

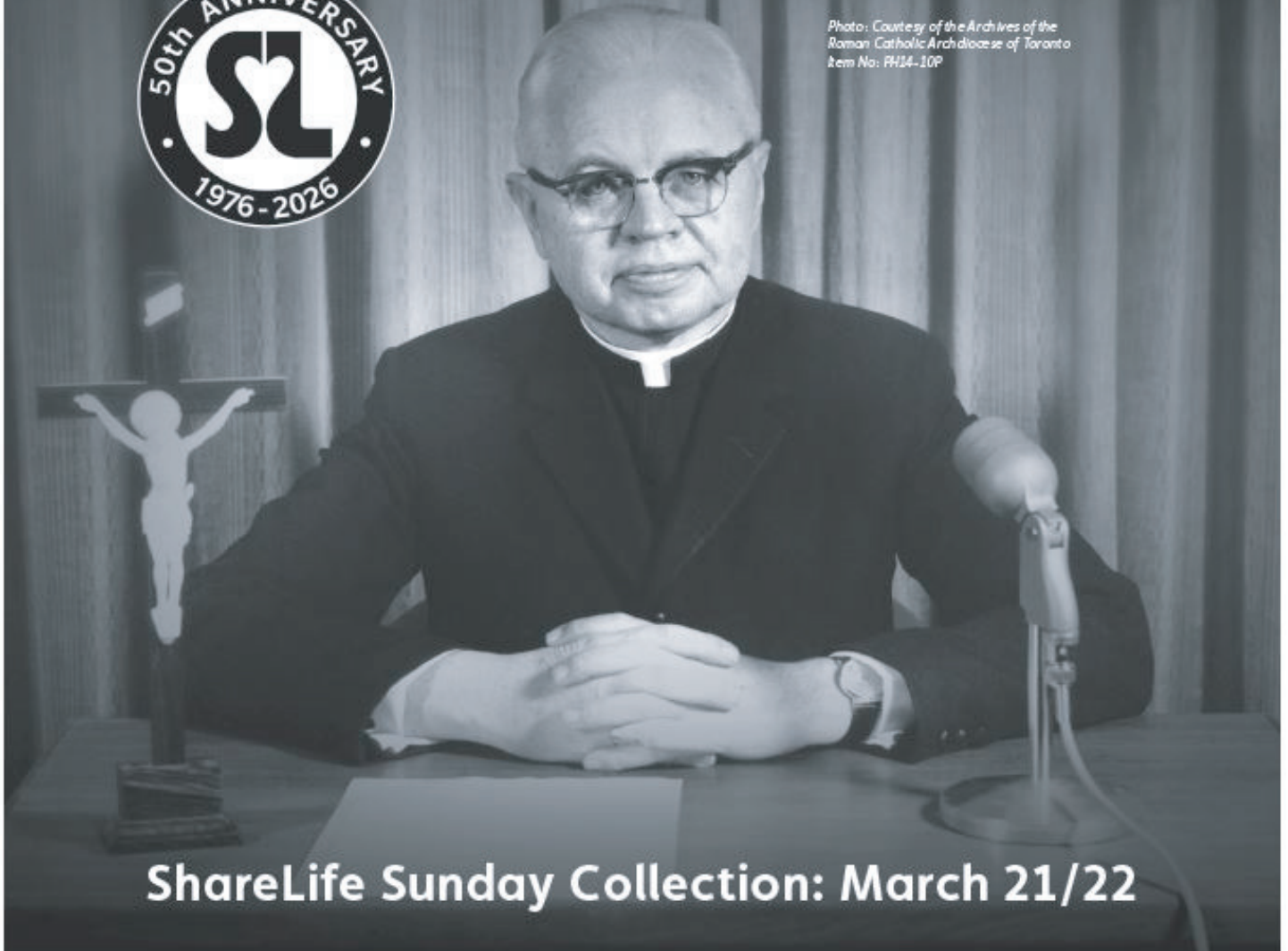
# Living the Gospel



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– Archbishop Philip Francis Pocock,  
A Declaration on Behalf of Life, March 19, 1976

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**Mass Intentions  
for the week**

**Monday, Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop**

9:00am + Simone Flaim

Requested by John Moscon & family

**6:00 pm Lenten Reconciliation**

**Tuesday, Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Saint Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr**

9:00am Private Intentions

**9:30 am Lenten Reconciliation**

**Wednesday, Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>**

**The Annunciation of the Lord**

9:00am Private Intentions

**2:00 pm Lenten Reconciliation**

**Thursday, Mar. 26<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am Private Intentions

**6:00 pm Lenten Reconciliation**

**Friday, Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>**

12:30 pm *Stations of the Cross*

**Passion (Palm) Sunday**

**Saturday, Mar. 28<sup>th</sup>**

**1:00pm First Comm./ Confirmation Wkshop**

**3:00pm Lenten Reconciliation**

5:00pm Mass for the people

**Sunday, Mar. 29<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Mass for the People

11:00 am Mass for the People

**Pope's Prayer Intention for  
March**

*For disarmament and peace*

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

**Wavelengths**

It is amazing how quickly some warm sunshine and heavy rain can do a number on stacks of snow. I was convinced that it would be June before the garden plants would emerge from their cocoons. This little tease of Spring that we had generates the anticipation of warm Spring days, though I am sure at some point in the high heat of the summer we will be pining for these cooler days. The Church in Ajax had a unique little treat. For about three years in a row, a little corner of the building had its own microclimate, and we were often treated with the first daffodil bloom by St. Patrick's Day. That was a sure sign of Spring. There was also a huge expanse of lawn and by mid-March, robins were hopping across the grass grubbing for worms. The songbirds would be chirping to hail the rising of the sun, and naturing was being resurrected. I had some errands to do, dropping off a broken mic in Oak Ridges, and having my car serviced and there was a fair bit of grass showing. I anticipated catching sight of my first robin somewhere, but there was no such appearance. I was a bit disappointed, but nature has a way of making it up to you. I spotted a bald eagle, only my second one ever in Ontario. I have been to a British Columbia town called Brackendale whose claim to fame is being the official wintering spot for the Bald Eagles along the Squamish River. I stood on the shore and literally counted over 100 adult bald eagles perched on driftwood and in the trees without moving. Since the young eagles don't develop the white head, it was impossible to include them in the count. So seeing two here was a thrill. I am pretty sure this eagle had never been to Brackendale. As I was driving along, I saw a couple of turkey vultures swirling overhead and then I spotted five deer grazing along the forest's edge, and then about half a mile further along, there was a carcass of a deer emerging from a melting snow pile. I presumed he must have been struck by a plow or something. Then a little further along there was another stand of three. It is always such a thrill to encounter such wildlife. Usually my encounter is nothing more than dead raccoons on the side of the road. I remember driving through New Brunswick and instead of seeing dead raccoons, it was dead porcupines. It will be nice to hear the songbirds chanting, and see the daffodils blooming, and the snow melting if nothing more than to have our parking spaces back, though I must confess, I always have a great parking space. All in good time or maybe more appropriately in God's time. One sure thing is that having the blessing of the rhythm of the seasons, teaches one to hope, to anticipate, and to be patient and someone remarked, only 31 days until the Leafs can get their golf clubs out. Alas!

*Fr. Roy*



## ShareLife Celebrates 50 Years | ShareLife Sunday is this weekend

Today is ShareLife Sunday. Special collections will be taking place this weekend on March 22. 2026 marks 50 years since Archbishop Philip Pocock made a bold and compassionate decision that would shape our community for generations: the founding of ShareLife. Building on a legacy of charitable giving in the Archdiocese of Toronto that stretches back to 1927, Archbishop Pocock launched ShareLife in 1976—an appeal rooted in the belief that every life matters, at every stage.

Today, his vision lives on through more than 40 ShareLife-funded agencies providing unconditional care to people in need—regardless of religion, background, or circumstance and through people like you who make their work happen.

Thus far we have raised **\$501.00** toward our goal of **\$25,000**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

## Stations of the Cross

Please join us every Friday in Lent at 12:30pm for the Stations of the Cross.

## Lenten Week of Reconciliation

By this beautiful Sacrament God gives all sinful members of His Church, "a direct, human, and personal encounter with the mercy of God" as found in the Gospel.

### Reconciliation Times

<b>Monday March 23</b>	<b>6:00 - 7:00 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 24</b>	<b>9:30 - 10:30 am</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 25</b>	<b>2:00 - 3:00 pm</b>
<b>Thursday, March 26</b>	<b>6:00 - 7:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday, March 28</b>	<b>3:00 - 4:00 pm</b>

## Help Not Harm: Take Action to Support Bill C-218

Write your Member of Parliament Today! Visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](http://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca)

You're invited to visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](http://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) where you can e-mail your Member of Parliament (MP), asking for their support of Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act), which would amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this change, MAiD will be available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027.

Chances are you know someone struggling with mental illness — a family member, friend, or colleague. As Catholics and Canadians, we are called to offer care, hope, and protection — not death — to those who are suffering and most vulnerable. Visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](http://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.

## First Communion & Confirmation Workshop: Ceramic Cross Making

**Sat. March 28, 2026**    **1:00—2:30 pm**    **Parish Hall**  
Children preparing for their First Communion or Confirmation are invited to make their own ceramic crosses on Saturday, March 28th at 1:00pm. Please wear clothes that are suitable for painting.

*See our online bulletin for more news!*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Please remember the following people in your prayers:** Alice Dionne, Norah Robitaille, Carol Baker, John Gaudet, Kelly Jenkins, Pat Leeson, David Charlebois, Johnathan McCord, Lee-Anne Sanderson, Bruce Latanville, Donna Conlin, Maria Curvas, Antonio Guerra, Alba King, Rachel, Jenna Charlebois, David Boyce, Jenny Brock, Garry Edwards, Jose Mendoza, Lauraine Marshall, Barb Ledoucer, Geraldine Diamago, Ralph Ladouceur, Carol Jackson, Carmen Desroches, David Morton, Dan Camp, Elaine Chiasson, Lisa Wright, Judy Martin, Michael Pontze, Alex Latondress, Malachy Maguire, Nick Tardif, Lynda Stanek, Mary Fletcher, Sherry Archer, Abigail Brown, Romelda Morson, Nicole Marchildon, Lilah Bates, Shelley Smith, Peter Pattenaude

**Please pray for our deceased relatives and friends:**  
Gord Burtch, Douglas James Rhodes, Gerry Juneau



Archdiocese  
of Toronto

# Help Not Harm

We invite the Catholic community to respectfully contact their local Member of Parliament (MP), requesting their support of a Private Members' Bill (**C-218, The Right to Recover Act – an act to amend the Criminal code – Medical Assistance in Dying**) currently before the Parliament of Canada.

**What is Bill C-218?** Bill C-218 amends the Criminal Code to make it illegal to provide Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) to individuals whose sole underlying condition is a mental illness. It recognizes the importance of Canadians to recover from mental illness and ensures help can be offered, not harm.

## WHY IT MATTERS:

- **Every life is precious.** As Catholics, we believe in the sanctity of every human life, from the moment of conception to natural death.
- **A desire to die can be a symptom of illness.** Suicidal thoughts are frequently part of mental illness itself, raising serious concerns about whether consent can ever be truly free and informed.
- **Mental illness is often treatable.** Many mental health conditions improve over time with proper care, therapy, medication, and support. Recovery remains possible, even after long periods of suffering.
- **Gaps in mental health care remain unresolved.** Long wait times, limited access to psychiatrists, and uneven mental health services mean some may seek to end their life due to system failure, not medical necessity.
- **There is an increased risk to vulnerable Canadians.** Individuals navigating mental health challenges are more likely to experience poverty, trauma, isolation, disability, or lack of access to care—factors that may pressure individuals toward assisted suicide.

## BACKGROUND ON BILL C-218

### What is a Private Members' Bill?

A Private Members' Bill is a piece of legislation introduced in Parliament by a Member of Parliament (MP) or Senator who is not a Cabinet Minister, Parliamentary Secretary, or Speaker. These bills allow individual legislators to propose new laws, or amend existing ones, typically focusing on public policy issues. Bill C-218 has been introduced by the Conservative Party of Canada Member of Parliament for Cloverdale-Langley City, British Columbia, Tamara Jansen.

**To pass, this legislation will require support from more than one political party.** We believe that many MPs are uncomfortable with the rapid expansion of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) in Canada and in particular, the possibility that MAiD will be offered for those whose primary underlying condition is mental illness. We are asking MPs to vote their conscience, regardless of party affiliation.

**The difference in passing this Private Members' Bill could be just a few votes in the House of Commons.** It is critical that constituents contact their Member of Parliament asking them to support Bill C-218. If the legislation does not pass, as of March 17, 2027, new laws will take effect to allow MAiD for those whose sole underlying condition is mental illness.

## TAKE ACTION AT [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](https://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) TODAY!

The Bill is scheduled for second reading in early April 2026 with a vote on the legislation expected by mid-April 2026. Please visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](https://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) today where you can send an e-mail directly to your local Member of Parliament in less than 3 minutes. If the legislation does not pass, as of March 17, 2027, new laws will take effect to allow MAiD for those whose sole underlying condition is mental illness.

Chances are, you know someone suffering from mental illness. In any given year, 1 in 5 Canadians experience a mental illness. It may be a relative, friend or colleague. As Catholics and Canadians, we have a responsibility to offer care, hope and protection NOT death for those close to us and those most vulnerable who are suffering.

**Visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](https://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.**



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## Program Objective

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## Program Goals

- Conceptualizing reason and faith
- Learning fundamentals of syllogistic logic
- Understanding various epistemic systems
- Developing cognitive skills for problem-solving
- Exploring the connection of boundaries and needs
- Asserting the roles of responsibility and accountability

## Program Access

The ideal candidate is ready and able to participate in a group setting. Each candidate will be screened, prior to being considered for admittance into the program.

**Total cost:** no charge

We welcome people from all ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds.

## Online Seminar: Catholicism 101

**April 8, 2026 @ 7:00 pm**

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