

OUR MISSION

Scarboro Missions is a society of Canadian Catholic priests and laity, who work collaboratively to participate in the vision and mission of Jesus Christ. For almost 100 years we have been dedicated to serving in creative and new endeavours where the Gospel has not been heard. We seek to encounter and celebrate the presence of God in all of Creation and in the life, history, culture and faiths of the people among whom we live.



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“ I have come that they may have life and have it to the full. ”

John 10:10



MISSION CENTRE PROGRAMS

WHO WE ARE

The Mission Centre, a ministry of Scarboro Missions, provides its services and programs at our site in Scarborough, 2685 Kingston Rd. Our team members are also available to facilitate and coordinate programs elsewhere.

We calculate that about 5,000 high school students participate in retreat programs every academic year. Our team also guides retreats and prayer experiences.

We have been invited to guide and animate Study Days and Professional Development Days for teachers. We also work with chaplains, multi-faith groups, and candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

With our interfaith focus, our team has been invited to lead workshops for social workers and community groups in pluralism and diversity training.

Ordinarily the groups number between 20-40 people. Overnight accommodation is available. There is a possibility of daylong retreats and workshops for groups of 60 – 80 participants.



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PROGRAMS

We offer a wide variety of Retreats, Workshops and Educational Series.

- Leadership Training, Peace Building and Witnesses to the World.
- Catholic Social Thought, Social Justice.
- Knowing and encountering Jesus.
- Appreciative Inquiry and Conflict Resolution.
- Interfaith Dialogue: an Appreciation.
- Scripture Series and Talks: Old and New Testaments.
- Golden Rule Retreats and Workshops.
- Ecological Retreats, Workshops.
- Retreats: candidates for Confirmation.
- The Golden Rule and the Body as a Temple of the Spirit.
- Deepening Our Own Spirituality and Relationship with God.
- Myers-Briggs as a Tool for Vocation Discernment, Community Building.
- Dancing with the Spirit: Women's Spiritual History and Legacy.
- Earth, Air, Fire and Water: Gateway to the Sacred.
- The Art of Compassion.
- Walking a Spiritual Path: Labyrinth
- Drinking from Our Own Spiritual Wells: Health and Wellness Days.
- Overseas volunteers' orientation and debriefing.

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OUR FACILITIES

- Overnight accommodation (individual rooms, shared washroom facilities) for groups from 15—45 with meal service.
- Chapel: liturgy, prayer and meditation.
- Three well-equipped meeting rooms for groups of 15, 30 and 50 people with DVD projector and sound system.
- Breakout rooms for group work.
- Arrangements for coffee and juice breaks.
- WI-FI
- Ample parking for up to 50 vehicles.
- TTC transportation 200 meters from the door of the Mission Centre.



“This retreat was a journey to recognize what we are and the potential we have to be a leader.”
Daniel (student)

“The entire weekend was a pulsing energy — generated by energetic presenters. It should be packaged for re-distribution” *Women’s Retreat Participant*

“All in all a great experience and a wonderful way for us to be together and touch base with each other by touching bases with the Earth.” *Joan Stafford OSU, Retreat for Sisters and Associates.*

“It was a fun and eye-opening experience. I never realized how great I could be, until I was shown how truly great I am.” *Natalia (student)*



FACILITATORS AND RETREAT LEADERS

We work with people of all ages and backgrounds. We are available to work with your planning group to suggest facilitators and resource people to accommodate your needs. We are available to coordinate and facilitate Programs at our Mission Centre or a place of your choice where feasible. Feel free to consult us on any of these possibilities.

Kathy Murtha: Mission Centre Director, M.A. in theology with a special focus on Women’s History and Spirituality, missionary to Papua New Guinea, experienced retreat facilitator, contemplative prayer facilitator.

Fr. Roger Brennan SFM: former missionary in the Philippines and China offers a variety of Scripture Series for adults.

Kate Marshall Flaherty: poet, meditation and yoga instructor, missionary to St. Lucia, founding member of Children’s Peace Theatre, Certified in Appreciative Inquiry and published author.

Marilyn Grace: former teacher and TCDSB chaplain, member of Ontario college of Teachers, trained in teaching children to meditate, liturgist, experienced retreat facilitator.

Fr. Jack Lynch SFM: 45 years in ministry in Canada, Central America and Peru, retreat facilitator, Catholic Social Thought.

Rosemary MacAdam: young adult youth minister, yoga teacher, dancer, experience in engaging youth in spiritual exploration.

Greg McCarney: social worker, former director of Pelletier Homes for Youth, certified in Appreciative Inquiry.

Paul McKenna: specializes in Interfaith Dialogue, Golden Rule Workshops and Humour Workshops.

Caroline O’Connor: Teacher, Member of Ontario college of Teachers, liturgist, works with youth at Covenant House and Delisle Youth Services.

Tina Petrova: Award winning filmmaker, educator, motivational speaker and interfaith activist. An accredited juror for the Coalition for Kids Media.

Sr. Lucy Thorson NDS: specializes in interfaith work with a particular focus on Jewish-Christian dialogue.

Karen Van Loon: Coordinator of the Justice and Peace Integrity Office at Scarboro Missions.

Fr. Dave Warren SFM: former missionary in the Philippines, a scripture scholar and student of Islam.

