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## SHEPHERDS' TRUST COLLECTION

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Today is the Shepherds' Trust collection which is taking place in all the parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto.

The Shepherds' Trust has a mission to provide, comfort and care for those who have steadfastly cared for us – our retired priests. As parishioners, we have our own memories of a Catholic priest who made a positive, meaningful and lasting impact in our lives. Each year, thousands of people

contribute to the Shepherds' Trust. We want our priests to retire safely and with dignity. The Shepherds' Trust allows us to help achieve this goal.

Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

Oggi, in tutte le Parrocchie dell'Archidiocesi di Toronto, si terrà una colletta speciale per il Shepherds' Trust. L'obiettivo del Shepherds' Trust è quello di dare sostegno ai nostri sacerdoti in pensione e di prendersi cura di loro, così come loro si presero costante cura di noi.

Noi Parrocchiani, portiamo con noi ricordi di sacerdoti cattolici che hanno reso la nostra vita più positiva, significativa e duratura.

Ogni anno, migliaia di persone contribuiscono al Shepherds' Trust. Vogliamo far sì che i nostri sacerdoti possano ritirarsi tranquillamente e con dignità e il Shepherds' Trust ci permette di raggiungere tale obiettivo.

Vi ringraziamo di cuore per la vostra generosità.

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## YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE BEGINS IN NOVEMBER

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In a couple of weeks, Advent will be here. On that same weekend, Nov 29/30, the **Year of Consecrated Life** will begin. This 14-month period, whose theme is **"Wake Up the World,"** was announced last year by Pope Francis after a meeting of the Union of Superiors General. The event is an opportunity to celebrate and to communicate the forms of consecrated life in the Church.

The Provincial Council is joining with leaders of other religious orders to encourage commemorations. Some events are planned for 2015 such as Religious open houses which include tours, receptions and family activities; day of mission and service with religious, and day of prayer with religious. As Provincial Vicar Lawrence Hayes OFM pointed out, these events can enhance vocational awareness, and also provide an opportunity, especially for young people, to see how men and women religious live.

The year, ending on Feb. 2, 2016, the World Day of Consecrated Life, is similar to previous themed years announced by popes, such as Year of the Priest (2009-10), and the Year of St Paul (2008-09)



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## AROUND THE PARISH RECTORY CHRISTMAS GIFT

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With construction now nearing completion on our Rectory, the Friars hope to move in this January 2015. Nonetheless, we still have some work ahead of us as we still have to furnish most of the Rectory to meet our most basic needs—from stocking the kitchen and bathrooms to purchasing beds, linen, draperies tables and chairs.

We are excited to let you know that we have preserved our heritage as we have restored some of the antique furniture that has been part of our historical fabric since 1903. These pieces will be located on the main floor of the Rectory – designed for Parish and Community operations.

Parishioners sometimes ask us what we could give our priests for Christmas. This year we are asking for your help to furnish our Rectory. Our target goal is \$50,000.

Please consider making a donation to **"Our Rectory Christmas Gift"**. Special envelopes are available at the back of the church.

To make a donation, please make your cheque payable to **"St Francis of Assisi Church"** and indicate on the memo line **"Christmas Rectory Gift"**. All donations will be issued a charitable tax receipt at the end of the year.

Thank you for always being there for us and for your continued prayers.

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## ST AUGUSTINE SEMINARY

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St Augustine's Institute of Theology and the Lay Formation Program present the Advent Retreat **"Preparing the way of the Lord"**, on December 6, 2014, from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. This retreat is being presented by Dr. Josephine Lombardi who is the Director, Lay and Clergy Spiritual Formation Programs and Assistant Professor of Systematic and Pastoral Theology at St Augustine's Seminary. Please register by email: [loftsas@rogers.com](mailto:loftsas@rogers.com) or call 416-261-7207 ext 235. Cost \$40 includes lunch.

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## UNA GIORNATA DI RACCOLTIAMENTO SPIRITUALE

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Prepariamoci alla venuta del Signore con una giornata di raccoglimento spirituale in lingua Italiana. Nel familiare ambiente di Villa Colombo al 40 Playfair Ave. Toronto, si terrà una giornata di Raccoglimento Spirituale, **Martedì 2 Dicembre 2014** dalle ore 9:30 alle ore 16:00.

Si prega di prenotare la propria partecipazione inviando un assegno o "Money order" intestato a Villa Colombo (att: Mirella Tel. 416-789-2113 ext. 2220) prima di Giovedì, 27 Novembre, 2014. **NOTA:** Non ci saranno biglietti in vendita all'entrata. Il prezzo di \$35.00 include anche il pranzo e rinfreschi. **Avvisiamo che le registrazioni sono limitate – inviare al reparto E.P.C. Mirella.**

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## Marriage Banns

The Marriage between : **Matthew Eaton and Romina De Angelis** will take place on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at St Francis of Assisi Church.

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