

2009 St. Francis Xavier Church Survey & Census

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Your Family Information:

Last Name: _____ Maiden Name of wife if applicable: _____
First Name: _____ Middle initial: ____ Date of Birth: (Day/Month/Year) _____
Country of Origin: _____ Languages Spoken _____
Religion: _____ Occupation: _____ Env #: _____
First Name: _____ Middle initial: ____ Date of Birth: (Day/Month/Year) _____
Religion: _____ Occupation: _____ Env #: _____
Country of Origin: _____ Languages Spoken _____

Your Address Information

Street Address: _____ Apt. # _____
City: _____ Postal Code: _____ Telephone: Home: _____
Home e-mail: _____ Bus: _____
Business e-mail: _____ Cell: _____

Other Members of Your House

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____ School/Occupation: _____
Relationship: _____ Religion: _____ E-mail: _____
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Sunday Mass normally attended: _____

Survey will also be posted on www.stfrancisxavierchurch.blogspot.com.

The information that you provide is confidential. It is used only for purposes related to pastoral planning and activities related to the parish. The parish is part of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto. No information is shared with any entity outside of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Our policies in the parish are guided by those of the Archdiocese of Toronto which can be found by visiting <http://www.archtoronto.org/privacy.html>.

If more than one person is responding below indicate "Involved Now" or "Interested" with initials or name of person in appropriate box.

Our Parish Organizations	Name	Involved Now	Interested
Catholic Women's League of Canada			
Knights of Columbus			
Columbian Squires			
Legion of Mary			
St. Vincent de Paul Society			
Youth FX (Parish Youth Group)			

Spiritual Associations & Activities	Name	Involved Now	Interested
Alpha Group			
Scripture Study (study of the history, context and background of Sacred Scripture)			
Praying with Scripture (Lectio Divina – meditating and reflecting on Scripture)			
Faith sharing through prayer with Scripture			
Small groups to break open the Sunday readings during the week.			
Prayer Group (charismatic prayer)			
Devotional Prayers (the Rosary, prayers associated with brown and green scapulars for example)			
Praying the Prayer of the Church (Breviary or Liturgy of the Hours), Morning Prayer & Evening Prayer.			
Pro-Life Activities			
Eucharistic Devotion			

Parish Ministries & Programs	Name	Involved Now	Interested
Sacristans			
Altar Linen Maintenance			
Altar Servers			
Music – Singing			
Music – Playing an Instrument			
Children's Liturgy of the Word			

Liturgical Environment Group			
Eucharistic Ministers for Church			
Eucharistic Ministers for Nursing homes & homes			
Eucharistic Ministers to Hospitals.			
Maintaining Flowers in Church			
Pastoral Visitors to the hospitals			
Lectors			
Ushers			
Sound Engineering			
Video Support in Church.			
Website Design & Support			
Audio & Video Production			
Book, video, resource and religious goods store.			
Parish Resource Centre & Lending Library.			
Refreshments after Masses			
Outreach Ministry – Support of Immigrants, family life issues etc.			

Our Parish Sacramental & Formation Programs

	Name	Involved Now	Interested
	Baptism Preparation Program for Parents of Infants		
	Sacramental Preparation for Children not enrolled in Catholic schools		
	Marriage Preparation Course		
	Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)		
	Christian Initiation of Children of “catechetical age”, i.e., between 7 & 15 years of age. (RCIC)		

Committee Information:

Listed below are the committees currently envisioned for the parish. All committee membership will be by appointment of the pastor, until a more stable way of rotating membership can be established for each committee. In particular, the mandates of sub-committees may change or even be substituted with other committees as parish needs dictate. Things you indicate in the total survey will help to guide the formation of these committees. Taking the time to read about each will give you some understanding of the parish's future direction.

Parish Committees	Sub-Committees	Description
Parish Pastoral Council (Approx. 8 persons)	<p><i>The following are to be sub-committees of the Pastoral Council:</i></p> <p><i>Each sub-committee will have a rotating membership based upon the projects and activities for the coming year. It will be led by a member of the Parish Council.</i></p>	<p>The Parish Pastoral Council is composed of parishioners representing a broad spectrum of the parish population who assist the Pastor in discerning the needs and resources in the parish to support the mission of the Church in living and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. Members of the council need the capacity to understand and appreciate the diverse needs and resources and have an ability to analyze and clearly articulate a discerned vision of how to build up the parish community in its Gospel mission effectively. The council helps to animate the activities of others and only rarely sponsors activities of its own. The ability to collaborate with others is key to bringing unity to the efforts of diverse groups within the parish. Two members of the Pastoral Council will provide leadership to each of the sub-committees listed below.</p>
	Family Life (6 to 10 persons)	<p>The Family Life Sub-committee will discern the areas of need and the possible resources to support the flourishing of family life in the parish. This includes support for couples, children, teenagers, young adults, and single adults.</p>
	Outreach (6 to 10 persons)	<p>The Outreach Sub-committee will identify the needs that the parish community is able to address present among the parishioners as well as the community-at-large. The social teaching of the Church will provide important guidance in forming faith-filled responses to suffering, injustice, sickness and isolation. The committee will nurture a spirituality that recognizes the intrinsic value of each person toward whom outreach is rendered and which seeks to allow them to thrive humanly and spiritually.</p>
	Sacramental Preparation (8 to 12 persons)	<p>The Sacramental Preparation Sub-committee will help to co-ordinate efforts in the parish to form people for participation in and reception of the sacraments. Building up people in the parish to assist in sacramental preparation will be a major focus in the initial phase.</p>
	Schools (12 to 15 persons)	<p>The Schools Sub-committee will help to strengthen the partnership between the parish and the schools in their mutual role of supporting parents as the principal teachers of their children in faith. Developing activities that engage school communities more directly in parish life will also be sought through this committee.</p>
	Formation & Evangelization (6 to 10 persons)	<p>The Formation & Evangelization Sub-committee will be concerned with the spiritual formation of the whole parish community with a particular view to examining parish initiatives in light of how they contribute to parishioners' ability to give witness to the Gospel. Continuous formation in the parish will help also to surface those who are called to support specific ministries within the parish. Communications will also be an important element of the committee's work.</p>
	Liturgical Ministries (8 to 12 persons)	<p>The Liturgical Ministries Sub-committee will work to strengthen the spirituality, knowledge and skill involved in supporting the service of those whose ministry is centred on the celebration of the sacraments and the Liturgy of the Hours (the public prayer of the Church). Particular attention will be paid to the preparations for the great feasts of the year: Easter, Christmas, Pentecost, the seasons of Easter, Christmas, Lent and Advent, other solemnities of the universal Church, and local solemnities such as the anniversary of the dedication of the parish church and the feast of the titular saint (St. Francis Xavier). Public celebrations of devotional practices will be included in the mandate of this committee.</p>

Finance Council (4 to 6 persons)	<i>The following are to be sub-committees of the Finance Council:</i>	The Finance Council of the Parish is constituted in accordance with the universal law of the Church and particular legislation of the Archdiocese of Toronto. The Finance Council, in short, is mandated to provide the Pastor with advice regarding the temporal (financial) administration of the parish. According to the laws of the Archdiocese of Toronto it is also to report annually to the Chancellor of Temporal Affairs regarding questions asked of the committee. It is to be consulted regarding parish expenditures over \$10,000 and to ensure that diocesan procedures are followed for expenditures exceeding \$50,000. It is to ensure that employment practices are in accord with provincial labour legislation. It also needs to ensure that other statutory and regulatory requirements of the provincial and federal governments are met. It provides advice to the Pastor regarding budget planning and compliance, taking into account the pastoral needs of the parish community.
	Building Maintenance Committee (4 to 6 persons)	The Building Maintenance Sub-committee assists the Pastor, the parish staff and the Finance Council to ensure that the physical structure of the church, meeting rooms, offices, residence, parking lots and green space are maintained. Preparing for significant expenditures and looking for cost savings are important elements of the committee's work. Implementing the physical part of pastoral initiatives will help the parish life in important ways.
	Development Committee (3 to 5 persons)	The Development Sub-Committee ensures that parishioners have an understanding of parish needs and are enabled to offer material support conveniently through transparent processes.
	Facilities Management Committee (3 persons)	The Facilities Management Sub-Committee works with the Finance Council and Business Manager to ensure appropriate policies for the use of parish facilities and arrangements with caterers and outside groups are in place and observed.
Volunteer Screening Committee (5 to 10 persons)	<i>This committee is accountable to the Pastor directly.</i>	The Volunteer Screening Committee performs the functions described by the Toronto Archdiocesan program called: "Strengthening our Caring Community". Membership is at the discretion of the Pastor. The committee undertakes the screening processes for the parish and its ministries.
Media & Information Technology Committee (8 to 12 persons)		This is a working group with rotating membership aimed at ensuring that there is appropriate support for all IT and media technologies in use at the parish. The committee may be consulted by any of the other committees or sub-committees.

Our Parish Skills List	Name	Skills (cont'd)	Name
Gardening		Banner design	
Flower Arranging		Musical instrument	
Carpentry		Website Design & Support	
Drywall and plastering		Digital Imagery & Design	
Painting		Driving others to church	
Baking		Electronic sound production	
Crafts		Translation (List from what language and to what language.)	Name: From: To:
Knitting		Data entry	

Other Gifts, Talents & Skills you might think of offering for the service of the parish community:

Other Suggestions: _____

Notes on Ministries:

Sacristan: Sacristans prepare the altar, the worship books, the ciboria containing the hosts, the wine & water, vestments and hymn books for each of the Sunday Masses.

Altar Linen Maintenance: On a rotating basis, volunteers maintain the linens for the altar including altar cloths, and albs of Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Altar Servers: Altar servers provide for the needs of the priest or deacon during the celebration of Mass, the other sacraments, the Liturgy of the Hours and other public devotional activities in the parish.

Music ministry: Doing music ministry involves participation in one of our music groups providing musical accompaniment and encouraging musical participation at Sunday Mass and other liturgies throughout the year.

Instrumental music: There is an ongoing need for trained musicians who can read music and play a musical instrument.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: The Children's Liturgy of the Word is a celebration of the Scriptures on Sunday that takes place during Mass. It brings the Scriptures to young children in a way that they can understand and respond to. It is hoped that this will be expanded and offered at the 9am, 10:30am and Noon Masses in the future.

Liturgical Environment Group: Throughout the church year there is a need to provide decoration of the sanctuary and the body of the church in a manner that encourages prayer and devotion suitable to the season or feast being celebrated. This group will provide this support throughout the year. Artistic skills are particularly an asset.

Eucharistic Ministers for Church: All Eucharistic Ministers need to have a deep love, reverence and devotion to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament as well as a love for the celebration of Mass. The parish requires 2 teams of 7 ministers for each of 7 Masses (98 ministers).

Eucharistic Ministers for nursing homes and homes: A small number of people trained in visiting the sick and to conduct a Liturgy of the Word along with providing Holy Communion to members of our parish who are unable to come to church.

Eucharistic Ministers to Hospitals: This ministry will be co-ordinated with our two Mississauga hospitals. Ministers will provide Holy Communion on a regular basis to parishioners who are in hospital.

Maintaining flowers in church: Live flowers require watering and occasionally rearranging to get rid of spent blooms. This needs to take place during the weekdays.

Pastoral visitors to the hospitals: This ministry will also be co-ordinated with our two hospitals. People will need to participate in a pastoral visitor training course either provided by the hospital concerned or by the Parish Social Ministry Facilitator in Peel Region.

Lectors: Readers proclaim the Word of God during Mass on Sunday. A love of Sacred Scripture, a clear speaking voice and the willingness to prepare the readings through prayer and study during the week are necessary for this ministry.

Ushers: This ministry is currently provided for by members of the CWL and Knights of Columbus. If you are interested please indicate on the form. The respective organizations will be informed and follow up. This ministry is one of welcome and providing assistance, hospitality and an example of faith and devotion to those who coming to the church on Sunday. A first aid course will provided also in the future.

Sound engineering: This is part of a new group of ministries collectively called “media ministry”. Sound engineering involves the maintenance of microphones, cords, mixing boards and the actual production of amplified sound at church services. Sound engineering for digital audio recording will also be part of this ministry in the future.

Video Support in Church: Four flat screens will be installed in the church to provide hymn numbers, names, hymnal volume information and psalm responses to people assembled for worship on Sunday at each Mass. This information will need to be prepared, put up, removed and updated at each Mass.

Website Design & Support: Along with staff, outside advisors and the Media & IT Committee, the skills of individual parishioners will be needed to continue to evolve the content and design of the parish’s website. Eventually the site will provide not only information, but support and resource materials for family life, sacramental preparation and many other aspects of parish life.

Audio & Video Production: Cameras and recording equipment will be acquired by the parish to allow the production of in-house audio & video programming. The first stage will be to develop this capacity and co-ordinate these plans with website development.

Books, video, resource & religious goods store: To be located near the present location of the “Sunday office”, the store will provide books, videos and other resources in support of the parish’s programs, ministries and activities and religious goods for the devotional needs of parishioners. It will be set up to accept credit cards and debit. This will also allow those who wish to donate to the parish through debit to do so. The store will operate after all weekend Masses.

Parish Resource Centre & Lending Library: In addition to the store, the parish will develop a resources library designed to support ministries, sacramental preparation, formation and spiritual activities of the parish. Periodicals, videos, books and online information will be part of the centre’s operation. People with the desire to read and understand these materials and with good organizational skills will be needed to develop this centre.

Refreshments after Masses: Providing coffee, juice and light refreshments after Mass. Currently CWL & Knights of Columbus provide this service. Greater support and involvement is needed. After 9am, 10:30am & Noon Masses. Occasionally at other Masses.

Outreach Ministry: This ministry needs to be explored and discerned. The possibility for outreach are many. What to begin with and developing a sustainable plan will be key tasks at the beginning. Involvement of the Outreach sub-committee of the Parish Council will connect these efforts to a broad vision for the parish.

Thank you very much for taking the time to provide the parish with valuable information that will help build our parish family.

May God bless and strengthen you and your family.

Fr. Bob O’Brien
Pastor