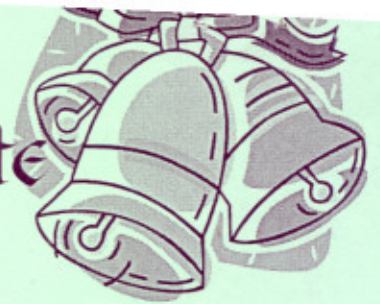


St. Francis de Sales 150th Anniversary Preparing to Celebrate



Starting on the first Sunday of Advent, we will be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of our Parish. To that end, preparations have been underway to make this a special year of growth for us as a Community. We need your help. Here is a list of things we need to augment our celebrations:

1. Cloth Material

We are hoping to make a multi-coloured altar cloth using material from around the world, representing the traditional clothes of the various ethnic communities that make up our parish. We wouldn't need more than a meter of each cloth, and depending on how successful this appeal is, hopefully we will need less. So, whether it is tartan from Scotland, or silk from India, or batik from Polynesia, dig through closets or visit fabric stores and help us make this altar cloth a reality.

2. Languages

During our feast day celebration, the weekend of January 23/24, (January 24 being the feast day of St. Francis de Sales) we would like to proclaim the prayers of the faithful in languages representing the voice of our parish, whether it is Arabic to Zulu, we need people who will give voice to our communal prayers.

3. DANCERS

Part of our celebration on the feast day, will involve liturgical movement which is where the dancers come in. To bring a sense of festivity and poise they will bring a kinetic dimension to our worship that will heighten our celebration.



4. Ethnic Dress

A grand procession or parade of the universal church, will signify the marching of the Church of God to the kingdom. This is where the ethnic dress comes in. It is the family of people from around the world who offer gifts to God. So, to help us represent the global dimension of our Parish, sign up in the Office.

5. Nativity Scenes

We are hoping to acquire various expressions of the Nativity Scenes from around the world, whether it is Jesus in the igloo, or the Holy Family in the desert, we would like to purchase them for a permanent collection in our Parish. Help us out and let us know where we can get them.



6. Motif Decorations

We are seeking to create a beautiful altar display, made up of various ethnic, cultural, regional, or national symbols. We are also looking to create similar displays for the walls that would be suspended there for the Anniversary year. For instance, a beautiful fan with oriental decorations would signify China, or a piece of tartan would represent Scotland, or a broken hockey stick would indicate the Toronto Maple Leafs. We need your help to make our Anniversary year an opportunity for growth and renewal.