

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2008

May 4 & May
11, 2008

Confirmation will be celebrated in our Parish on **Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. On May 4th** for the candidates from St. Francis Xavier School and on May 11th for the candidates from Mother Teresa and St. Benedict Schools. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will strengthen these young people in their Catholic faith to be effective witnesses of Jesus Christ in this world. Confessions for Confirmation Candidates will be on Saturday before each Confirmation from 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. Adults baptized as Catholics but not yet confirmed are invited to contact Fr. Andrews to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 4 or May 11th this year.

May 10, 2008

2008 Pentecost Rally at Canadian Christian College – 50 Gervais Dr., Don Mills. This grace filled day offers confessions, Mass, Divine Mercy devotions and inspirational presentations from Fr. Richard McAlear. For tickets call Pat (905)477-8108.

June 8, 2008

Fr. Andrews' 25th Anniversary of Ordination is this year. There will be an informal reception on Sunday from 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in our parish hall. Those who wish to help with the preparation or bring items of food to share could contact Juliette Ling (416)495-1067 or Winnie Thien (647)220-4234.

June 15-22,
2008

49th International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec City. Registration for the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage is still open to all parishioners, religious, clergy and members of lay movements. Registration forms may be downloaded www.archtoronto.org/congress.

Our **Parish Prayer Group** meet every Wednesday evening at 8:00 p.m. in the Church hall. They will pray for your intentions if you could write out your requests for particular intentions and place them in the box located near the statue of our patron, St. Thomas the Apostle.

Catholic School Rosary Program invites volunteers who love our Blessed Mother Mary and are willing to go into our parish schools to pray the Rosary. Training will be provided. For more information contact Josie Nasir (905)477-8349 or Cecile Baguio (416)293-3275.

Volunteers needed to help Seniors in York Region through CHATS. **Community Home Assistance to Seniors.** Services such as transportation, telephone assistance, meals on wheels are provided. Call Christine McGregor at 905-713-3373 ext. 6051 if you can help.

New Beginnings is a support program for separated, divorced or widowed persons. Call 416-222-1101 ext. 107/258 for more information.

Catholic Family Services of York Region is looking for volunteers to help new immigrants for only two hours a week. This is their HOST program. This is an opportunity to meet people from different cultures and to offer friendship. For more information call (905)770-7040 ext. 226.

Parishioners may donate shares to the Parish, **ShareLife, Shepherds' Trust or St. Augustine's Seminary**. In the recent Federal Budget the capital gains tax that would be payable on the sale of any publicly listed shares will be eliminated if these shares are donated to a registered charity. Call the parish office or the Office of Stewardship and Development (416)934-3400 ext. 561 for more information.

Who May Receive Holy Communion in the Catholic Church? Only those who are Roman Catholic and in the state of God's grace. Catholics who are not in the state of God's grace should receive absolution in the Sacrament of Penance before receiving Holy Communion. Catholics who are married are obliged to have their marriage blessed in the Catholic Church – if they are not married in the church, they may not receive Holy Communion. Anyone who is divorced and remarried outside the church may not receive Holy Communion. Those who are separated or divorced are able to receive Holy Communion if they are in the state of God's grace.