

## Announcements for August 22, 2021

Our Jamaica Mission has a request. They are looking for dress clothes for children who will be making their First Holy Communion. The hope is to fill a closet full of outfits and shoes that children can use for their special day. Contact Monica Thorpe for more info at [mthorpe@execulink.com](mailto:mthorpe@execulink.com) or call her at 226-238-3708. Many thanks for your continued generosity!

At 8:29 a.m. on Saturday, August 14, a magnitude 7.2 earthquake struck Haiti's Tiburon Peninsula, about 150 kilometers west of the capital, Port-au-Prince. By Monday, it was being reported that the death toll had crossed 1,300; those 13,600 homes were severely damaged; and that 800,000 people were directly affected. The victims were also bracing for a coming tropical storm.

Development and Peace's partners, ITECA and Caritas Haiti, swung into action, sending relief trucks and assessment teams to the affected areas. These are the very regions whose recovery you had generously supported after Hurricane Matthew in 2016. Now, our partners need your support once again to step up their relief efforts and to develop a sustained recovery program.

Learn more at [Haiti needs our support | Development and Peace \(devp.org\)](#)

Springbank Family of Parishes speakers

Truth, Reconciliation and Healing: Speaker Series and Gatherings - UPDATED

Beginning September 8, the Springbank Catholic Family of Parishes will host gatherings to discuss the process of reconciliation and healing with Indigenous communities. Each week will cover a different topic and the speakers will come from both Indigenous and settler communities. These gatherings will begin at 7:00 p.m. and conclude by 9:00 p.m., and registration is required. To register, and for information on guest speakers and other details, go to <https://springbankcatholic.ca/truthandreconciliation/> or call 519-471-4220.

A Home for All? Renewing the Oikos of God

This year's Season of Creation (1 September to 4 October) calls all families, every household and society to repent and reshape our political, social and economic systems towards just, sustainable economies of life, which respect the life-giving ecological limits of our common home. The renewal of the home of God includes the renewal of our homes and institutions. God gave humans the ministry to take care and cultivate this oikos of God. The cry of the earth reminds us that our home is in danger, that we have forgotten that we live in the household of God. To learn more, please review the PDF brochure at this link, which contains advocacy ideas, Sunday readings, an examen and additional links.

### Year of St. Joseph - Family Faith Fun Kits Now Available

For the second month, Coordinators of Family and Youth Ministry have come together to create activity packs for students in grades 1-6 and their families. The theme of the August kit is the Year of St. Joseph. Kits include online and offline activities that are faith-based and encourage family connectedness all while having fun. More information and registration is available [here](#). For more information, please contact [familyandyouthministry@dol.ca](mailto:familyandyouthministry@dol.ca)

### Prayer and Reflection Cards for the Year of St. Joseph – Week Seven (Card 7 of 7)

Pope Francis identifies the extraordinary attributes of St. Joseph as a “beloved, tender and loving, obedient, accepting, creatively-courageous, working father hidden in the shadows.” (cf. *Patris Corde*, No 1-7). We encourage you to spend some time in prayer using: Prayer and Reflection Card #7, St. Joseph, A Father in the Shadows, which can be found at [this link](#).