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A Very Special Christmas in Milton - Contribution by the Church Adult & Youth Choirs!

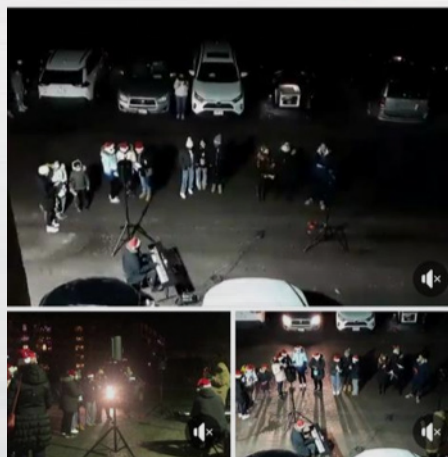
On a very ordinary day in December, as one of the Choir servants was scrolling through social media, they noticed a request for a choir on the popular Facebook group “Milton Talk” to support a local campaign. With the service being stalled for an entire year as a result of the pandemic, this sounded like a great opportunity for the church choir to support in whatever capacity they could. The choir began preparing to support this; however, those plans did not materialize, and things fell apart.



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Then....something special happened! A servant responded with a comment on social media to see whether there was any interest for the choir to come around neighborhoods in Milton to sing Christmas carols. The response of the community was overwhelming, with over 250 comments

and requests! That's when the choir servants decided to roll their sleeves and re-plan again!

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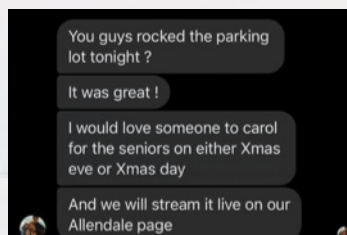
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It was really difficult to decide which neighborhoods to go to, but through lots of prayers, teamwork and guidance, the Choir was eventually led to two different areas over the span of 4 days. One of the greatest blessings was visiting the senior home in the community and participating with the “Lighting up Allendale” team. They were also blessed by visiting neighborhoods with children with special needs and others who were unwell in their homes, helping bring joy and lighten their hearts through Christmas carols in the comfort of their own homes.

Serving the community was an extraordinary experience which words cannot express. It has allowed many of us to see how people during the pandemic were in very desperate need to feel the spirit of the season.



Generally, the results of a service take time to come to fruition. However, this service was drastically different! Cars were beeping, people were cheering, some donating, others bringing their portable chairs to join the carols. It was truly an indescribable experience!

Both the youth and adult choir were very blessed and thankful to contribute their time for this effort. We are hopeful that this will become an annual event for SGSA to help give back to the community.



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Thank you to all our volunteers!

There have been a number of notable updates relative to the Church's operations, all thanks to the many volunteers that we have serving behind the scenes!

Pandemic protocols

Through the grace of God, the church has been successful at the implementation of a robust system in compliance with the Region of Halton guidelines for protecting parishioners, including an electronic booking and contact tracing system, effective screenings, cleaning and sanitization protocols, and streaming services. This was evident and recognized by Halton Police during a random inspection back in early December. A great testament to the level of commitment and dedication to people's safety by all our volunteers. Thank you!

Support to other churches

When the Toronto and Peel regions went into lockdown, SGSA was blessed to play a role in supporting parishioners from other churches during a time of critical need, including the hosting of baptisms and funerals. We thank the many servants who were able to respond with no hesitation to support these urgent needs in a timely manner.

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Snow Removal

While our operations this winter are nowhere close to what they usually are, the church was able to save over \$40,000 in seasonal snow removal at both of its facilities. This was made possible as a result of the love of our church community, with a group of congregation members coming together and volunteering their time to take on the task of snow removal services. May God reward them for their contributions and heartfelt efforts!

Chapel Renovations

As a result of a need to repair the ceiling at St. Anthony and St. Moses' chapel, the church began some necessary renovations to replace the ceiling, while taking the opportunity to introduce LED lighting and modifying the design to give the 'spirit' of a chapel. With some of the contributions from our congregation members, it's definitely starting to take shape!



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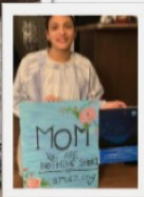
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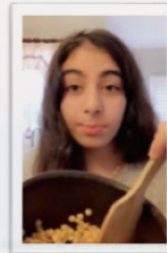
The lockdowns have had an impact on many of us, young and old. Yet, from some of our youth, they've been able to make incredible use of the time, finding ways to stay busy, **discovering and enhancing some of their God-given talents.** Well done!



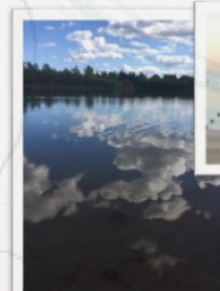
Makrina – mastering her art...and sushi!



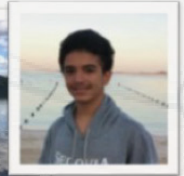
Mark's artwork being used for the Service!



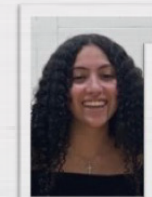
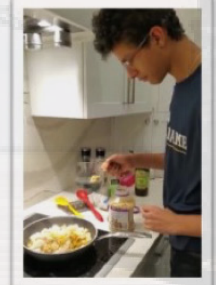
Despina's "Macarona" – made to perfection!



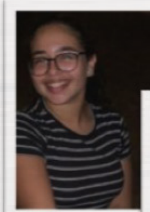
Karl's amazing photography of nature!



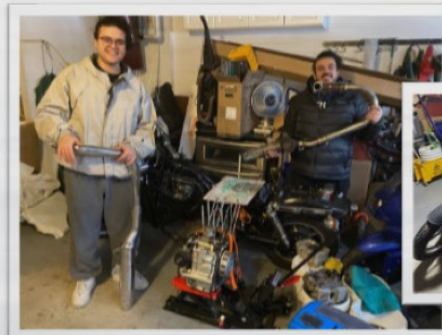
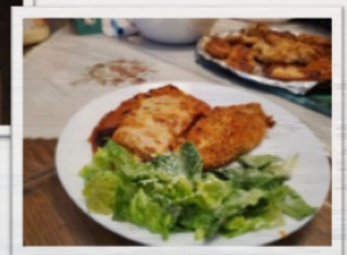
Thomas' signature scallop, mussels & shrimp trio!



Demi's amazing Chicken Chow Mein!



Catherine's Chicken Parmesan! Yum!



Bino & Daniel – Using their engineering skills to retrofit and upgrade their new motorcycle. Watch out if you're on the road!



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Project Update

Despite some of the logistical delays resulting from the recent lockdowns, the New Church Project continues to progress on multiple fronts:

- Ongoing consultations with the Town of Milton and the Region of Halton relative to the future widening of Steeles Avenue and its impacts
- Engagement with Conservation Halton on elevation grading requirements to meet flood prevention requirements
- Significant completion of multiple engineering studies by various consultants
- Cost assessment studies on construction phasing approaches
- Early engagement of potential general contractors for construction feasibility studies

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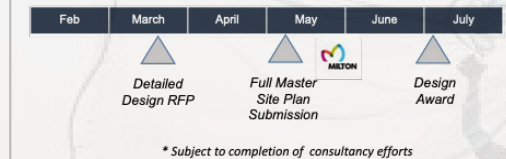
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Congratulations on raising all the funds needed for the detailed design phase!

Thank you for all your prayers and contributions

We now shift our efforts towards the funds needed to support construction.

Next steps:

- Completion of the civil engineering package for submission to the Town of Milton
- Launching the Request for Proposal (RFP) to commence detailed design
- **Raising an estimated \$750K by the end of June 2021.** This will go towards supporting the selection and award of the ground excavation contracts.

More details around the fundraising efforts and how you can contribute will be forthcoming over the next several weeks.

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كورال كنيسةنا الشباب و الكبار يشارك احتفالات الميلاد بميلتون

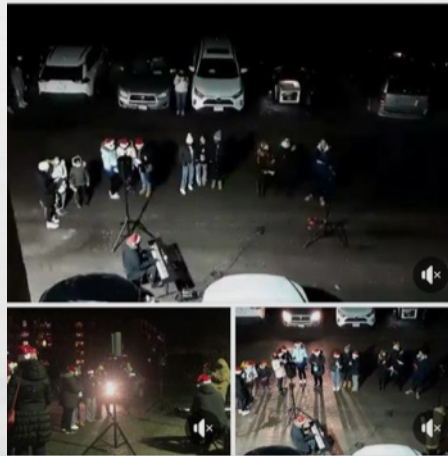
قام كورال كنيسةنا الشباب و الكبار بتقديم عروض مميزة خلال فترة احتفالات الكريسماس حين وجد احد الخدام طلب على «Milton Talk» احد مواقع التواصل الاجتماعى فيس بوك بتقديم عروض ترانيم الكريسماس، و بالرغم من كل الصعوبات التي واجهت الخدام الذين لم يجتمعوا معا لمدة طويلة تقترب من عام، قام الخدام بتجهيز كل شيء. و رسموا البهجة على وجوه اهل مدينة ميلتون التي رائيناها في عيون الجميع كبارا و صغارا، حتى ان البعض اخرج كراسيهم لمشاهدة العروض و البعض الاخر قام بالمشاهدة من سياراتهم حيث قام الكورال بالعرض في اربع أماكن مختلفة و أيضا في احد دور كبار السن و .بعض الأطفال ذوى الاحتياجات الخاصة



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كانت هذه الخدمة بمثابة
نعمة كبيرة لكنيسةنا و فرحة
لشعب ميلتون خلال هذه
الفترة الصعبة التي يمر بها
الجميع، نسأل الله ان يبارك
هذه الخدمة و يجعلها تثمر
ثلاثون و ستون و مائة و
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شكراً لخدام الصيانة بالكنيسة

خلال هذه الفترة قام الخدام بكثير من الخدمات غير المعتادة و التي كنا في احتياج اليها لاستمرار الصلوات و الخدمات بالكنيسة

تطبيق الاجراءات الاحترازية

بنعمة ربنا و ارشاده قام الخدام بتطبيق جميع الإجراءات الاحترازية حسب إرشادات و توجيهات الصحة العامة في كندا و منطقة هالتون لحماية المصلين و المساعدة على عدم انتشار الوباء، من خلال حجز القداسات و الخدمات عن طريق موقع الكنيسة على الانترنت، و قياس درجات الحرارة، و تنظيف و تطهير الكنيسة بعد كل خدمة و عرض الصلوات على اليوتيوب ليتمتع الجميع بالمشاركة في الصلوات. نشكر الخدام على التزامهم بالتعليمات و الشعب علو تعاونهم مع الخدام في تطبيق الإجراءات الاحترازية، نسأل الله ان يعوض كل من له تعب في هذه الخدمة المباركة.

مساعدة الكنائس الأخرى

بعض الكنائس التي لم تستطع فتح أبوابها للخدمة نتيجة الحظر التي فرض على المنطقة التي تخدمها، قام الخدام في كنيسةنا بالمساعدة في المعمودية و الجنازات حسب الاحتياج اخواتنا في المناطق الأخرى القريبة منا. نشكر محبة كل من قام بهذه الخدمة، الرب يعوض تعبهم

ازالة الثلوج

استطاعت الكنيسة توفير ٤٠٠٠٠ دولار بمساعدة بعض الخدام الذين أعطوا من مجهودهم و وقتهم لإزالة الثلوج، في بعض الأوقات احتاجوا ان يذهبوا باكرا جدا و ليلا لكي يستطيع الجميع الدخول للكنيسة في أمان. الرب يعوض تعبهم بالبركات السماوية

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نتيجة احتياج كنيسة القديسين الانبا موسى و الانبا انطونيوس لتجديد
السقف، بدأت الكنيسة في تجديد السقف و حزن الآب و الإضاءة، نشكر
كل من ساهم بالتبرع في هذا العمل



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بالرغم من الصعوبات و التحديات التي نواجهها ، استطاعت الكنيسة
بنعمة ربنا ان تواصل العمل في استخراج التصاريحات اللازمة للبدء من
خلال الآتى

● التواصل المستمر مع مجلس مدينة ميلتون و منطقة هلتون لاجل
توسيع ستيلز و تأثيره على المشروع

● العمل مع هالتون لاجل تسوية الأرض و اتخاذ الاحتياطات اللازمة
لتفادي تأثير المياه الجوفية على المباني في المستقبل

● استكمال الدراسات الهندسية اللازمة للمشروع

● حساب التكلفة لمراحل المشروع المختلفة

● اختيار المقاول المناسب لتنفيذ المشروع

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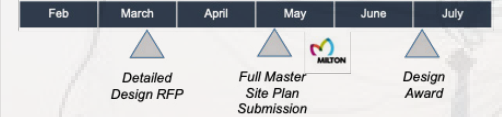
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نشكركم على صلواتكم و تبرعاتكم لجمع المبلغ اللازم للتصميم التفصيلي لبناء الكنيسة، الرب يفرح قلوبنا جميعا بالبدء في بناء الكنيسة نوجه الان كل طاقتنا و امكانياتنا لتوفير اللازم لتنفيذ بناء الكنيسة

الخطوات التالية

- استكمال الرسومات الهندسية و تقديمها لمجلس مدينة ميلتون
- نحتاج لمبلغ ٧٥٠٠٠٠ دولار قبل نهاية يونيو ٢٠٢١ لاختيار المقاول الذي سيقوم بالبدء في الحفر

بعض التفاصيل الأخرى عن المبالغ المطلوبة و كيفية التبرع سيتم ارسالها اليكم



May our Good Lord
continue to keep the
gates of the Church
open, strengthen
and enrich the
ministry, and grant
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2021 in peace, love,
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