

The Beacon

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Transition & Transformation

Change is a part of life; how we choose to journey through change is transition. Transitions are an opportunity from the Lord to be transformed - by him



**Saint Patrick
Holy Family**
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Saint Patrick and Holy Family will become an invitational community of disciple-making disciples who have Jesus at the center of everything we believe, say, and do.

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Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life (*John 8:12*)'. He draws every person to himself: to experience in him unimaginable love, unconditional mercy, and peace which flows from the heart. When we bask in that light long enough, we become like him. He says to his disciples, 'You are the light of the world (*Matthew 5:14*)'. We become like the 'light' and Jesus sends us out to be light for others, drawing them closer to Christ through our own witness of life.

We have come to understand that our new Family of Parishes' Vision and Core Values serve as a 'Lighthouse' of Jesus. He is using us as his humble servants, and this simple invitation - to call everyone to Christ. Each person is able to experience his life not only in our present life, but also in eternal life.

Saint Patrick Parish, Lucan and Holy Family Parish, London (Lucan Northwest London Catholic Family of Parishes) is obediently responding to Jesus' great commission 'to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching [all] to obey everything that [he] has commanded' (*Matthew 28:19-20*).

Come and allow yourselves to be drawn by Jesus, the Light. Find in him what you can find nowhere else, and in no one else. Come and see for yourselves!



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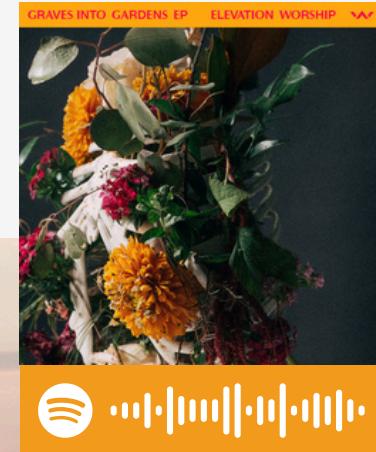
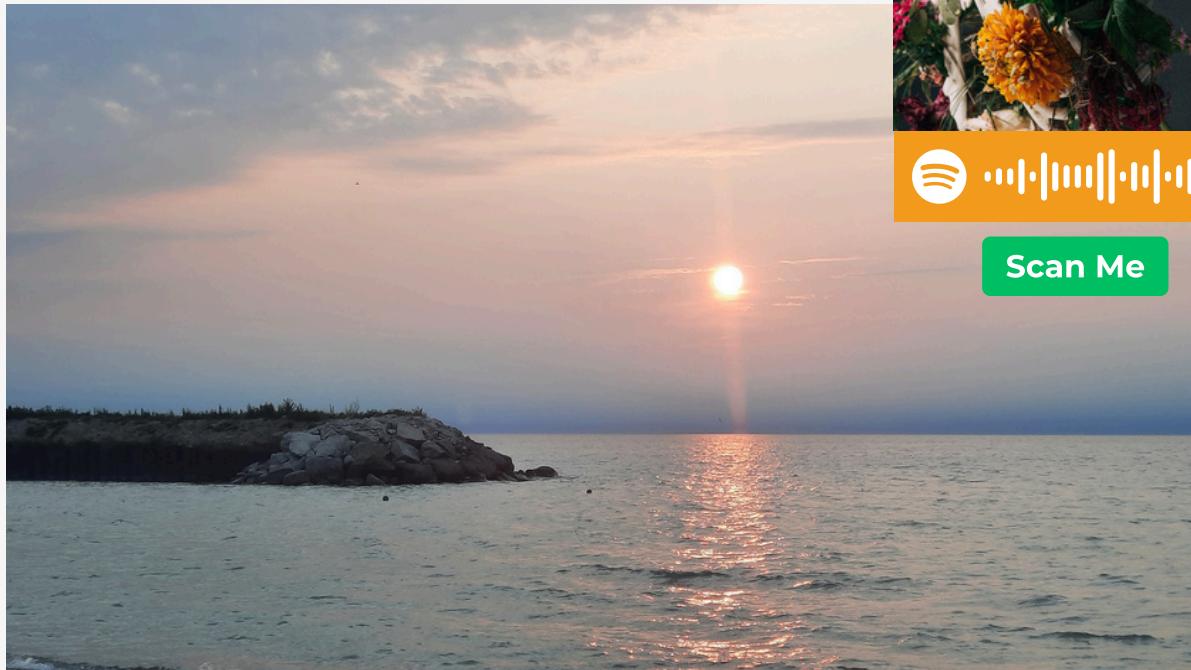
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Pointe Clare, Lake Huron. Photo taken by Kelly Wilson

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OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for bringing us together as a Family of Parishes, called to be a light for the world.

We thank you for giving us a vision to become an invitational community of disciple-making disciples, who have Jesus at the center of everything we believe, say, and do.

May we rely on the Holy Spirit to inspire us to love the Scriptures, to share our faith stories, to foster right relationships, and to be warm-hearted.

We entrust our Family of Parishes to the care of Our Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph, the Holy Family, and Saint Patrick, as we work together to bear witness to our core values, and to become the people you desire us to become.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen.

What is *The Beacon*?

Jesus invites us to be **Beacons of Hope**. we do this by sharing our stories of how we are being transformed by encountering Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

The Beacon is how we are sharing the stories of transformation from members our community

INTERPRETIVE KEY TO OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES LOGO

The cosmic Christ shines throughout the universe to every land and to every person

The gold band reminds us of our 'Communion in Christ' embracing Saint Patrick & Holy Family Parishes. It also speaks to us of the gift of the Eucharist

Symbols of Jesus as the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and End of all, sit on top of the Lighthouse

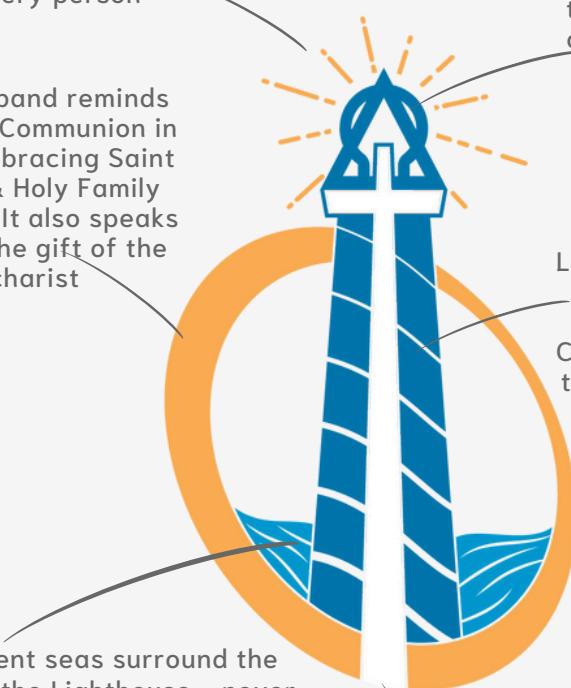
The stripes on the Lighthouse refer to the formation path of disciples, up toward Christ. The path equips the saints for ministry

Turbulent seas surround the base of the Lighthouse – never to be overcome by them.

Jesus is the light of the world; reaching out first, to those who have not yet encountered Jesus Christ; second, to those whose Christian faith has grown cold or who are lost; and finally, to those who struggle to live faith wholeheartedly.

So here we are with these Core Values

The base of the Lighthouse is open. Everyone is invited to enter on the path of encounter and formation as disciples



Jesus is our Light, our Lighthouse.

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

It is with deep gratitude for the many Blessings that I have experienced in our Family of Parishes that I address all of you who have been a *Beacon of Hope* for me, and for many others, since my arrival July 1st. Even though it has been a whirlwind of activity and settling in, this transition has been enveloped with the gift of Peace and wrapped in a mantle of sacred calm. Thanks be to God!

Transition can be difficult, but with the right mindset and disposition, based on the foundation of the certainty of God's Love and His promise of Presence and Grace, it can be, and truly is, a time of personal growth. God "stretches" us during transition to better experience the newness He wishes to plunge us in. The beauty of this "plunging" is the fact that He gently holds us up as a parent does for their child.

Rest assured of my continued prayers for all of you.

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transition to better
experience the newness He
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Fr. Thom Blondin

Pastor

Saint Patrick, Lucan and Holy Family, London Parishes
Lucan Northwest London Catholic Family of Parishes

PROFILE – FR. THOM



Fr. Thom outside the Dawson City, Yukon



Fr. Thom enjoying one of his favourite park, Algonquin Park

'Growing together in the ministry of the faith'

by Nikita Fonseca

Nikita Fonseca: Can you share about your background and how you felt called to serve as a priest?

Fr. Thom: You could say I was more of an unwilling disciple! I studied psychology at the University of Windsor before entering the seminary with the intention of initially leaving. I initially struggled with life at the seminary in the first four years. However, the Holy Spirit had other plans for me and eventually my relationship with God developed and deepened.

NF: What brings you joy and excitement about joining our Family of Parishes, and what are you looking forward to experiencing in this new role?

FT: This is a time of tremendous transition and change. I was sad to leave my previous family of parishes, and at the same time was enthusiastic to embrace the new. I said 'yes' to the new family of parishes and am now excited about Lighthouse Living and developing the parish vision and core values. I am happy to be here, and feel a new fervour and motivation to develop our faith. I am looking forward to the realization of our vision and seeing the outcomes, getting involved in The Lighthouse Formation Process, getting to know people, and sharing life and faith within our community.

NF: What do you hope to contribute to our community through your ministry, and how do you see yourself collaborating with parishioners?

FT: The most important mission is the deepening of our relationship with Jesus and then with each other. This can be accomplished by sharing faith stories and life stories, and utilizing the hand of God to unite people and increasing our outreach. Each one of us has the baptismal call and needs to utilize all gifts of the Holy Spirit. A goal would be to grow together, in the ministry of the faith.

Fr. Thom Blondin, 60, comes to Saint Patrick and Holy Family from the West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes (his previous assignment). Fr. Thom grew up in the faith in a small town outside of Windsor. His parents worked in the automotive industry. He was ordained on May 2, 1992.

NF: The Lighthouse symbolizes guidance and hope; what personal experience or message of hope would you like to share with our community as we journey together?

FT: No matter how our life situation is, we have to remember that God is present in all aspects of life and cares about us, and wants the best for us. God is present and working in all the pruning and experiences in our lives.

NF: How do you like to spend your free time, and what hobbies or interests do you hope to continue or explore in your new role?

FT: I enjoy camping and hiking -- especially in Algonquin Park. I love being outdoors, canoeing, spending time in nature, gardening, and landscaping.

PROFILE – FR. MATTHEW



Fr. Matthew celebrates his first Mass as a priest in his home parish, Saint Vincent de Paul, Mitchell, ON



Fr. Matthew Sawyer, 32, is a familiar face to parishioners of Holy Family. While attending Saint Peter's Seminary, he had been assigned to Holy Family. Fr. Matthew grew up in Mitchell, a community 60 kilometres north of London, with his parents and younger sister in a strong family with religious values. He was ordained on April 27, 2024.

'My goal is to bring Christ to the people'

by Nikita Fonseca

Nikita Fonseca: Can you share about your background and how you felt called to serve as a priest?

Fr. Matthew: I grew up in the faith, and was always enamoured by the church, and the mass. It was after my first Holy Communion that I asked to be an altar server -- but I fell down on the first try and ended up falling flat onto my face! At the end of high school, I initially contemplated careers in the hospitality industry or even in theatre, but things changed when I heard a guest speaker speak on servant leadership. I took a vocational trip to the seminary, where I instantly felt a sense of belonging. However, life at the seminary was hard, so I left and finished my seminary degree at King's University College instead. I then took years off to acquire some world experience and got in contact with the vocation director, who helped me reapply to the theology program at the seminary, and I then got ordained.

NF: What brings you joy and excitement about joining our Family of Parishes, and what are you looking forward to experiencing in this new role?

FM: During my time at the seminary, I was placed at Holy Family Parish where I helped with Alpha and the RCIA process. But I am much more involved as a priest now. I want to get involved in the school ministries and help develop disciples, as per our vision. I am looking forward to getting to know people, and developing our core values as *Beacons of Hope*.

NF: What do you hope to contribute to our community through your ministry, and how do you see yourself collaborating with parishioners?

FT: The goal is to bring Christ to the people. Another goal inspired by Saint Andre Bessette, who welcomed people to visit the church, would be to make sure to be a good doorman, to let people experience the Lord. Through the sacraments that we have in the church, we allow people to witness the living love of God and get into heaven eventually. Therefore it is important to remind people of their baptism call, and that we belong to God. I'd like to invite people to the ministry, to apostolic work, and to share the good news of the Gospel.

NF: The Lighthouse symbolizes guidance and hope; what personal experience or message of hope would you like to share with our community as we journey together?

FM: That there is a God -- we are not him. People want to feel in control, but our faith tells us that it is not the case, our relationship with God is like a mirror, reflecting us at our best and worst. While we make our decisions based on our impulses and feelings, God is in control and has a better plan. The Scriptures are a love letter to us, and our hope should lie in the fact that God exists, He sent His Son to and for us, and built a church for us. The Holy Spirit guides us on the spiritual journey we walk on with our family and community.

NF: How do you like to spend your free time, and what hobbies or interests do you hope to continue or explore in your new role?

FT: I like to watch sports and wrestling -- I've enjoyed that since I was a child. I used to take part in theatre productions and still support local theatre and arts. I also enjoy spending time outdoors whether it be nature walks or campfires. I look forward to spending time with people, sharing stories and connecting with them. In my free time, I also like learning about church history.



How personal prayer 'changed everything' in my life

by Chris Vandenberg

Becoming more active in the Church community requires becoming more active in one's own interior faith life.

I experienced this when I began and journeyed through my first year serving as an evangelistic missionary with NET Canada, a national organization that brings the Gospel to young Catholics and challenges them to love Jesus and embrace the life of the Church.

Most of the five weeks of training was focused on our individual faith formation. At that point I was active in Saint Patrick Parish and passionate about our faith but I did not have a consistent prayer life.

In the training I learned that prayer is not just a part of my relationship with God, but it is my relationship with God. A relationship cannot be maintained without communication. Just as we spend time with our earthly fathers, we must spend quality time with our Heavenly Father.



Throughout the year, I gradually built my prayer life. I had to learn how God spoke to me and what worked for my personal relationship with Him. When I began structuring my day around my personal prayer, rather than vice versa, it changed everything. When I prayed, my work and relationships were positively affected and I noticed the opposite when I missed prayer.

Prayer was what got me through my year on mission with NET Canada. I was able to share with many people about having a relationship with God because I was continually working on my own relationship with Him. We cannot give what we do not have. God has blessed me hundredfold through my daily personal prayer and I desire the same for everyone. If we are called to be "on-fire" Catholics and to bring Christ to everyone we meet, we must start by looking inward!

Thank you to all who have supported me prayerfully and financially in this mission. Know that you are all in my prayers. God bless!



Scripture-Soaked

By taking time everyday with the Word of God we soak in His Word and are better able to imitate the life of Jesus. We do this because we want to know Jesus and what He wants for our life.

NET Ministries of Canada

A national organization that brings the Gospel to young people and re-engaging them in their Catholic faith through dynamic retreats and youth discipleship.



by Mary Ann Morgan

December 7, 1979 - It was so cold that morning as the Core Team of parishioners - Jean and Peter Hagarty, Shirley and Wally Off, Dr. Michael Hickey and I waited at London Airport for the arrival of the plane from Montreal. Fr. Joseph Synder, Pastor, had consulted with parishioners and accepted the unusual invitation to sponsor two related Vietnamese families (10 refugees). What an awesome opportunity for us to love God and Neighbour.

Struggling with confidence while waiting in the Arrivals area, we formed a circle, held hands and praised God in full voice. Transition and transformation were moments away. Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

The plane landed, Nhon Ho, his wife Nu and 5-year-old Cam descended the steps followed by Nguu Le, his wife Huu and their three children - 5 year old Chien, 4 year old Minh and 2 year old Aimy. Nephew Huy Mach, a 15-year-old teenager, helped Thuy Loung, the mother of Mr. Le and Mrs. Ho, deboard the plane.

We smiled, extended our hand, but held back on hugs just in case hugs were a cultural taboo. What would happen here? What had happened there? The adventure began.

Thankfully, members of the KofC, CWL, committed parishioners, and Core Team had invested lots of time and energy to ensure that basic human needs were in good order.

It was lunch time: We ordered lunch from a Chinese Restaurant and quickly learned that the tastes, textures, and appearance of Canadian Chinese food were quite different. Not long after, we were invited to their apartment to enjoy a delicious home-made Vietnamese meal prepared by Mr. Le and family. What an incredible feast of different tastes, textures, aromas and Vietnamese warmth and hospitality.

That summer, our families attended our Parish picnic. The children played; the men participated in 'guy' activities. Mr. Le was on the rope pulling team that won the competition; Mr. Ho was on the other team. Cultural expressions of winners and losers seem to be universal!

Soon Mr. Le and Mr. Ho wanted jobs. Mr. Le cleaned floors at night in the old soap factory, worked in a Chinese food store, and eventually opened his Thuan Kieu Restaurant. Mr. Ho, a jeweller by trade, worked at a jewellery store where his superior skills were quickly recognized, his reputation grew, and business boomed.

When Grandma died, we attended her Buddhist funeral and learned grief and bereavement practices. And when Peter Hagarty, Wally and Shirley Off died, our families attended funeral liturgies at our Parish. And we had a special invitation to be present in the Ho's home on the day of Cam (son) and Dee's wedding and learn about their cultural traditions.

From the beginning, our families always acknowledged heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Parishioners. Over four decades, it is possible that when you ate cookies at a Holy Family reception, the sweet treats may have been given in grateful thanksgiving by our Vietnamese Families.

Autumn 2023 - Transformation can be dramatic or gradual. Forty-five years later, the transformation journey involved new beginnings, major changes, joy, sadness, grief, ESL, discrimination/violence, laughter, thanks, appreciation, successes, graduations, weddings, funerals, and new births.

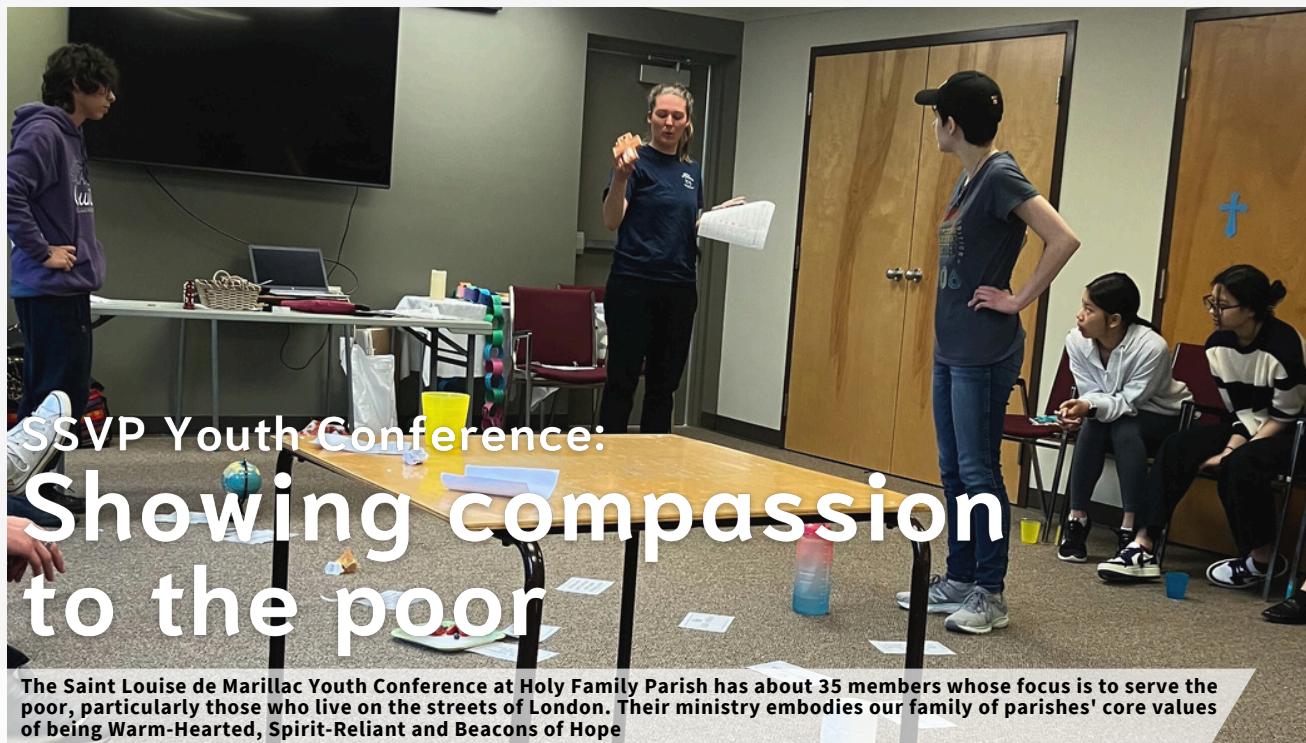
Faith is a journey. Our families are no longer refugees: They are successful Canadian Citizens who have worked diligently to use their God-given talents to make a difference in the world. Though family members now follow various religious traditions, Jean and I know that we encounter holiness in every "lived experience" with them.

"It is more blessed to give than receive."

(Acts 20:35)

In the beginning, it was the Parish Core Team Members who invested time and energy in service to our Vietnamese families. Today, Jean Hagarty and I find that receiving their continued love, respect, thanks, and appreciation is incredibly humbling and sometimes even overwhelming. Based in faith, hope and love, sponsorship transformed into friendship, support transformed into relationship, limited financial resources transformed into successful entrepreneurship, and doubt transformed into confidence for everyone involved.

In the beginning, we endeavoured to live out the Saint Pius X goal, "We are Christ for one another". Forty-five years later, we trust that our Parish involvement with our Vietnamese Families also reveals our Lighthouse Core Values - Scripture-Soaked (behaviour not words), Spirit-Reliant (Come, Holy Spirit Come), Warm-Hearted (celebrations, births, deaths, joy, grief, hospitality, tears, laughter), and Beacons of Hope (part of their story continues to be a Holy Family story). 



above: Youth conference members take part in a social justice retreat

Serving London's homeless

Aidan Jardine

Throughout the school year our conference runs many inner-city outreach events designed to assist the poor in our community.

Three to four times a year, a team meets in either the Holy Family Hall or at the home of one of our youth co-ordinators to prepare 100 lunches that will be distributed to the homeless community. We work in an assembly line, cutting vegetables, making sandwiches, and packing bags. The final bag consists of a sandwich, vegetables, an apple, and some sort of a dessert (usually a chocolate bar). It is a wonderful team building event, and some of my favourite memories with Saint Vincent de Paul come from working alongside my friends to provide the impoverished with something good to eat.

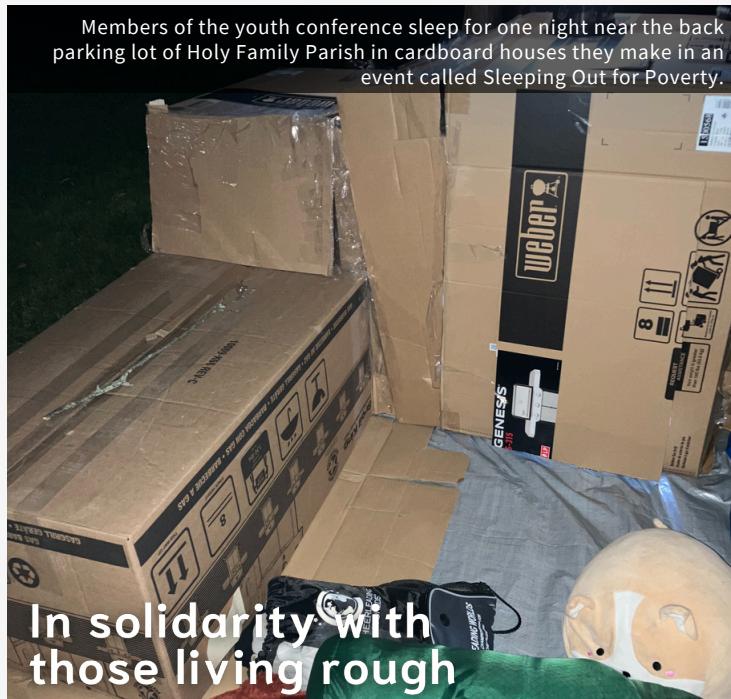
Once a year our team partners with the Goodwill and ClothingWorks organizations to run a winter coat drive. During this event, we distribute coats and other winter supplies to hundreds of Londoners preparing for the winter. Many in our community cannot afford winter supplies for themselves or their families, which is why this event is such a necessity. We see extraordinary turnouts every year, and we move through a remarkable number of supplies in a few short hours. It is always shocking to see the number of young families that attend the giveaway. Many of these families are new to Canada and are not prepared for the harsh cold winters we experience. It is a blessing to be able to serve those in need, and to be able to provide them with an important necessity for life in Canada.

Another regular event we host is an “on the street” event. These are held usually three times a year and are an amazing opportunity to serve the homeless community of London. During the giveaway, we distribute food, clothing, personal hygiene products and other supplies. This is also one of our family events, meaning that the families of our conference members get to come out and assist our volunteers. It is an amazing opportunity to interact with our friends on the street and to provide them with much-needed necessities. It is one of our biggest events of the year and a personal favourite for many in our conference.

The opportunity to serve those in need in our community is an amazing blessing, and I have received such a gift as being a part of these and the many other events run by our conference.

below: Members of the SSVP Youth Conference work with two organizations to collect winter coats and clothing and give them to Londoners who can't afford to buy their own





In solidarity with those living rough

Charlie Appleton

Our "Sleeping Out for Poverty" is an enlightening event. It starts with our team making cardboard houses on the Holy Family Parish back parking lot grounds to spend the night outside. This is in solidarity with the homeless in our community. We invite a guest speaker to talk about their experience with the homeless. We have a couple of activities to get a taste of what life is like for those who are without means to find housing. One is what you would bring in your backpack if you had to leave your home with very little time to prepare and move onto the streets. This activity makes each of us think about how little you can bring in a backpack and how it is possible to try to survive once out on the streets.

Another activity we do is a candlelight ceremony and prayers for those on the street. The prayers are for hope and peace.

All of this is being in solidarity with those without homes and living rough. After our "activities of poverty" are completed, we get ready for bed and sleep. The night is usually cold and uncomfortable for most. This experience is educational for all of us who have never slept outdoors in unstable shelters so we can feel how those on the streets have to deal with this every day.

In the morning after our night out, we talk about "the hunger" because no one brought food for the morning. The talk then is about how our friends may not have food at each mealtime as we do in our privileged lives. We usually have a donation of food from our other team members who bring in a small breakfast for us to enjoy. This year it was brought in by one of our partners in our community, Hyde Park Lions.

Warm-Hearted

We recognize every person as an image-bearer of God. By joining people in their suffering and walking with one another, we are mutually transformed by Christ's love.



Afterwards, we go into the church and prepare for our social justice retreat. In the end we clean up our space. And we leave no sign of anyone having slept on the grounds. Many of our friends must pick up and clear out before the police or business owner kicks them out of the area. It is such unrest for them, so this experience brings us to understand some of their struggles, making us more compassionate about the way they must survive.

Hearing the cry of the Earth and the poor

Victoria Goldsack, president SSVP Youth Conference

In 2015, Pope Francis released the encyclical, *Laudato si'*, that focuses on the interconnected nature of the environment and poverty and calls on the universal Church to take action to care for our common home. This encyclical has inspired the youth of the Saint Louise de Marillac Conference to integrate its message into the active work of their ministry.

One way the conference has achieved the vision of this encyclical is through its central focus on social justice. The youth conference has adopted a variety of creative and meaningful approaches to learn, reflect, discuss and develop tangible solutions to address social justice issues at local, national and global levels.

This past year, the youth initiated a new information series focused on environmental issues. Utilizing local parishes within the diocese to host these sessions, the Saint Louise de Marillac youth led research-informed presentations to discuss environmental concerns with the London community. Topics of these presentations included fast fashion, food waste, energy waste, water pollution and air quality. The youth are planning new environmental topics to share with the diocese in the upcoming school year.

In addition to the social justice series, young people at this year's "Sleep Out for Poverty" event participated in interactive activities designed to raise awareness of poverty-related injustices experienced around the world. The youth gained valuable knowledge about poverty. The event was engaging and inspired participants to take action on poverty-related initiatives and generate ideas that can be applied in future events for the conference. The words of Pope Francis in *Laudato si'* continue to fuel the enthusiastic energy of this conference, driving the integration of future social justice initiatives into their work. As Pope Francis says, "We have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice into debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor."



My Life Group is a game-changer

Lydia Hayes

When I decided to join a Life Group at Holy Family, I did not realize how much a group of like-minded individuals would both transform and help me grow in my faith.

Fellowship is the relationship among Christians who encourage and challenge each other in living the faith, and a Life Group provides this. Going to mass fills me with the Spirit and the Word and the Body of Christ. I leave feeling I am on the right path. My Life Group makes me feel like I can stay on that path. Self-doubt and temptation are always looming, but knowing that others have the same challenges and discussing how to maintain a Christian life has given me a new confidence to ensure I stay focused and to keep Christ near. It has truly been a game changer for me.

I am a member of the Vineyard life group, a group of retirees whom I have grown to love with all my heart. We meet every second Monday morning for two hours. We walk the path together, while keeping Jesus at the center of everything we believe, say and do. It is a group that we trust for mutual support and encouragement in life, faith and our mission.



Spirit-Reliant

We are dependent on the Holy Spirit's prompting and direction – that we might respond more fully to Jesus' mission to make disciples of all nations.



It is a group that we trust for mutual support and encouragement in life, faith and our mission.

During our meeting we call on the Holy Spirit to be with us and guide us. We pray in both song and words, read the Bible and share how we encounter God in our lives, share faith stories and discuss how to bring our Lighthouse vision and Core Values in our own lives and the life of others.

The fellowship has brought me closer to God, and involves not only being encouraged and strengthened by those who have more experience than myself, but also reaching out to those who are new to the journey.

I highly recommend joining a Life Group. Life Groups at our family of parishes are of all different age groups (singles and families) and meet at different times (night and day). With your input the team will endeavour to put you in a group that best suits your life. 

Visit wearelighthouse.ca/lifegroups to find more information about Life Groups at our Family of Parishes.

Email Stacy Paneras at hfplifegroups@dol.ca if you have questions or are interested in joining a Life Group.)

Life Groups

Life Groups are intentional medium-sized groups gathering 10-15 people meeting regularly to connect, pray, grow, and serve.

The fragrance remains in the hand that shares the rose.

Financial Update - Period ending June 30, 2024

Tim Firth, Mission Support Team Lead

Sharing God's gifts brings happiness at every stage of its expression: We experience joy in forming the intention to share, we experience joy in the action of sharing, and we experience joy in remembering that we have shared.

We are very pleased to share that, collectively, our Family of Parishes has seen an overall 7.6% improvement in Offertory Giving and Donations for the first six months of this year, as compared to the same period in 2023. Additionally, our expenses are down 6.8% compared to the same time last year. We are still experiencing an operating deficit in both parishes; however, it is 36.2% less than it was last year. Specifically, the operating deficit at Saint Patrick is \$14,973 as of June 30, and the deficit at Holy Family is \$38,990.

Your Family of Parishes Finance Council will be re-engaging next month, and our focus will be to prioritize all aspects of "stewardship" that are directly linked to our five Core Values. *The Lighthouse* has provided us with a tremendous opportunity to understand that, as parishioners, we need to continually lean into our spirituality to ensure that we are listening to His Word.

Do we have a "faith" problem, or do we have a "finance" problem? Are they inextricably linked, and, if we solve one, do we solve the other?

We would love to hear from you with your thoughts on that.

Please contact Tim Firth at tfirth@dol.ca, or 519.472.0057 x.224.

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Beacons of Hope

We want to be a lighthouse on a dark sea and lead souls to the safety of Jesus, the Light. We do this by sharing our stories of how Christ is transforming us.

Examen of Lighthouse Living

How did I experience God's love today? How did I respond?

1 In faith, come into the Lord's presence. Give thanks for the blessings of your day.

2 Ask the Holy Spirit for his light and direction in this reflection

3 Examine your day, mindful of our five Core Values

 **Warm-Hearted**

When we see a need in another person, we respond to their need with mercy and compassion.

 **Scripture-Soaked**

We take time everyday with the Word of God, to soak in his Word and are better able to imitate the life of Jesus.

 **Spirit-Reliant**

When we sense God is speaking to us through His Word, we act on it.

 **Repentant**

When we become aware of a relationship tension, we actively move towards restoring relationships.

 **Beacons of Hope**

When we hear that someone has encountered God, we encourage and help them share their story with someone.

4 Ask, "How have I responded to the promptings of the Holy Spirit – In gratitude? In repentance?"

5 Ask, "As a disciple, what has the Lord taught me today?"

This daily examen is a process of reflecting on our Core Values of Lighthouse Living to assist us in becoming a disciple-making disciple.

An open space

to unpack

life's

big

questions

For anyone

who's

curious

about faith

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Meet new people and explore the Christian faith together. Alpha is for anyone who's curious. No judgement, no pressure. Each session unpacks a big question of life, faith, and purpose, and is designed to spark conversation. Come along, see what you think.

Alpha in the Fall 2024 Series

at Saint Patrick - weekly on Wednesdays

September 18 - December 4

In-person: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

32922 Richmond Street, Lucan

or Online: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

(Zoom)

at Holy Family - weekly on Thursdays

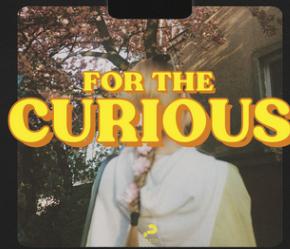
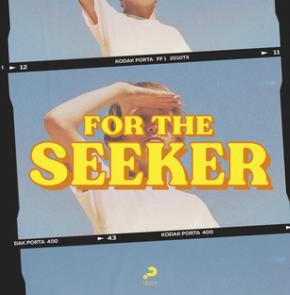
September 19 - December 5

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777 Valetta Street, London



* Child-minding available at in-person locations



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WITH OTHER
YOUNG PEOPLE



WATCH AN
EPISODE ABOUT
LIFE & FAITH



ASK Q'S AND
SHARE YOUR
THOUGHTS

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Saint Patrick
Holy Family

Lucan Northwest London Catholic Family of Parishes



Will you join us to transform
lives through Alpha?
Give today to support our Alpha

Your generosity will help us provide the
best, life-changing experiences and
encounter for guests like you – transforming
our neighbourhood, communities, and city.

If you would like to partner with us, scan the QR-code or
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Give by cash/cheque, or e-transfer to hfp.parish@dol.ca
(please include "Alpha" on the memo/notes line)



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GIVING AT SAINT PATRICK

Ways to Give



GIVING AT HOLY FAMILY

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To meet the Team, please [click here](#) or scan the QR-code



WELCOMING NEW PARISHIONERS



If you are new to Lucan Northwest London Catholic Family of Parishes - Saint Patrick, Lucan and Holy Family, London, please take a moment and [click here](#) for more information, or call the Parish offices: Saint Patrick at **519.227.4726 x20**, or Holy Family at **519.472.0057 x201**.

We want to support you in prayer

Online Prayer Ministry

Join our Prayer Line to receive weekly prayers, reflections, music, and prayer.

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