

Speaker Series: BEYOND THE PEW, WHAT NOW?

Meaningful conversations towards action

The conversation continues.

In our winter speaker series, we heard from local speakers, with boots on the ground, about **homelessness, addiction, mental health, our youth.**

What is your heart calling you to do? What is Jesus calling you to do?

Father Ed Hinsperger will guide us through a process that will help us emerge enlightened with a clear vision of action and motivated to do Jesus' work in our community.

Whether you wish to be part of the solution on your own, with your family or with a group, these conversations will help determine positive action steps forward in faith, guided by the Holy Spirit, and in the company of like-minded people.

Whether you attended the Beyond the Pew sessions, or not, you are welcome. The only requirement is that you wish to work towards a more just and caring community. We hope to see you there. Bring your family and friends. All are welcome on this journey.

Tuesday May 23, 2023 6:30 - 8:30 pm in the church hall.

Enter through the Duke St doors.

Contact the office to register

519-653-6123 or stclements@rogers.com

COME JOIN OUR COMMITTEE



We would love to have you. We meet monthly, with the next meeting May 16th 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 or via phone or text at 519-503-7312

RESOURCES:

ACTION:

May 27, 2023: **The Church & Truth & Reconciliation – Challenges, Learnings, Opportunities to advance Reconciliation.** To register go to www.concernedlaycatholics.ca – Events

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

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.

<https://concernedlaycatholics.ca/>

Check out some of their past Webinars, the most recent being the recording of the **Synodal** follow up session **“Where Do We Go From Here”**

<https://concernedlaycatholics.ca/webinars>

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>

Reel Justice Film Festival

The Church teaches that social justice is an integral part of evangelization and an essential part of the Church’s mission. There are so many issues of injustice all over our world, it is hard to know where to begin. Start by joining in for a movie and discussion!

<https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wpcomstaging.com/2022-film-schedule/>

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-iquait.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-](https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/declaration-on-the-rights-ofindigenouspeoples.html#:~:text=The%20United%20Nations%20Declaration%20on,%2C%20Ba)

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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. The 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 them 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

• 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

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