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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER *Deacon Terry Murphy*

This Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. It is a day that is set aside by the Church to encourage people to reflect and discern God's call to them.

In 2013 the Pope said that "becoming a priest, deacon or a male or female religious is not primarily our own decision... rather it is the response to a call and to a call of love."

Pope Francis wrote, "The Lord's call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a 'cage' or a burden to be borne. On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking."

Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan of the diocese of Waterford and Lismore in Ireland, says it takes courage to follow God's call. "It does take a lot of courage to say 'yes' to a vocation especially in today's culture. But by the same token people are looking for happiness. And where do they go and seek it? That's the question, and Jesus is saying to us, 'come to me'".

The people who truly inspire us in this life, notes the Bishop, are not the people who have taken the easy way out: "They are the people who continue to love in spite of everything".

Offering advice for men and women considering a vocation, Bishop Cullinan invites people to "pray and trust; don't be afraid. We are all unworthy; there is nobody who is worthy of priesthood except Jesus Himself."

Story: A shepherd was looking after his sheep one day on the side of a deserted road, when suddenly a brand-new Porsche screeches to a

halt.

The driver, a man dressed in an Armani suit, gets out and asks the shepherd:

"If I can tell you how many sheep you have, will you give me one of them?"

The shepherd looks at the young man, and then looks at the large flock of grazing sheep and replies: "Okay."

The young man parks the car, connects his laptop to his mobile, enters a NASA Webster, scans the ground using his GPS and turns to the shepherd and says, "You have exactly 1,586 sheep here." Rather surprised the shepherd replies, "That's correct, you can have your sheep."

The young man takes an animal and puts it in the back of his Porsche. Just as the man is about to drive off, the shepherd asks him: "If I guess your profession, will you return my animal to me?" The young man answers, "Yes, why not?"

The shepherd says, "You are an IT consultant." "How did you know?" asks the young man.

"Very simple," answers the shepherd. "Firstly, you came here without being called.

Secondly, you charged me a fee to tell me something I already knew, and thirdly, you don't understand anything about my business.

Now please can I have my dog back?"

A good shepherd has three outstanding characteristics:

1. He has love and compassion.
2. He knows each of his sheep by name.

(... read the rest on our website)

PARISH LITURGIES

— FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER —

Tuesday, April 23 - St. George and St Adalbert

8:30 am + Royston & Karl Clunies

Wednesday, April 24 - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

8:30 am + Patty Hebert

Thursday, April 25 - St. Mark, Evangelist

8:30 am Int. Rita McGill

Friday, April 26 - Our Lady of Good Counsel

8:30 am + Tom Kingry

—FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER —

Saturday, April 27 - St. Zita

4:00 - 4:30 Reconciliation

5:00 pm For:

+ Sundeep Khosla, + Pete & Henrika Schuurmans, + John Janez Kuk, + Isabella Di Pietro, + John Eddy McNamara, + John Thornton, + Betsy Vanden Helm, + Cecelia Boisvenue, + Deni Boisvenue, + Deo Lall, + Ken Richards, + Ernest Aubut, I + Mozart Edvaldo de Oliveira, Int. Marius Mihai

Sunday, April 28

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners

Easter Season: April 08—May 19



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED!

Congratulations to our students from Saint Dominic and Saint Nicholas schools, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, April 16th and Wednesday, April 17th.

May their hearts and minds remain open for the gifts that the Holy Spirit has bestowed upon them and may they always be a great witnesses to the gospel! Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION

The dates for First Communion will be during regular Sunday Masses beginning April 13th – May 12th.

We pray that communicants will open their hearts to receive Jesus with joy and continue to receive Jesus regularly.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feast Day: Mary, Mother of Good Counsel



The ladies of the CWL will be serving coffee and cake after 8:30 am Mass on Thursday, April 25th. This is a change from April 26th due to adoration on Friday morning. Please join us to celebrate.

VOLUNTEER EXPO

The vibrancy of our parish balances on the volunteerism of our parishioners. On the weekend of April 27th/28th, we will be having a volunteer expo in the church hall after each mass. This will give all the members of our parish an opportunity to learn about each of the committees, ministries and councils. Many of our existing groups will be setting up in the hall and will have handouts, brochures, etc... to explain their function and your commitment if you decide to join them.

MONTHLY HOLY FACE DEVOTION

Please join our St. Dominic's Conversatio Christo Choir at our monthly Holy Face Devotion Vespers – contemplative evening prayer on Sunday, May 5th at 7:00 pm in the Church as we pray for reverence, reparation, and a return to Christ.



SANCTUARY LAMP

Our Sanctuary lamp will be lit this week in Thanksgiving the Yatco Family



We pray for the repose of the souls of our dearly departed, especially,
Tom Kingry.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they, in Your Mercy, rest in peace. Amen.

SPRING MEMORIAL MASS AT HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY

The Spring Memorial Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Burlington will take place on Saturday, April 27th at 11:00 am. The principal celebrant will be Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton. All are welcome!



THE ORDER OF HOLY GARDENERS

It's that time of year again! Spring is here and it's time to get together to spruce up the parish grounds. We need your help this year! The next meeting will be this **Saturday, April 27th at 10:00 am**. We will be finishing the spring clean up of the flower beds, while taking care to not disturb the new shoots. We will then meet again in a few weeks'

time. If you would like to help out on any of these days, please come and join us or email Peter at ohg@saintdominic.ca

Volunteer hours will be given to students. We hope to see many there!



FORWARD TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Over the past few years, Auxiliary Bishop Lobsinger has been leading an initiative across the diocese known as 'Forward Together in Christ'. Sessions have been held with our Priests, Deacons, Pastoral Workers, and seven deaneries. These gatherings provided an opportunity to hear the voices of close to one thousand members of the Diocese of Hamilton, sharing in conversations about priorities of how to shape the future of our Diocese.

In further effort to this initiative, St. Dominic Parish will be offering a parish-wide gathering on May 4th to further discuss different priorities of the Diocese and apostolically discern how this looks in our parish.

This event is an opportunity for us to come together as a parish family to discern and explore the apostolic callings that God has placed on our hearts and within our community. It will be a time for prayerful reflection, insightful discussion, and communal discernment as we seek to ask how we are called to serve.

Whether you are a longtime parishioner or someone who is new to our community, your presence and participation are invaluable. This event is open to all who wish to discern God's Will for our parish and to explore how we can best live out our apostolic calling together.

During the event, we will engage in various activities and discussions designed to help us identify and nurture the unique gifts and callings God has bestowed upon each of us. Together, we will discern how we can use these gifts to further God's Kingdom and bring about positive changes in our community.

For those interested in participating in this event on Saturday, May 4, please call the parish office for registration.

"The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia!"

HALTON POLICE PRESENTATION – SCAMS & THEFTS

Halton Police will be offering a presentation on Scams and Thefts on Friday, April 26th at 2:00 pm at St. Patrick Parish (196 Kenwood Avenue, Burlington) in the Church Hall. All are welcome to attend. To register, or for further information, please call Margie Balfour at 905-815-3008

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MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP

Marian Council Knights of Columbus have arranged a coach bus to transport people to Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Thursday, May 9, 2024 to participate in the *Annual March for Life*. The bus will leave from Saint Dominic Church on May 9th at 6:30 am sharp. The bus will stop once for a short break and arrive in Ottawa at noon. The bus will return to Saint Dominic church by 9:00 pm the same day with a short break as well. Coffee and water will be served on the bus. We encourage participants to pack a lunch. Cost is \$10 per person, however we encourage all to take advantage of this opportunity to join the March for Life regardless of being able to pay as subsidy is available. We encourage everyone interested to contact Charles Thomas as soon as possible to reserve a seat as the seats will fill quickly.

Charles Thomas: (416) 997-2786 – chathomas@deloitte.ca

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, April 22	Rev. Innocent Nwachukwu
Tuesday, April 23	Rev. Arpee Nicolas Urquico
Wednesday, April 24	Jesuit Fathers (S.J.)
Thursday, April 25	Rev. James Petrie
Friday, April 26	Rev. Donald Wilhelm
Saturday, April 27	Rev. Nishil Vargjese. C.M.I

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