardless of beliefs, through evidence-based clinical therapy, psycho-educational counselling and support. CFS staff members help victims of family violence obtain the protection and safety they need to strengthen their lives.

### Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin \*

(905) 450-1608 | [www.cfspd.com](http://www.cfspd.com)  
Locations in Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon and Orangeville  
Speaker booking contact: Sharon Mayne Devine, Chief Executive Officer  
[smayne@cfspd.com](mailto:smayne@cfspd.com) | *Other languages: Polish*

CFS Peel-Dufferin provides counselling services and education programs to individuals, struggling couples, and families dealing with emotional and relational issues, including domestic violence, stress, couple and family problems, emotional trauma and bereavement.

### Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County \*

(705) 726-2503 – Barrie location | [www.cfssc.ca](http://www.cfssc.ca)  
Seven locations across the Simcoe-Muskoka region  
Speaker booking contact: Michele Lawson, Business Development Manager  
ext. 121 | [MLawson@cfssc.ca](mailto:MLawson@cfssc.ca) | *Other languages: French*

CFSSC is an accredited registered Canadian charity providing fully inclusive counselling and psychotherapy across Simcoe Muskoka. In 2019, CFSSC celebrated 40 years of community service.

### Catholic Family Services of Toronto \*

(416) 921-1163 | [www.cfstoronto.org](http://www.cfstoronto.org)  
1155 Yonge Street, Suite 200, Toronto, ON M4T 1W2  
Speaker booking contact: Charlene Taboy, Executive Assistant ext. 2240  
[ctaboy@cfstoronto.com](mailto:ctaboy@cfstoronto.com) | *Other languages: Italian, Spanish*

CFS Toronto's counselling/psychotherapy services, Violence Against Women (VAW), New Beginnings and wellness programs help individuals, couples and families in difficult situations move through tough transitions and make positive changes in their lives. The agency also offers extensive marriage/remarriage preparation and family life programs.

## Book an Agency Speaker

Please refer to the contact information in this document when booking an agency representative to speak at your parish. Many agencies can provide speakers in other languages, as indicated.

## Book an Agency Visit

Did you know ShareLife-funded agencies are eager to welcome visitors from parishes? As agency staff explain their services and answer questions, ShareLife parish volunteers witness firsthand how the campaign supports those in need.

When booking a visit, please contact the agency at least one week beforehand to ensure they can set aside the appropriate amount of time for your appointment.

## Referring a Parishioner to a Social Service Agency

Parish priests across the Archdiocese play a vital role in supporting the spiritual needs of their parishioners. Many times these same parishioners will approach their priests for non-spiritual advice concerning family, relationship, mental health or grief related issues. In these cases, clergy and parish staff can act as a vital lifeline in referring parishioners to agencies that are able to immediately assist them.

If a parishioner needs help, please review this list of ShareLife-funded agencies and provide him or her with contact information based on the type of support required. As a warm introduction for the referral, you may also wish to contact the agency beforehand with any information you feel is relevant to the client seeking help.

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### **Birthright International (Toronto) \***

(416) 469-1111 | [www.birthright.org/toronto](http://www.birthright.org/toronto)

777 Coxwell Avenue, Toronto, ON M4C 3C6

Speaker Booking Contact: Kathleen Wilkinson ([kawilkinson16@gmail.com](mailto:kawilkinson16@gmail.com)), Joanne Mullen ([jomullen14@gmail.com](mailto:jomullen14@gmail.com)) or Maureen McKenna ([toronto@birthright.org](mailto:toronto@birthright.org))

Birthright provides a caring, non-judgmental support to girls and women, who are distressed by an unplanned pregnancy, to enable them to give birth to their baby. Using its own resources and those of the community, Birthright provides friendship and emotional support, free pregnancy testing, and maternity and baby clothes. It gives information and referrals to help clients meet legal, medical, financial, and housing needs.

### **Natural Family Planning Association \***

(416) 481-5465 | [toronto.naturalfamilyplanning.ca](http://toronto.naturalfamilyplanning.ca)

3050 Yonge Street, Suite 205, Toronto, ON M4N 2K4

Speaker Booking contact: Rosemary Heron, Program Director (905) 683-9055

[nfptoronto@naturalfamilyplanning.ca](mailto:nfptoronto@naturalfamilyplanning.ca) (please CC: [executiveassistant@naturalfamilyplanning.ca](mailto:executiveassistant@naturalfamilyplanning.ca))

*Other languages: Cantonese, Mandarin, Polish, Spanish*

The Natural Family Planning Association helps women and couples take the guesswork out of preventing pregnancy and achieving pregnancy. Women learn to identify their natural signals of fertility and infertility using the Billings Ovulation Method of family planning. Instead of a "one-size-fits-all" approach, it works with each woman's unique patterns of fertility and infertility in all circumstances and all stages of reproductive life. Also, fertility awareness programs are offered to mothers and daughters, high school students, young adults and couples preparing for marriage.

### **St. Marguerite Bourgeoys FertilityCare Toronto \***

(416) 465-2868 | [www.fertilitycare.ca](http://www.fertilitycare.ca)

201-9225 Leslie Street, Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3H6

Speaker booking contact: Holly Raj, Executive Director | [holly@fertilitycare.ca](mailto:holly@fertilitycare.ca)

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys FertilityCare Toronto offers services to support women and couples with their gynecological and reproductive health by providing instruction in the Creighton Model FertilityCare System and restorative health care through the science of NaProTechnology, which respects the dignity of each person. Our health professionals educate and assist women in their teens through the perimenopausal stage of their lives in the areas of fertility/infertility, family planning and women's health.

## **PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

### **Covenant House Toronto \***

(416) 598-4898 | [www.covenanthousetoronto.ca](http://www.covenanthousetoronto.ca)

20 Gerrard Street East, Toronto, ON M5B 2P3

Speaker Booking Contact: Michael Sheiner (416) 204-7094 | [msheiner@covenanthouse.ca](mailto:msheiner@covenanthouse.ca)

As Canada's largest youth shelter, Covenant House Toronto offers a place to stay and 24/7 crisis care to homeless youth, providing a wide range of services under one roof, including education, counselling, health care and employment assistance. Covenant House has helped thousands of youth move from a life on the street to a life with a future.

### **Camp Ozanam \***

c/o Society of St. Vincent de Paul – Toronto Central Council

(416) 364-5577 | [svdptoronto.org](http://svdptoronto.org)

240 Church Street, Toronto, ON M5B 1Z2

Speaker Booking Contact: Louise Coutu, Executive Director | [lcoutu@ssvptoronto.ca](mailto:lcoutu@ssvptoronto.ca)

Referred by social service agencies, school boards and parishes, boys from across the Greater Toronto Area and beyond receive a safe summer camp experience at Camp Ozanam. Activities include aquatics, crafts, skills sports and field sports.

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### Office of Catholic Youth (OCY)

(416) 599-7676 ext. 221 | [www.ocytoronto.org](http://www.ocytoronto.org)  
54 Hoskin Avenue, Toronto, ON M5S 3L8  
Speaker Booking Contact: [youth@ocytoronto.org](mailto:youth@ocytoronto.org)

OCY serves youth, campus and young adult ministries in the Archdiocese of Toronto by providing support and training to parish youth and young adult ministries, and to university chaplaincies. The office forms partnerships with youth-focused organizations to strengthen Catholic youth networks. It also hosts larger-scale events, programs and retreats to help bolster and reenergize the life of local ministries.

### Sancta Maria House \*

(416) 925-7333 | [smhtoronto.org](http://smhtoronto.org)  
102 Bernard Avenue, Toronto, ON M5R 1R9  
Speaker Booking Contact: Elizabeth Shelton, Board of Directors (416) 899-1017 | [sheltone18@gmail.com](mailto:sheltone18@gmail.com)  
*Other languages: Spanish*

Young women aged 14 to 24 are provided a home-like environment in which to gain life skills, independence, a sense of self-worth and personal responsibility. Sancta Maria House also provides low income support housing for young women and follow-up aftercare services.

### Youth In Transition (YIT) \*

(416) 598-4898 | [www.covenanthousetoronto.ca](http://www.covenanthousetoronto.ca)  
20 Gerrard Street East, Toronto, ON M5B 2P3  
Speaker Booking Contact: Michael Sheiner (416) 204-7094 | [msheiner@covenanthouse.ca](mailto:msheiner@covenanthouse.ca)

Administered by Covenant House, Youth In Transition is an innovative program that provides youth ages 16-24 coming from child welfare, youth justice and children's mental health programs with one-on-one support to make a smooth and positive transition into adulthood.

## PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS

### Centres d'Accueil Héritage \*

(416) 365-3350 | [www.caheritage.org](http://www.caheritage.org)  
33 Hahn Place, Toronto, ON M5A 4G2  
Speaker booking contact: Barbara Ceccarelli, Executive Director, ext. 243 | [bceccarelli@caheritage.org](mailto:bceccarelli@caheritage.org)  
*Other languages: French*

As the only French-speaking organization in the Greater Toronto Area offering community support services and supportive housing, Les Centres d'Accueil Héritage provides a full range of personal care and community aid, with special support available for the aged, sick and handicapped.

### LA Centre for Active Living \*

(416) 452-4875 | [www.loyolaarrupecentre.com](http://www.loyolaarrupecentre.com)  
55 Rankin Crescent, Unit 106, Toronto, ON M6P 4E4  
Speaker booking contact: Jaymie Daunt, Executive Director | [jdaunt@loyolaarrupecentre.com](mailto:jdaunt@loyolaarrupecentre.com)

LA Centre for Active Living provides a variety of programs and services promoting independent community living for seniors. Seniors have easy access to the centre's social, recreational and spiritual services, helping them to live with dignity, respect and confidence.

### Providence Healthcare \*

(416) 285-3666 | [unityhealth.to](http://unityhealth.to)  
3276 St. Clair Avenue East, Toronto, ON M1L 1W1  
Speaker booking contact: Vanessa Nicholas-Schmidt, 416-285-3666, ext. 4245 | [vanessa.nicholas-schmidt@unityhealth.to](mailto:vanessa.nicholas-schmidt@unityhealth.to)  
*Other languages: French, Portuguese*

Providence Healthcare specializes in rehabilitation for seniors who have experienced strokes, orthopaedic surgery, or lower limb amputation, or who require specialized geriatric rehabilitation, assessment and treatment. Providence also provides complex continuing care, long-term care and community outreach for individuals with geriatric conditions. ShareLife helps support the Cardinal Ambrozic Houses of Providence, a Catholic-sponsored long-term care home for residents.

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### **Society of Sharing \***

(416) 413-0380 | F

25 Linden Street #208, Toronto, ON M4Y 1V5

Speaker booking contact: Dexter Garcia, ext. 224 | vrts@societyofsharing.org

*Other languages: Spanish, Tagalog*

The Society of Sharing provides volunteer services to isolated seniors and adults with physical disabilities in the inner city of Toronto, extending their ability to live independently in the community through sustained home visiting, escorts to medical appointments, telephone support and socialization groups.

### **PROGRAMS FOR SINGLE AND TEEN PARENTS**

#### **Rosalie Hall \***

(416) 438-6880 | www.rosaliehall.com

3020 Lawrence Avenue East, Scarborough, ON M1P 2T7

Speaker booking contact: Jane Kenny, Executive Director | jkenny@rosaliehall.com

Rosalie Hall is an accredited Child and Youth Mental Health agency that focuses on the needs of pregnant and parenting youth with mental health issues, their children and families. We provide a range of services including counselling and therapy, residential care, a high school program, early learning and child care services and the young parent hub which offers groups and an opportunity for social inclusion and community activities.

#### **Rose of Durham Young Parents Support Services \***

(905) 432-3622 | www.roseofdurham.com

707 Simcoe Street South, Oshawa, ON L1H 4K5

Speaker booking contact: Deneen Nolte, Office Manager | deneen.nolte@roseofdurham.com

Rose of Durham offers young parents a variety of critical programs to help them deal with the challenges of pregnancy, childbirth and parenting. Programs include individual and group counselling, prenatal and parenting classes, teen parent school programs, drop-in programs and skills workshops.

#### **Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers \***

(905) 717-5014 | www.roseofsharon.com

361 Eagle Street, Newmarket, ON L3Y 1K5

Speaker booking contact: Karen Warner, Fund Development Manager, ext. 223 | kwarner@roseofsharon.com

*Note: Rose of Sharon is unable to provide in-person speakers until further notice. However, they can provide presentations virtually by Zoom for parishes with video capability.*

Since 1985, Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers has remained York Region's only charity to provide a full complement of free supportive services to over 300 youth mothers (ages 14-29) and their young children (0-5 years) each year. We offer lifechanging resources – helping mothers become the parents they hope to be and creating greater stability in their young families' lives through parenting education, child and personal development programs, one-on-one counselling, practical supports such as healthy food, baby nutrition and diapers, in addition to offering child minding and high school education in a welcoming and supportive environment.

#### **Vita Centre \***

(905) 502-7933 | www.vitacentre.org

5659 McAdam Road, Unit C2, Mississauga, ON L4Z 1N9

Speaker booking contact: Tanya Pereira, ext. 223 | t.pereira@vitacentre.org

Vita Centre is dedicated to providing excellent support, education and counselling to vulnerable families, including pregnant and parenting youth, with the goal of empowering them to move forward and thrive. Vita Centre services include counselling, parenting groups, and access to practical supports such as diapers, formula, and gently used baby clothes. The goal of our programs and services is to support parents to access resources and information to help them create the best possible outcomes for their families.

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### **PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

#### **Mary Centre \***

(416) 630-5533 | [www.marycentre.com](http://www.marycentre.com)  
842 Wilson Avenue, 2nd Floor, Toronto, ON M3K 1E5  
Speaker booking contact: Denise Tremblett | [dtremblett@marycentre.com](mailto:dtremblett@marycentre.com)

Mary Centre supports a variety of residential and outreach services for adults with developmental challenges – helping them attain greater self-confidence and personal independence so they can have fulfilling educational, employment and life experiences. Residential services are made available to adults in the GTA and Peel Region every year.

#### **St. Michael's Homes / Matt Talbot Houses \***

(416) 926-8267 | [stmichaelshomes.org](http://stmichaelshomes.org)  
262 Gerrard Street East, Toronto, ON M5A 2G2  
Speaker booking contact: Rachael Whale, ext. 123 | [rwhale@stmichaelshomes.org](mailto:rwhale@stmichaelshomes.org)

St. Michael's Homes provides services for men in recovery from addictions, including residential treatment, aftercare, and supportive housing through their Matt Talbot Housing Program.

#### **Our Place Community of Hope \***

(416) 598-2919 | [www.ourplacecommunityofhope.com](http://www.ourplacecommunityofhope.com)  
1183 Davenport Road, Toronto, ON M6H 2G7  
Speaker booking contact: Rachael Whale, ext. 123 | [rwhale@stmichaelshomes.org](mailto:rwhale@stmichaelshomes.org)

Our Place provides a safe space for people with mental health issues to socialize with each other and access services that build skills for independent living. A variety of social and recreational programs are available for people who have been marginalized because of their illness. Note: Our Place is a program operated through St. Michael's Homes and will share the same agency speaker.

#### **SE Health \***

(905) 940-9655 | [www.sehc.com](http://www.sehc.com)  
90 Allstate Parkway, Suite 300, Markham, ON L3R 6H3  
Speaker booking contact: [communicationsSEHC@sehc.com](mailto:communicationsSEHC@sehc.com)

ShareLife funding allows SE Health to offer mentoring opportunities to other social service agencies. In addition, ShareLife supports SE Health to provide back-office services in the areas of human resources, financial management, and information technology. For many smaller agencies, these services are invaluable in improving administrative efficiency, agency effectiveness and organizational capacity.

#### **St. Bernadette's Family Resource Centre \***

(416) 654-9810 | [www.stbernadettesfrc.org](http://www.stbernadettesfrc.org)  
D'Arcy McGee School, 20 Bansley Avenue, Room 138/139, Toronto, ON M6E 2A2  
Speaker booking contact: Angie Carboni, Executive Director | [angiecarboni@hotmail.com](mailto:angiecarboni@hotmail.com)  
*Other languages: Italian*

St. Bernadette's integrates children, youth and adults with developmental and/or physical challenges, such as autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy and blindness, with their able peers. Parent relief programs and support groups are available to help care givers better face the challenges they encounter.

#### **Silent Voice Canada \***

(416) 463-1104 (Voice) & (416) 463-3928 (TTY) | [www.silentvoice.ca](http://www.silentvoice.ca)  
60 St. Clair Avenue East, Suite 400, Toronto, ON M4T 1N5  
Speaker booking contact: Gayathri Samaroo, Office Manager | [g.samaroo@silentvoice.ca](mailto:g.samaroo@silentvoice.ca)  
*Other languages: American Sign Language (ASL)*

Silent Voice is the only organization in the GTA offering programs, services and community and family-based support to Deaf children, youth and adults in an American Sign Language (ASL) environment. Social-recreational programs are offered in ASL for Deaf children and ASL instruction is available for hearing family members.

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### **PROGRAMS FOR IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**

#### **Catholic Crosscultural Services \***

(416) 757-7010 | [www.ccscan.ca](http://www.ccscan.ca)

Eight locations in Scarborough, Mississauga and Brampton

Speaker booking contact: Lisa Loong, Director, Programs and Services, (416) 757-7010 ext. 2208 | [lloong@ccscan.ca](mailto:lloong@ccscan.ca)

*Other languages: Toronto – Gujarati, Hindi, Mandarin, Tagalog, Tamil, Urdu*

*Peel – Korean, Polish, Spanish, Tagalog*

Catholic Crosscultural Services (CCS) provides immigrants and refugees with a number of services to make transition and integration to their new life in Canada easier. Programs include settlement counselling, English language instruction, job search, settlement and education partnership in Toronto, as well as the private refugee sponsorship.

#### **Office for Refugees of the Archdiocese of Toronto**

(416) 934-3400 ext. 804 | [www.archtoronto.org/refugee](http://www.archtoronto.org/refugee)

830 Bathurst Street, Suite 104, Toronto, ON M5R 3G1

Speaker booking contact: Luciano Moro, Outreach Manager, 437-290-9333 | [lmoro@archtoronto.org](mailto:lmoro@archtoronto.org)

The office's main focus is to facilitate the Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program of the Archdiocese of Toronto, by helping to resettle refugees from overseas to Canada. This helps foster a sense of community within the archdiocese, as parishes and religious orders are asked to work together to help newcomers settle and integrate into Canadian society.

### **INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT & MISSIONS**

#### **Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace**

(416) 922-1592 | [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org)

80 Hayden Street, Suite 400, Toronto, ON M4Y 3G2

Speaker booking contact: Luke Stocking, ext. 225 | [lstocking@devp.org](mailto:lstocking@devp.org)

Development and Peace is official international development arm of the Catholic Church in Canada. Established in 1967 by Canada's bishops and a concerned group of laity and clergy to increase awareness of the causes of poverty and injustice, they support development projects in the global south, provide emergency relief in times of disaster, and educate the Canadian population on the root causes poverty and mobilize them to take actions for change. During the past five decades, Development and Peace has provided more than \$500 million to improve working and living conditions in more than 70 countries.

#### **Mary's Meals**

1-855-702-0330 | [www.marysmeals.ca](http://www.marysmeals.ca)

Speaker booking contact: Jill Mowser | [Jill.Mowser@marysmeals.org](mailto:Jill.Mowser@marysmeals.org)

At Mary's Meals, we are focused on one goal – that every child receives a nutritious daily meal in a place of education. These life-changing meals attract hungry children into the classroom. It fills their empty stomachs so they have the energy and opportunity to learn and gives them the chance of a brighter future. The meals also support families struggling to feed their children while boosting the country's wider economy. Our school feeding programs are owned and run by community volunteers in the countries where we provide food. For example, there are over 80,000 volunteers in Malawi who take turns to prepare, cook and serve the daily meal in each school. We are a low-cost charity, committed to spending at least 93% of donations on our charitable activities. It costs just \$26.40 to feed a child for one year through Mary's Meals.

#### **Pastoral Mission Fund**

(416) 934-3400 ext. 567

1155 Yonge Street, Toronto, ON M4T 1W2

Speaker booking contact: Lysle Kintanar, ext. 567 | [lkintanar@archtoronto.org](mailto:lkintanar@archtoronto.org)

The Pastoral Mission Fund of the Archdiocese of Toronto was created in 1982 for the purpose of assisting pastoral-evangelical programs in the developing world. Priority is given to individuals working at the grassroots level. Funds are allocated to small-scale projects directly connected to a program under the following headings: evangelization (provision for catechetical programs; education and training for priests, catechists, and lay leaders in developing countries; and provision of two-wheelers to enable missionaries to travel within their territories); self-help projects to support women, youth, and children; and projects to support Christians who are persecuted in their homeland for practicing their faith.

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### EDUCATION OF CLERGY

#### Office of Vocations

(416) 968-0997 | [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

611 Manning Avenue, Toronto, ON M6G 2W1

Speaker booking contact: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

*Note: Not available on weekends of October 9/10, 23/24 and November 13/14 and 20/21*

The Office of Vocations is here to assist Catholics find their own particular and unique vocation as Disciples of Jesus Christ (priesthood, religious and consecrated life or the permanent diaconate). Our office walks with those in the discernment process as we prayerfully try to understand what God's calling us to do. We support men considering a possible call from the Lord to the diocesan priesthood through a variety of discernment programs and events at the seminary and throughout the archdiocese. For those who feel that God may be calling them to consecrated or religious life, we can make connections to a number of religious communities in the archdiocese. The Office of Vocations, along with the Office of Catholic Youth, run a summer camp program called Totus Tuus. These week-long catechetical summer camps, for youth in grades 1-12, are run out of parishes throughout the archdiocese and provide employment to our highly trained co-ed young adult missionaries who facilitate these camps. The Office of Vocations offers a comfortable and friendly atmosphere where visitors can share the path of discernment with others seeking God's will in their lives.

#### Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary

(416) 264-9477 | [www.rmmstoronto.org](http://www.rmmstoronto.org)

2661 Kingston Road, Scarborough, ON, M1M 1M3

Speaker booking contact: Fr. Tomasz Skibinski, Rector, ext. 1 | [rmmstoronto@gmail.com](mailto:rmmstoronto@gmail.com)

*Other languages: Croatian, Italian, Polish, Spanish*

In 1997 His Eminence Aloysius Cardinal Ambrozic called to life Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary (RMMS) for the Archdiocese of Toronto, which he officially erected in 1999. The RMMS is a diocesan, missionary and international seminary forming presbyters who upon their ordination will be incardinated in the Archdiocese of Toronto, while ready to carry out the New Evangelization anywhere in the world at the discretion of the Archbishop of Toronto. RMMS shares the premises of St. Augustine's Seminary in Scarborough.

#### St. Augustine's Seminary

(416) 261-7207 | [www.staugustines.on.ca](http://www.staugustines.on.ca)

2661 Kingston Road, Scarborough, ON, M1M 1M3

Speaker booking contact: Fr. Eric Rodrigues, Vice-Rector, ext. 229 | [erodrigues@archtoronto.org](mailto:erodrigues@archtoronto.org)

*Other languages: Cantonese, French, Italian, Korean, Spanish, Vietnamese*

St. Augustine's Seminary is the major seminary of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto. Its primary purpose is the preparation of candidates for ordained priesthood in the Catholic Church, both for the Archdiocese of Toronto and elsewhere. This preparation promotes spiritual formation, theological education and field training. The seminary is also mandated to form men and women aspiring to other ministries in the Church. Classrooms are used by such groups as the Permanent Diaconate and Ministry to the Deaf.

St. Augustine's Seminary also has a downtown campus known as Serra House, which is a residence for seminarians engaged in philosophical studies at various universities.

### ON-GOING SUPPORT/VOLUNTEERING

#### Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto

(416) 934-3401 | [www.catholiccharitiestor.org](http://www.catholiccharitiestor.org)

1155 Yonge Street, Suite 400, Toronto, ON M4T 1W2

Speaker booking contact: Kaye Quan, Office Manager | [KQuan@catholiccharitiestor.org](mailto:KQuan@catholiccharitiestor.org)

*Other languages: Italian, Tagalog*

Catholic Charities is responsible for the planning, formation, development, and funding of social and health services within the Archdiocese of Toronto, and, through its member agencies, ensures the provision of services to meet the immediate and emerging needs of marginalized individuals and families within the Archdiocese. Today, through the fundraising efforts of ShareLife, Catholic Charities provides technical assistance and/or funding support to 25 member agencies, its affiliates, and to qualifying non-member agencies through community grants. Catholic Charities is committed to furthering its Social Justice & Advocacy initiatives as well as its efforts to cultivate a strong Catholic Identity, within our member agencies.

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### GRANTS-IN-AID AGENCIES

#### Canadian Food for Children

(905) 274-9239 | [www.canadianfoodforchildren.net](http://www.canadianfoodforchildren.net)

1258 Lakeshore Road East, Mississauga, ON L5E 1E9

Speaker booking contact: Gloria Vargas, Assistant Executive Director, or Salvatore Badali, Assistant Executive Director  
[cffc.aasimone@yahoo.ca](mailto:cffc.aasimone@yahoo.ca)

Canadian Food for Children is a registered Canadian charity founded by Dr. Andrew and Joan Simone with a goal to feed the poorest of the poor in developing countries throughout the world. Inspired by the teachings of the Catholic faith, CFFC sends food to 22 countries.

#### The deVeber Institute for Bioethics and Social Research

(416) 256-0555 | [www.deveber.org](http://www.deveber.org)

4936 Yonge Street, Suite 255, Toronto, ON M2N 6S3

Speaker booking contact: Kathy Matusiak, Executive Director | [bioethics@deveber.org](mailto:bioethics@deveber.org)

*Other languages: Italian, Polish*

The deVeber Institute for Bioethics and Social Research conducts and disseminates descriptive and empirical research connected to human life in its biological, social and ethical dimensions. Research is selected for study and dissemination based on emerging medical, technological and social developments. In undertaking this work, the Institute strives to highlight the inherent dignity of every human life, as well as the resulting obligation to treat human persons as ends in themselves – not as means for the ends of others, or as utilitarian ‘goods’. The deVeber Institute anchors all of its work in this foundational perspective.

#### Good Shepherd Centre \*

(416) 869-3619 | [www.goodshepherd.ca](http://www.goodshepherd.ca)

412 Queen Street East, Toronto, ON M5A 1T3

Speaker booking contact: Bro. David Lynch, OH | [david@goodshepherd.ca](mailto:david@goodshepherd.ca)

The Good Shepherd Centre in Toronto provides services to homeless, disadvantaged and marginalized people. ShareLife supports the 25-bed Drug and Rehabilitation Recovery Enrichment Program (DARE), a post-detoxification and pre-treatment program offering homeless men with addictions a safe place to live while awaiting treatment. DARE provides counselling that prepares clients for residential or out-patient treatment for addictions. Clients live together in a secure dormitory, offering each other support and encouragement.

#### New Beginnings \*

(416) 921-1163 | [www.cfstoronto.com](http://www.cfstoronto.com)

1155 Yonge Street, Suite 200, Toronto, ON M4T 1W2

Speaker booking contact: Charlene Taboy, Executive Assistant, ext. 2240 | [ctaboy@cfstoronto.com](mailto:ctaboy@cfstoronto.com)

*Other languages: Italian*

New Beginnings is a ministry developed to meet the needs of those who are separated, divorced, widowed or who are enduring a significant loss. Through various programs, participants are given the opportunity to move through the stages of healing, leading to the beginning of a more fulfilling life.

#### Hospital Chaplaincy

(416) 934-3400 | [www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/chaplaincy-hospital](http://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/chaplaincy-hospital)

1155 Yonge Street, Toronto, ON M4T 1W2

Speaker booking contact: Agnes Vaz, Coordinator of Chaplaincy, ext. 349 | [avaz@archtoronto.org](mailto:avaz@archtoronto.org)

The office coordinates pastoral and sacramental care to Catholic patients in large acute care hospitals. The office also provides ongoing consultation and support for priest chaplains and Catholic lay chaplains working in the hospital setting. The focus of our work is to assist chaplains and local pastors in their effort to provide support to inpatients and their families during some of the most difficult moments of their lives. The goal of the ministry is to make the church present to Catholics in the hospital setting.

\* A Catholic Charities member/affiliated agency supported by ShareLife



## Agency List

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### **Toronto Right To Life**

(416) 483-7869 | [www.trtl.ca](http://www.trtl.ca)

2238 Dundas Street West, P.O. Box 59016, Toronto, ON M6R 3B5

Speaker booking contact: Emily Ellis, Office Manager | [office@trtl.ca](mailto:office@trtl.ca)

*Other languages: French, Tagalog*

At Toronto Right to Life, we envision a world where the intrinsic dignity of every human life is valued and respected from fertilization to natural death. We are a human rights organization that aims to transform Canada's perspective on life issues by effectively reaching the largest city in our country with the pro-life message. Our mission is to save lives by changing hearts and minds through presenting scientific evidence, engaging in compelling dialogue, and implementing effective tactics from past successful social reform movements, so that together, we can end injustice and ensure human rights for all. We educate, support, and provide excellent resources to members of the public, schools, churches, and community groups to address urgent issues such as abortion and assisted suicide in their own communities.

### **St. John Paul the Great Family Centre**

(416) 661-8221 | [staugustineofcanterbury.archtoronto.org](http://staugustineofcanterbury.archtoronto.org)

80 Shoreham Drive, Toronto, ON M3N 1S9

Speaker Booking Contact: Fr. Salvador Maria Tadeo Curutchet, IVE | [staugcanter@gmail.com](mailto:staugcanter@gmail.com)

Located at St. Augustine of Canterbury Parish, the St. John Paul the Great Family Centre provides regular after-school programs for youth and activities for seniors.