

## **Movie in Cinemas Now, but for limited time:**

**Sound of Freedom:** A true story about child sex trafficking world wide. In Canada, it is only being shown at the Landmark Cinemas and some independent theatres and only for a limited time. It is heavy but hopeful. It certainly opened my eyes as to how big this "business" is worldwide. If you get a chance to see it, I highly recommend it and it is good to support it. The main message repeated a couple of times throughout was "God children are not for sale!"

## **More on the Synod:**

Good article in National Catholic Reporter: **Synod document sets stage for wide-ranging debate on women, Catholic ministries and structures**

<https://www.ncronline.org/vatican/vatican-news/synod-document-sets-stage-wide-ranging-debate-women-catholic-ministries-and>

*"The radical call is, therefore, to build together, synodally, an attractive and concrete church: an outgoing church, in which all feel welcome."*

### **October 4th Synodal Gathering at University of Toronto**

Walking the Talk- Pope Francis invites us to become a Synodal Church

A gathering of students, young adults and other interested faithful for a Synodal conversation in anticipation of the first session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops (October 2023). Young people are frequently cited in the synodal documents as among those marginalized and excluded. The Planning Partners are committed to amplifying the voices of young people as well as others whose voices are often ignored in our church and in society.

Watch the Concerned Lay Catholics (CLC) website for more details as they become available.  
<https://concernedlaycatholics.ca>

Also on Concerned Lay Catholics website:

Join Concerned Lay Catholics this fall as we continue on the path set out by Pope Francis in October 2021. This is a historic moment in the life of our Church and October 2023 represents a liminal moment - a moment of transition to a new vision of Church. Below are some of the events CLC already has in the works:

Fall Webinar Saturday September 23rd at 2 p.m. on Zoom

Please mark your calendar for **Synodality: Ancient Traditions and New Ways of Proceeding with Dr. Catherine Clifford**

CLC is going to Rome!

Three members of the CLC planning committee will be travelling to Rome in October as CLC's delegation to attend meetings in parallel with the formal synod sessions. The meetings are being organized by Spirit Unbounded, a global lay-led Christian network for transformational change, firm in the belief of the equal worth and value of all people.

## Indigenous learnings & programs at Crow Shield Lodge:

Check out the Crow Shield Lodge website <https://www.crowshieldlodge.com/upcoming> for their various programs over the summer. They include Women's & Men's Sharing Circles, Front Line Workers Healing Circles, A Sweat Lodge ceremony, Drumming Circles, Full Moon ceremonies. Some are held at their site adjacent to the Ken Seiling Waterloo Region Museum in Kitchener and some are held at the McDougal Cottage in Cambridge.

Great way to learn more about and benefit from Indigenous culture!

## COME JOIN OUR COMMITTEE



We would love to have you. We meet monthly, with the next meeting August 15th at 7 pm. Your involvement can be whatever time is available for you. Your presence and ideas are truly welcome. Come see what we are all about! For meeting location and more information, contact the Parish Office at 519-653-6123, or Marie Adam at [marieadam123@yahoo.ca](mailto:marieadam123@yahoo.ca) or via phone or text at 519-503-7312

## RESOURCES:

### **ACTION:**

**Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness** leads a national movement of individuals, organizations and communities working together to end homelessness in Canada

<https://caeh.ca/>

**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul:** Check out the wonderful work they do and consider if volunteering with them is something for you. [www.ssvp.ca](http://www.ssvp.ca)

### **WEBSITES:**

#### **Concerned Lay Catholics: A voice for lay Catholics in Canada**

We are an independent group of **concerned** committed **lay Catholics** formed in Canada to affirm the **laity's** role of co-responsibility in the Church.

**Salt & Light Media**, Walking Together Documentary of the ongoing process of reconciliation leading to Pope Francis visit & apology in 2022

<https://slmedia.org/w/5j42gPTr/ZhaLgxcd/walking-together>

### **BOOKS**

**The Myth of Normal:** Trauma, illness & healing in a toxic culture (2022) Gabor Mate, co-written with his son Daniel, Maté brings his perspective to the great untangling of common myths about what makes us sick, connects the dots between the maladies of individuals and the declining soundness of society, and offers a compassionate guide for health and healing.

**The Least of Us:** (2021) Sam Quinones Sam explores the terrifying next stages of the opioid epidemic and the quiet yet ardent stories of community repair. He believes that we are only as strong as our most vulnerable

**Transition to Common Work:** (2015) Joe & Stephanie Mancini tell their story behind The Working Centre. There's truly an inspiring, successful & widely recognized model for community development – right in our backyard.

**Reconciliation:**

**Seven Fallen Feathers** (2017) Over the span of eleven years, seven Indigenous high school students died in Thunder Bay, Ontario. They were hundreds of kilometres away from their families, forced to leave home because there was no adequate high school on their reserves. Read the stories by award winning author Tanya Talaga.

**Highway of Tears** (2019) Jessica McDiamid. A true story of racism, indifference, and the pursuit of justice for missing and Murdered Indigenous women and girls

**The Right to be Cold,** (2016) Sheila Watt Cloutier. One woman's story of protecting her culture, the arctic and the whole planet (2016)

**From the Ashes,** Jesse Thistle, (2019) In this inspiring debut memoir, Jesse Thistle, once a high school dropout and now a rising Indigenous scholar, chronicles his life on the streets and how he overcame trauma and addiction to discover the truth about who he is.

**Richard Wagamese:** Richard has many wonderful books worth reading. A well-known Indigenous writer in Canada, Wagamese won several awards including the Canada Council for the Arts Molson Prize (2013) and the Writers' Trust of Canada's Matt Cohen Award (2015). His works speak about the historical and contemporary socio-economic issues affecting Indigenous communities in Canada. They also bring attention to issues regarding Indigenous identity, culture and truth and reconciliation. A beloved writer, Wagamese's works have inspired many Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples and writers alike.

**FILMS, DOCUMENTARIES, WEBSITES:**

**Senator Murray Sinclair** on Reconciliation: (2.55 min) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wjx2zDvyzsU>

A short but meaningful look at the importance of getting started.

**Doctrine of Discovery:** Stolen Lands Strong Hearts Can be downloaded to view off line at <https://www.anglican.ca/primate/tfc/drj/doctrineofdiscovery/> We Were Children (2012), access through link, Amazon Prime

**Where the Spirit Lives:** A young Native Canadian (First Nations person) fights to keep her culture and identity when she is abducted to a residential school. (1989) YouTube

**Visit the Woodland Cultural Centre** and Museum in Brantford. (Former site of the Mohawk Residential School run by the Anglican church) Due to current renovations tours are being offered via Zoom. <https://woodlandculturalcentre.ca/>

**Pope Francis address to young people and elders** (July 29, 2022) during his historic visit to Canada <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2022/july/documents/20220729-giovanianziani-iqaluit.html>

**Dr Cindy Blackstock** and the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society and her untiring efforts on behalf of Indigenous children in Canada Also find out more about Spirit Bear <https://fncaringsociety.com> <https://ashokacanada.org/fellow/cindy-blackstock/> United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) <https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/declaration-on-the-rights-ofindigenouspeoples.html#:~:text=The%20United%20Nations%20Declaration%20on,%2C%20Bangladesh%2C%20Bhutan%2C%20Burundi%2C>

**Development and Peace** (Caritas Canada. <https://www.devp.org/en/> Visit their website for further information. They are a democratic movement for international solidarity that supports partners in the Global South in pursuit of alternatives to unjust social, political, economic and environmental structures. They educate Canadians about the causes of the impoverishment of peoples and to mobilize them to act for change. Watch their website for the wonder program they present "The Reel Justice Film Festival" Their new schedule should be out soon.

**Hamilton Diocese:** • A Pastoral Letter to Young People: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fRmOqT\\_W2ZY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fRmOqT_W2ZY) • Synodal Results: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#about>

If you come across a resource, you think would be helpful for parishioners, please let us know by emailing or phoning our Parish office at [stclements@rogers.com](mailto:stclements@rogers.com), 519-653-6123