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All Saints Prayer Group	
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Website:	
Known As:	
Charism:	prayer
Status:	Archdiocesan
History/Description:	Our prayer group began in 2005. Fr. Vito Marziliano assisted in the formation of the group in the parish. We presently have 10 members and about 5 others who come to meetings from time to time.
Organizational Structure:	
Membership Criteria:	none
Programs Available:	Prayer Groups
Services:	Prayer and Devotional Associations
Activities:	We spend time in praise and worship, spontaneous prayer, intercession, scripture reading and sharing.
Charitable Status:	

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Association of Pauline Cooperators	
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Website:	link from www.pauline.org
Known As:	Pauline Cooperators
Charism:	To Share in the Mission and Spirituality of the Pauline family--especially to evangelize through the media of social communications.
Status:	Pontifical
History/Description:	Founded by Blessed James Alberione, SSP in Alba, Italy in 1917, the Pauline Cooperators have been an integral part of the religious family founded by Bl. Alberione. Cooperators assist in the mission of the Pauline Family in various ways: through material gifts; financial support; assisting in the Pauline Centres or the Liturgical Apostolate Centres; assisting the priests and Sisters of the various Pauline orders; offering hospitality; writing; promoting editions; working on radio or other media to promote the gospel, etc. Cooperators share in the spirituality of the Pauline family by learning and practicing devotion to Jesus, Master, Way and Truth and Life especially worshipped in the Eucharistic Sacrifice (the Mass) and in Eucharistic adoration; through study and prayer with the Sacred Scriptures; the devotion to Mary as Queen of the Apostles; and devotion to St. Paul the Apostle are essential elements of Pauline Spirituality.
Organizational Structure:	The cooperators are unique in that they are listed under the Congregation for Religious and Secular Institutes, even though they are not bound by vows. The reason is that their ultimate Superior is the Father General of the Society of St. Paul. The Cooperators are an "aggregated" institute: aggregated, or in a sense, joined to, the Society of St. Paul. Their contact person in this Archdiocese is Sister Mary Peter Martin, fsp. The group meets monthly. When there are many Cooperators, the ideal is that each parish have its own group, with elected leaders, and a treasurer. However, the numbers here in Toronto vary from 15 to 20. Some members are more senior in years, and not as physically able to attend meetings which are part of their on-going formation.
Membership Criteria:	Catholic men and women who desire to grow in their spiritual life and who desire to assist the Pauline Family in any way open to them. Cooperators are to be able to represent the Pauline Institute to which they are attached, which requires an adequate human and Catholic formation, sufficient and balanced mental health, and a love for Catholic teaching, for the Holy Father, and for the mission of the Pauline Family. The Cooperators are encouraged to make a practice of Eucharistic Adoration whenever possible. The individual joining the Cooperators is asked to participate in a formation program to prepare oneself to make the Cooperator's Promise after at least 18 months of study of the Pauline Charism.
Programs Available:	Faith Instruction, Other
Services:	Media, Religious Goods and Books, Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life,
Activities:	Cooperators help at the Pauline Books & Media Centre on Dufferin Street, and at exhibits in parishes and otehr venues. They promote the gospel via radio and other media, through stocking parish pamphlet racks, and many other ways.

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Block Rosary Group of Ontario (The)	
Contact Information:	22 Norman Ross Drive Markham ON L3S 3E8 905-472-3194 JaimeTM@Globalserve.net Brother Jaime Marasigan
Website:	http://www.globalserve.net/~jaimetm
Known As:	The Block Rosary Crusaders
Charism:	
Status:	Archdiocesan
History/Description:	The Block Rosary started in Scarborough, Ontario in 1982 by a circle of Filipino Families praying the Holy Rosary together everyday and every week in devotion to our Mother Blessed Virgin Mary. More and more families became aware of the Block Rosary increasing the number of family membership to 104 families in 1987. In 2006 the organization has expanded to ten groups with over 500 families and 80 coordinators. Major events are held every year namely; summer picnic, anniversary dance and family Christmas party. Pilgrimages to Carey, Ohio and to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Youngstown, NY, to Midland, ON are also being organized.
Organizational Structure:	The Group is composed of 80 Coordinators from Ajax to Richmond Hill. An Overall Coordinator is elected every year and different chairpersons are appointed to conduct the major events.
Membership Criteria:	Catholic Families are encouraged to join the Block Rosary Group at different Regions including the Durham Region, Metro Toronto and the York Region.
Programs Available:	Faith Instruction, Other, Prayer Groups
Services:	Charitable Organizations, Family and Community Services
Activities:	Family prayers and gatherings
Charitable Status:	Yes

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Bukas Loob sa Diyos Covenant Community	
Contact Information:	3463 Angel Pass Drive, Mississauga Ontario L5M 7N5 (905) 828-0999 prcanlas316@rogers.com Brother Pat Canlas
Website:	www.bldworld.org
Known As:	BLD Community
Charism:	We are the Lord's under-shepherds; We will be witnesses to the Word that others may hear and understand; We will be counselors with the Spirit, that others may have healing and wholeness; We will be defenders in Christ of those who suffer injustice and oppression.
Status:	Archdiocesan
History/Description:	"Bukas Loob sa Diyos" in English "Open in Spirit to God" reflects BLD's country of origin, the Philippines. Today members live throughout the world, of whom large numbers are found in North America(Canada & USA). It is Roman Catholic in its essence, charismatic in its activities & faithful to the Magisterium of the Church. Each BLD District is under the ecclesial authority of the local Archdiocese, this ensures that all activities and teachings of BLD Districts are in accordance with official doctrines and dogmas of the Church. Pastoral authority is manifested through a succession of individuals to our Spiritual Director, Bishop Angel N. Lagdameo, who is himself under the ecclesial authority of the Archdiocese of Manila, accepts as his pastoral responsibilities the activities of all BLD members around the globe. The structure of BLD calls on one couple to act as Community Shepherd of the Local district, while 5 couples called DCS (District Counsellor couples) whose primary task through prayer and discernment is listening to God's will on the direction BLD should take.
Organizational Structure:	
Membership Criteria:	
Programs Available:	Couples, Faith Instruction, Other, Prayer Groups, Singles, Youth
Services:	Apostolic and Pastoral Groups, Family and Community Services, Married Couples, Missions, Renewal Programs, Separated, Widowed and Divorced, Youth and Children, Solo Parents
Activities:	Marriage Encounter, Life in the Spirit Seminars, Solo Parents Encounter, Youth Encounter, Singles' Encounter, Family Encounter, Teachings, Living Word Groups, First Friday devotions, Praise and Worship, Missions, Intercessory prayers,
Charitable Status:	Yes

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Canadian Food for Children	
Contact Information:	40 King George Road Toronto ON M8X 1L3 (416) 231-2817 Andrew Simone
Website:	www.canadianfoodforchildren.ca
Known As:	
Charism:	The purpose of Canadian Food for Children is to raise funds, purchase food, and gather goods for the hungry in developing countries.
Status:	Archdiocesan, National
History/Description:	<p>1985 - Dr. Andrew Simone and his wife Joan, with the encouragement of the late Mother Teresa of Calcutta, started the Canadian Food for Children organization in Ontario.</p> <p>A few ladies in White Rock, B. C. decided to support the efforts of Dr. Simone and started collecting and sending items to Toronto. Initially they worked from a church basement and the home of one of the original members of the B. C. group.</p> <p>1990, January 11 - "Canadian Food for Children, Co-Workers, B. C. Division", was registered as a charitable, non-profit society</p> <p>.</p> <p>Volunteers, donors, and financial supporters continued to grow and rapidly outpaced the the facility available to them.</p> <p>Through the generosity of Joseph and Loretta Krentz, three dairy barns on their property in Langley were converted to accommodate the growing organization.</p> <p>2005 - A second B.C. group, Canadian Food for Children Co-Workers - Okanagan Division, representing Penticton and Kelowna was officially registered as a distinct but supporting charity after many years of operating as a satellite location of the Langley depot.</p> <p>In 2005 the B.C. Division shipped directly from the port of Vancouver for the first time and continues direct shipments to destination developing countries when financially feasible.</p> <p>2007, January - In collaboration with Universal Aide Society, CFFC started shipping directly to additional countries such as the Philippines, Ghana, Romania, Ukraine, Nicaragua etc.</p> <p>This collaboration allows more of our donor dollars to be used for food purchases since Universal Aide Society generously assists with shipping costs.</p> <p>Today - Many dedicated volunteers work at the Langley depot throughout the week and in the community collecting supplies that are donated by a variety of groups.</p> <p>School students come to the Langley depot at various times to tour the facility or spend half a day working with the volunteers.</p> <p>Containers continue to be loaded at the Langley depot and transported by rail to the consolidated warehouse in Toronto or shipped directly to developing countries through collaboration with Universal Aide Society.</p>

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Canadian Food for Children	
Organizational Structure:	<p>We are a group of volunteers who care deeply about the suffering poor of the world.</p> <p>Our non-denominational, registered charity operates under the Society's Act and under the guidelines of Revenue Canada. As such, we issue tax receipts for cash donations and "gifts in kind" tax receipts for donated materials.</p> <p>Our mandate is to raise funds, purchase food, and gather goods for the hungry in developing countries.</p> <p>Everyone in our organization is a volunteer. No one in our organization is paid for their work.</p> <p>One hundred percent of your donations are used to buy food and to pay for shipping costs.</p>
Membership Criteria:	
Programs Available:	
Services:	
Activities:	
Charitable Status:	

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Catholic Charismatic Renewal Centre - CCRC	
Contact Information:	2671 Islington Avenue Toronto ON M9V 2X6 (416) 466-0776 Fax: (416) 466-0214 ccrctoronto@bellnet.ca Carlos Nogueira
Website:	www.ccrctoronto.com
Known As:	Catholic Charismatic Renewal
Charism:	Charismatic Renewal throughout the Catholic Communities
Status:	Archdiocesan
History/Description:	<p>Prompted by the Holy Spirit and faithful to the teachings of Catholic Church in harmony with the local Pastoral programs, the CCRC offers a service that facilitates, educates, promotes with activities and resources the growth and development of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal throughout the Catholic Communities of Metropolitan Toronto as well as the Regional Municipalities of York, Peel, a portion of Durham as well as the County of Simcoe, a portion of the County of Dufferin and the Town of Orangeville. The CCRC stresses the Lordship of Jesus through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promoting Baptism of the Holy Spirit. - Life in The Spirit Seminars - The Holy Eucharistic with Healing Services - Evangelization - Devotional Workshops - Special Rallies and Conferences <p>The CCRC endeavours to bring people of the church closer together by exercising the gifts of The Holy Spirit, especially the gift of brotherly love. We are also committed to daily prayer and scripture reading, the love and use of the sacraments and attendance at mass as often as possible. We come under the authority of the church and the magisterium, and try to serve the local church and parish in any way when called upon by our bishops and priests.</p>
Organizational Structure:	
Membership Criteria:	
Programs Available:	Faith Instruction, Prayer Groups, Youth
Services:	Apostolic and Pastoral Groups, Education, Prayer and Devotional Associations, Youth and Children
Activities:	
Charitable Status:	

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Catholic Civil Rights League	
Contact Information:	500 - 120 Eglinton Ave. East Toronto ON M4P 1E2 (416) 466-8244 Fax: (416) 466-0091 joanne.mcgarry@ccrl.ca Ms. Joanne McGarry
Website:	www.ccrl.ca
Known As:	CCRL
Charism:	Witness for Church teaching in public life
Status:	National
History/Description:	Formed in 1985 to combat anti-Catholic defamation in the media. Remains active in this role. Also participates in debates on public policy.
Organizational Structure:	National board with staff in Toronto.
Membership Criteria:	Catholics over the age of 18.
Programs Available:	Other
Services:	Media, Advocacy with media and government
Activities:	Publications, including newsletter, website and press releases
Charitable Status:	

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Catholic Teachers Guild	
Contact Information:	80 Sackville Street Toronto Ontario M5A 3E5 (416) 393-5204 Fax: (416) 397-6586 barry.white@tcdsb.org Barry White
Website:	www.catholicteachersguild.org
Known As:	Catholic Teachers Guild
Charism:	Deepening the vocation of Catholic teachers
Status:	Archdiocesan
History/Description:	The Catholic Teachers Guild, in existence since 2000, is a lay organization of Catholic teachers who have formed a community to explore, support and deepen their vocation as teachers.
Organizational Structure:	The Catholic Teachers Guild is formally constituted with an executive board of twelve members. The Annual General Meeting is held in September.
Membership Criteria:	Membership is open to Catholics, active or retired, involved in education, at any level, including pre-school and post-secondary, who support the mission of the Catholic Teachers Guild to help deepen the vocation of the Catholic educator. Membership is open to those who work in Catholic schools, public schools, private schools, other educational institutions and to volunteers.
Programs Available:	
Services:	Education, Professional Associations and Foundations
Activities:	Annual Education Mass, lectures, workshops, Lenten Retreat, social events
Charitable Status:	Yes

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Catholic Women's League of Canada	
Contact Information:	705-322-2249
Website:	www.cwl.on.ca
Known As:	CWL
Charism:	Assit one another liver holier lives while carrying out our daily occupations; become an enlightened and dedicated member of the laity; grow in your relationship with Christ and the church; carry out the work of Christ at home, in the community and in the world; answer your baptismal call to "Love one another by serving the people of God"
Status:	Archdiocesan, National
History/Description:	We are a lay association of women, with over 55,000 members in Ontario.
Organizational Structure:	Local Leagues within Archdiocesan Parishes reporting to Regional and Provincial Councils. Constitution and Bylaws of the CWL are held at National Office but followed by all levels within the organizaiton
Membership Criteria:	Catholic women over 18 years of age who wish to serve within their communities.
Programs Available:	
Services:	Charitable Organizations, Ecumenism
Activities:	
Charitable Status:	

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CATHOLIC YOUTH STUDIO - KSM INC.	
Contact Information:	183 RONCESVALLES AVE. TORONTO ON M6R 2L5 (416) 588-0555 Fax: (416) 588-9995 gilm@catholicradio.ca Rev. MARIAN GIL
Website:	www.catholicradio.ca
Known As:	Catholic Radio Toronto
Charism:	The goal of Catholic Youth Studio is to reach those who have not yet experienced their "springtime of faith" by means of evangelization through modern forms of mass media.
Status:	Archdiocesan, International, National
History/Description:	Our history goes back to World Youth Day 1993 in Denver, Colorado, when thousands of young people from Canada, the U.S. and around the world experienced a powerful message of friendship, love and unity. The enthusiasm of that event and eagerness to build bridges across generations, races and different nations was present in every person. Following this great event, many young people in Toronto took part in creating a 30-minute radio program in Polish that would light a spark of hope in every heart. Today we broadcast 11 hours per week and publish a magazine Rodzina (Family). Catholic Youth Studio came into existence in 1994 and has its roots in the pastoral ministry of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.
Organizational Structure:	Catholic Youth Studio - KSM Inc. is a Media Corporation for Evangelization operated by a Board of Directors which constitutes lay people and Religious who donate their talents and time in order to promote the Christian faith.
Membership Criteria:	Catholic Youth Studio is a meeting place for the young and for adults; for students and businesspeople who share our charism.
Programs Available:	Couples, Faith Instruction, Seniors, Youth
Services:	Family and Community Services, Media, Youth and Children, We strive to provide services to today's family through our radio program and magazine family.
Activities:	Daily radio program in Polish, magazine Rodzina (Family), Festival of Religious Song
Charitable Status:	Yes

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Catholicland	
Contact Information:	21550 Bathurst Street Holland Landing ON L9N 1P6 (647) 834-2046 victor@catholicland.com Victor & Marilyn Carvalho
Website:	Catholicland.com
Known As:	Catholicland & Stella Maris
Charism:	Providing a place to Retreat, Recraetion & Reflection in Catholic environment
Status:	Provincial, Archdiocesan
History/Description:	Catholicland started as a Catholic Summer camp for children in 1989 with 40 acres near Barrie, ON and served the Catholic schools for GTA and beyond for over 15 years. We have now moved closer to Toronto near Newmarket; with 80 acres at our disposal and will concentrate our efforts on RR&R for Catholic families, Youth & Parish groups.
Organizational Structure:	It is a family based business with other families and youth assisting us. We ask all to pray, participate and promote our ministry through your parish groups. If you wish to assist us further or know of others who may; kindly get in touch with us. We could use volunteers; 18 to 36 on site or in parishes; 1 to 12 mths of the year. We have and will continue to extend our assistance to other countries by way of volunteering our services to those in need. To begin with we encouraged our young adult children to go to Belize and Africa. Our next is Haiti or Jamaica. The long term volunteers will be encouraged to pursue such missions and be funded by us.
Membership Criteria:	Faithfulness to the Magisterium.
Programs Available:	Couples, Youth
Services:	Married Couples, Retreat Houses, Youth and Children, Family Life
Activities:	Retreats & recreation for families, married couples, youth and children. Land and water based; recreation, reflection and retreats
Charitable Status:	

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Communion and Liberation	
Contact Information:	32 Riverton Drive Weston ontario M9L 2N9 (416) 746-2015 mena_vecchio@yahoo.ca Filomena Vecchio-Scandinavo
Website:	www.comunionliberation.ca
Known As:	CL
Charism:	Don Guissani
Status:	Archdiocesan, International, National, Pontifical, Provincial
History/Description:	Movement founded by Don Luigi Guissani in 1954 in Italy. Recognized by the church in 1972. Movement has developed in over 50 countries all over the world.
Organizational Structure:	CL is lead by Father Carron who is president of the Fraternity of CL.
Membership Criteria:	CL is a built on a freindship. Adults, both male and female, meet weekly, Friday evenings to what is called School of community. We read and meditate on the text suggested for that period and then meet to discuss any questions or provide comments to what we read. Children meet monthly, one Saturday a month, and this is called Little School. We sing, we talk, we eat together and we always have an activity that relates to the topic we discussed. Anyone is welcomed.
Programs Available:	
Services:	Charitable Organizations, Education
Activities:	School of Community every Friday evening at 8:30 p.m. at St. Micheal's college at 81 St. Mary Street, Brennan Hall Room 203
Charitable Status:	Yes

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Couples For Christ	
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Website:	www.cfcontario.ca
Known As:	Couples For Christ
Charism:	Evangelization, Family Renewal, Youth Evangelization, Prolife, Work with Poor
Status:	Archdiocesan, International, National, Pontifical, Provincial
History/Description:	In 1981, Couples for Christ was formed in the Philippines. The objective was family evangelization and renewal. CFC (Manila) Philippines, with over a worldwide membership of over a million, applied for Vatican recognition and in 2000, was granted a temporary recognition by the Council of the Pontifical Laity as an International Association of the Lay Faithful. In 2005, the Council granted the permanent recognition of the Couples For Christ as an International Association of Lay Faithful.
Organizational Structure:	The CFC Council in Manila is the overall worldwide governing body of the Couples For Christ, and each country has a Country Coordinator, then comes the National Council of the country, headed by a National Director. Then each area like Toronto, Vancouver, Calgary, etc has an Area council headed by an Area Head or Director. Then follows, Sector Heads over Cluster Heads, who are followed by Chapter Heads.
Membership Criteria:	Those desiring to join the CFC ministries (Couples, Singles, SOLD and Handmaids) have to attend a 13 talk Christian Life Program (from 2 to 4 hours each), similar to the Life in the Holy Spirit seminar but more of the focus on lay and family viewpoints. The graduates apply for membership to a unit close to their residence and once approved by the Area council, they are assigned to a household.
Programs Available:	Counseling, Couples, Faith Instruction, Other, Prayer Groups, Seniors, Singles, Youth
Services:	Apostolic and Pastoral Groups, Charitable Organizations, Ecumenism, Family and Community Services, Family Planning, Immigrant and Refugee Centres, Marriage Preparation, Married Couples, Media, Missions, Parish on call, Prayer and Devotional Associations, Pregnant Women, Religious Goods and Books, Renewal Programs, Separated, Widowed and Divorced, Study Centres, Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life, Youth and Children
Activities:	Monthly assemblies, Weekly household prayer worships, Group Charismatic Prayers, Assist the parish in any capacity given by the parish priest, Lay ministries, RCIA activities, Prolife activities, Pastoral Formation Teachings, Christian Life Programs
Charitable Status:	Yes

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Couples For Christ Foundation for Family and Life	
Contact Information:	3768 Partition Rd Mississauga Ontario L5N 8N3 (905) 456-2947 Fax: (905) 785-3127 jose_buenavides@yahoo.ca Mr. Jose Buenavides
Website:	www.cfcfflcanada.org
Known As:	CFCFFL
Charism:	Evangelization and Family Life Renewal
Status:	Archdiocesan
History/Description:	Couples for Christ was founded in 1981 in the Philippines; in 2007, the members of Couples for Christ divided into two groups. One of them is Couples for Christ Foundation for Family and Life (CFCFFL). It is focused more on Evangelization, Family Life Renewal and its defense of the Culture of Life.
Organizational Structure:	National Council / Area Council / Area Director / Heads of Different Ministries like Missions & Evangelization, Family Ministries (Kids, Youth, Singles, Handmaids, Servants), Social Ministries (Work For Poor, Work For Justice), Pastoral Support Group (Formation, Work For Life) and Communities Support Group (Finance & Accounting, Legal Services, IT Services, Music Ministry & Logistics, Communications and other support services).
Membership Criteria:	To be accepted as members, Couples, Single Men and Women must attend and finish the Christian Life Seminar (CLS) given by CFCFFL. For Youth, must attend and finish a 2-day Christian Youth Camp given by the Family Ministry of CFCFFL.
Programs Available:	Couples, Prayer Groups, Singles, Youth
Services:	Charitable Organizations, Ecumenism, Marriage Preparation, Married Couples, Missions, Renewal Programs, Youth and Children,
Activities:	Prayer assemblies, household prayer meetings, seminar and retreats, conferences, evangelization and mission
Charitable Status:	Yes

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Cursillos in Christianity Movement (The)	
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Website:	www.cursillotoronto.com
Known As:	The Cursillo Movement
Charism:	In a profound and intense way, we discover and understand God's deep love for us. We share that in a very normal & natural way in our everyday environments, especially with those who are faraway & distant from God.
Status:	Archdiocesan, International, National, Pontifical, Provincial
History/Description:	The Cursillos in Christianity Movement was founded in Spain in 1944 by Eduardo Bonnín. Eduardo heard an address given by Pope Pius XI, which had a great impact on him & his friends. Eduardo began an intense Study of the Environment, trying to determine a way to make that environment into a Christian one. After participating in the Catholic Action short courses & pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, Eduardo was concerned about what would happen after the Pilgrimages. So he & his friends developed their own short courses, which would last 3 days, aimed at those who were "faraway", "distant" from their Christian faith and the Church. The "Cursillos" or short courses, would bring people together from all walks of life; presentations were carried out by lay people who were sincerely living the Christian life in their everyday lives & by Priests, explaining the fundamental Christian message in a serious, deep & yet cheerful way. The challenges that the world presents to the person of today have the same root as they always did: the absence of God in the mind and in the heart of a person. "The Cursillos in Christianity Movement" is an instrument & place where man or woman can encounter themselves, Christ and others, allowing them to get to know, understand, respect & value one another, finally learning to love each other, gradually transforming the encounter into friendship - friendship with Christ & with others. The foundation of this friendship with others is a shared experience of a deep & personal encounter with God in Christ, stirring up in each person the desire to spread the faith that we have, that Christ loves us in a profoundly deep & personal way, and in this way to restore to Christ, all the environments we find ourselves in: family, work, social, education, political. This is what "The Cursillos in Christianity Movement" wants to offer to the person of today & for each person to discover that his or her life has a meaning.
Organizational Structure:	International, National & Diocesan Secretariats. Archdiocese of Toronto: English Secretariat consists of: Lay Director, Spiritual Director & five additional Lay Leaders; for 7 Regional Groups in Archdiocese of Toronto - two Lay Leaders & Spiritual Director if possible; For each Linguistic Cursillo Group in Archdiocese of Toronto (Chinese, French, Hungarian, Korean, Spanish, Vietnamese) - Lay Leader & Team of 4 and a Spiritual Director for each.
Membership Criteria:	Anyone who has experienced a 3 Day Cursillo Weekend may attend any Cursillo gathering anywhere in the world. Cursillo exists in 800 Diocese' worldwide & 60 countries. Approximately 15,000 in the Archdiocese of Toronto.
Programs Available:	Faith Instruction, Other
Services:	Renewal Programs

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Cursillos in Christianity Movement (The)	
Activities:	Cursillo Weekends; Group gatherings throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto and worldwide, sharing their prayer life & apostolic activities.
Charitable Status:	Yes

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Daughters of Isabella	
Contact Information:	<p>40 Bashford Road Ajax Ontario L1S 3Y2 (905) 619-2819 Fax: (905) 619-8818 dofitrillium@sympatico.ca Mrs. Monique Kelly</p>
Website:	http://www.daughtersofisabella.org
Known As:	Daughters of Isabella
Charism:	
Status:	Archdiocesan, International, National, Provincial
History/Description:	<p>The first circle of the Order was founded in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1897, as an auxiliary to the Rev. John Russell Council of the Knights of Columbus for the purpose of uniting all Catholic women in a sisterhood to achieve the following aims:</p> <p>To know one another better To extend our circle of friends To centralize all our resources to better help one another To be a greater force to contend with in the pursuit of good in our society</p> <p>Today, it is one of the largest Catholic women's organizations, with a membership of over 60,000 women from the United States and Canada and has continued to prosper and establish bonds among Catholic women throughout the world. Members encourage each other's total development and foster growth of every aspect of life - spiritual, social and charitable--adding up to a more fulfilling life!</p> <p>The Order of the Daughters of Isabella is a charitable organization of Catholic women founded on the principle of its motto: Unity, Friendship and Charity. We come together as a sisterhood to uphold the teachings of the Catholic Church, bringing spiritual benefits to our members and contributing to the common good of humanity. By our faith we are called to serve, inspired and challenged to do God's work. We are committed to foster individual participation by way of mutual understanding, charitable activities and social interaction. As we strive for the development of all that is best and truest in womanhood, we emerge in our communities as a positive influence to uphold the high ideals of life and morals.</p>

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Daughters of Isabella	
Organizational Structure:	<p>The organization's activities are on three levels which give it a special dimension.</p> <p>The International Circle is the main governing body. Members come together in convention biennially to elect the International Officers who constitute the Administration Board.</p> <p>The State Circles also convene every two years, for the formulation and revision of established agendum, election of Officers and implementation of programs and projects consistent with the laws and rules of the Constitution.</p> <p>The Local Circles meet monthly for a combined business meeting and social gathering. Members act upon the charitable, spiritual, civic, and social programs their circle wishes to take part in or sponsor.</p> <p>On each of these levels impressive ceremonies are held for the installation of Officers. The conferral of degrees for new members is also a beautiful and meaningful spiritual ceremony.</p>
Membership Criteria:	<p>The Order of the Daughters of Isabella is open to all women, age 16 and over, who are Catholics.</p> <p>As a member of the Daughters of Isabella, you will have the opportunity to make new friends, express your views, enhance your spiritual life and become as active as you wish. Your talents and energies will be recognized and are needed.</p>
Programs Available:	
Services:	
Activities:	Respect for Life, women's and family issues, civic and cultural projects support of churches, schools, scholarships, seminaries, missions, Right to Life, and other charitable causes
Charitable Status:	Yes

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Disalced Carmelite Secular Order	
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Website:	www.ocds.ca
Known As:	Disalced Carmelite Secular Order - Canada
Charism:	
Status:	International
History/Description:	The Order started as a lay movement in the Holy Land. After the crusades, many pilgrims and crusaders went to live as hermits on Mount Carmel. Totally dedicated to God in solitude and prayer in imitation of the prophet Elijah, they pondered the word of God in order to live it more fully. They considered Elijah a true witness of God. In making Mary their Patroness, they built a chapel in her honor and called themselves Brothers of the Lady of Mount Carmel. Official recognition of the Order came between 1209 - 1212, when Albert, Patriarch of Jerusalem, composed a Rule for them. In 1226 Pope Honorius III, officially confirmed the rule and the Order. The first European foundation was made in France in 1235. In the middle ages the Order was weakened by wars, sickness and the reformation, so the rule was mitigated to attract new members. As years went by, St. Teresa of Jesus successfully founded the Reform of the Order. St. John of the Cross assisted her with the foundation of the Friars of the Reform. The Teresian Carmelites are known as the Disalced Carmelites. (Disalced: Spanish descalzo meaning barefooted.)
Organizational Structure:	The Disalced Carmelite Secular Order (OCDS) in English Canada are under the Province of Malta. Each local community is guided by an elected Council and has a Priest as a Spiritual Assistant.
Membership Criteria:	Men and women constant in professing the Catholic Faith; not a professed member of another Order; eighteen years of age or older.
Programs Available:	Other
Services:	
Activities:	Each member is committed to: Daily Mass if possible. Liturgy of the Hours, Morning and Evening Prayer. Night Prayer if possible. A half hour of mental prayer. A monthly formation meeting. An apostolate.
Charitable Status:	Yes

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Emmanuel Community	
Contact Information: Website:	www.emmanuel-info.com
Known As:	
Charism:	The Community is an assembly of the faithful (Christi fideles) of all states of life who desire to commit themselves in a life which is both contemplative and apostolic at the heart of the Catholic Church
Status:	Archdiocesan, Pontifical
History/Description:	<p>The Emmanuel Community is an International Private Association of the Faithful of Pontifical right, with legal personality, whose Statutes were recognized on the 8th of December 1992. This confirms its vocation to “participate in the fulfillment of the mission of the Church in the modern world”. (Decree, Pontifical Council for the Laity).</p> <p>How it all began - link - http://www.emmanuel.info/rubriques/who-we-are/how_all_itbegin.pdf</p>
Organizational Structure:	<p>The Community is an assembly of the faithful (Christi fideles) of all states of life who desire to commit themselves in a life which is both contemplative and apostolic at the heart of the Catholic Church.</p> <p>All its members, laity and clerics, recognise each other as brothers and sisters in Christ, each with the same call to holiness and to the proclamation of the Gospel. They desire to fulfil this call each according to his state of life and ministry. They commit themselves to form one Community, and within the context of this community, undertake to help one another - materially, fraternally and spiritually - to advance in the life of holiness and the proclamation of the Kingdom of God.</p>

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<p>Membership Criteria:</p>	<p>Persons able to become members of the Community are those who are baptised and confirmed in the Catholic Church, who have reached legal age according to canon law [5] and the law of their country, who have completed a minimum probationary period of two years, adhering to the spirit of the Community, and have the express approval of the Moderator and the Council, or their local representatives especially authorised for this purpose.</p> <p>None of the commitments, consecrations or availabilities for mission which are spoken of in these statutes, either in the Emmanuel Community or the Fraternity of Jesus, are under the penalty of sin.</p> <p>The Community embraces members from all states of life (cf. articles 298 and 307 of the Code of Canon Law) :</p> <p>laity, married or single men and women committed in celibacy for the Kingdom permanent deacons priests, deacons preparing for priesthood, seminarians men and women religious</p> <p>Diocesan priests can commit themselves to the Emmanuel Community and the Fraternity of Jesus with the written consent of their Bishop.</p> <p>Religious and persons committed to consecrated life according to articles 573 - 746 of the Code of Canon Law can commit themselves to the Emmanuel Community as associates (or possibly as full members) in so far as the obligations of their institute allow, and with the written consent of their superiors.</p> <p>Baptised non-Catholics cannot become fully committed members of the Emmanuel Community.</p> <p>However, they can participate as “associate brothers and sisters” in the life and graces of the Community to the extent that :</p> <p>they recognise in the Community a call of God for themselves, they declare themselves ready to respect the Catholic Church in her Mystery, her identity, teaching and sacramental practice, they are able to participate significantly in the graces of the Community, in its life and demands, in a manner compatible with the respect and loyalty due to the church to which they belong.</p> <p>In this spirit, they carry out a time of probation and they are approved as brother and sister associates, following a procedure analogous to that set out in article 5.</p> <p>They make, after agreement with the Moderator and the Council, a special commitment which specifies their participation in the life of the Community and the respect of ties with their own church. They do not participate in the government of the Community and they do not have responsibilities in formation.</p> <p>The Community consists of different members - those on probation, committed members, associate members, associate brothers and sisters with a special status, consecrated members in the Fraternity of Jesus, as will be explained later.</p> <p>Persons adhering to the goals and aspirations of the Community who, for significant reasons independant of their own will, are not able to follow all its obligations, can nevertheless be admitted by the International Council for a commitment as a Friend of</p>

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Programs Available:	
Services:	
Activities:	
Charitable Status:	

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Federation of North-American Explorers	
Contact Information:	43 Bluesky Cres Richmond Hill ON L4C 8J2 (416) 435-6593 par2@sympatico.ca Paul Ritchi
Website:	www.fourarrows.ca
Known As:	FNE Explorers
Charism:	Catholic Youth Movement
Status:	International, Pontifical, Archdiocesan
History/Description:	The FNE (short form for Federation of North-American Explorers) Explorers are part of an organization first formed in Germany and France in 1956 known in English as the International Union of European FSE Guides and Scouts, who are active in some 20 different countries including Canada. Our focus is the delivery of traditional program values, as designed by the then founder of the Scouting organization, Lord Baden Powell all from within a Catholic faith perspective. For the record we are in no way affiliated with, associated with, nor part of secular organizations such as Scouts Canada, the Girl Guides of Canada or other like associations. Our movement is recognized through the Pontificium Consilium for Laicis with Decree 1130/03/AIC-a at 26/8/2003.
Organizational Structure:	The movement is lead by it's National leader and founder Paul Ritchi, it is supported by a team of dedicated volunteers, and operates with a board of directors as a registered charity in Canada.
Membership Criteria:	Youth and adults need to be baptized Christians or being prepared for baptism before they can be allowed to pronounce their promise to be faithful and loyal to Jesus Christ as part of their daily lives. All adult volunteers must clear a Police background check before being accepted as a leader.
Programs Available:	Youth
Services:	Charitable Organizations, Education, Youth and Children
Activities:	We offer the youth a same gender education for life program experience by engaging in traditional programs like all season camping weekends (in tents and in cabins based on season and age of youth) camp outdoor survival skills, community service and earning of badges with the successful completion of activities.
Charitable Status:	Yes

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Filipino Canadian Catholic Charismatic Prayer Communities	
Contact Information:	53 Belvedere Crescent Richmond Hill Ontario L4C 8V4 (416) 903-3453 cbquilao@rogers.com Brother Don Quilao
Website:	e-mail address: fcccpc@yahoo.com
Known As:	FCCCPC
Charism:	Defenders of the Word, Formator (CLSS,GSS, Discipleship, Leadership, Speakership, Equipping the Saints Seminars) that advocates righteousness through witnessing and instructions., Warriors of the Holy Spirit through Praise and intercession,. Refuge to the weak, needy and persecuted.
Status:	Archdiocesan, National
History/Description:	It is an umbrella organization of Filipino Canadian Catholic Charismatic Prayer Communities in Eastern Canada. Formed on June 1992.
Organizational Structure:	Spiritual Director (Rev. Lorenzo Salandanan), Spiritual Advisers (Deacon Bob Rosales & Deacon Alex Masongsong), Head Servant (Bro. Don Quilao), Ast. Head Servant (Bro. Joseph Frias), Secretary (Sis. Merle de Guzman), Ast. Secretary (Sis. Riza Ramos), Treasurer (Sis. Caring Labindao), Board of Directors (Ralph Ferrer, Glenn Jover, Rod Lalog, Ed de Grano, Mindo Isidro, Fe Santos, Fe Keleher, Minda Pillien, Prosy Labo, Bennie Beleno)
Membership Criteria:	Catholic Prayer Community: Under the leadership of Filipinos, founded by Filipinos, and/or when the majority of its members are of Filipino heritage.
Programs Available:	Counseling, Faith Instruction, Other, Prayer Groups
Services:	Prayer and Devotional Associations, Renewal Programs, Give Spiritual Formation Seminars such as: Catholic Life in the Spirit Seminars, Growth in the Spirit Seminar, Equipping the Saints Seminars, Discipleship Seminars, Leadership Seminars and Speakership Seminar Workshop
Activities:	Seminars, Conventions, Conferences, General Assemblies and Fellowships
Charitable Status:	

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Gethsemane Ministries	
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Website:	www.gethsemaneministries or www.prayergroup.ca
Known As:	Gethsemane
Charism:	Evangelization, Healing, Counseling, Service to the sick and elderly.
Status:	Archdiocesan
History/Description:	Gethsemane Ministries is a lay Catholic movement founded in September 1997 under the leadership of Suresh Dominic. It began as a small group of families praying together at private homes every week and sharing the Word of God. Soon the Holy Spirit began to move among the members and kindled a deeper personal love for the Lord and unity with and love for the church. The numbers began to increase soon and with the guidance of the spiritual director as well as the support of the Bishop, the ministry moved out to public venues for the benefit of many. Ministry goals include: Evangelization through proclamation of the “Word”, and personal testimonies; To strengthen Catholic faith and family values through personal prayer, Sacraments, reflection of scriptures and fellowship; To undertake and promote charitable acts to serve the community by helping the needy and ministering to the sick and elderly, providing fellowship, spiritual guidance, counseling; To help youth in their Catholic faith formation and spiritual growth; To renew commitment to the Church and to active participation in sacramental life; to uphold and promote the sanctity of life.
Organizational Structure:	Gethsemane Ministries is a registered non-profit organization, incorporated federally. Governed by board of directors. Activities are grouped into various ministries and are undertaken by members from the dedicated Service Team.
Membership Criteria:	Membership is free and is open to all age groups.
Programs Available:	Counseling, Couples, Faith Instruction, Prayer Groups, Seniors, Youth
Services:	Family and Community Services, Married Couples, Missions, Prayer and Devotional Associations, Renewal Programs, Senior Citizen Services, Youth and Children

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Activities:	<p>(1) Weekly prayer meeting and fellowship for youth and adults consisting of Rosary, praise & worship, talks, intercession, sharing personal testimonies and fellowship.</p> <p>(2) Weekly catechism classes for grade 1-8. (3) Monthly all day youth program (Every second Saturday). (4) Youth retreats and Summer Camp. (5) Inner healing retreat and married couples retreats (2-4 days live-in). These live-in retreats are open to all and are mainly conducted by preachers within the ministry as well as from the Canadian and International Church and Lay Catholic organizations. The Live-in Retreats consist of Preaching of the Word of God, with special emphasis on Sacraments. With the Blessed Sacrament exposed 24 hours through the retreat, participants get a unique opportunity to spend time with the Lord in prayer. Individual counseling is provided to deal with any family or personal challenges faced by the participants. Ample time is provided for group prayers as well as personal prayers and reflection. (6) Evangelization outreaches (7) Annual Convention (8) New Years eve Vigil Mass and prayer service (9) Active participation in and support at public events to protect and uphold the teachings of the Catholic Church on life and family. Events include: Life Chain, National March for Life, Pro-Life Youth Conference (10) Supports other parish and diocesan activities (11) The adult and youth Music ministry serves the Holy Mass at senior's homes and other prayers groups (12) Web forum for youth.</p>
Charitable Status:	Yes

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God, Sex and the Meaning of Life Ministry	
Contact Information:	889 Finley Avenue Ajax Ontario L1S 3S5 (905) 427-6137 stbreg@gmail.com Mrs. Susan Kennedy
Website:	www.godsexmeaningoflife.homestead.com
Known As:	God, Sex and the Meaning of Life Workshop
Charism:	Catholic Church teaching on sexuality
Status:	Archdiocesan
History/Description:	Team came together to explain Catholic Church teaching in areas of sexuality in all vocations, married, single and celibate, based on Pope John Paul 11's 129 audiences titled Theology of the Body.
Organizational Structure:	Workshop team
Membership Criteria:	N/A
Programs Available:	Couples, Faith Instruction, Seniors, Singles, Youth
Services:	Education
Activities:	Present workshops
Charitable Status:	

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Heralds of the Gospel	
Contact Information:	5535 17th Sideroad Schomberg Ontario LOG 1T0 (905) 939-7823 Fax: (905) 939-9778 heralds@heralds.ca Deacon Marcos Faes
Website:	www.heralds.ca
Known As:	Heralds of the Gospel or 'The Heralds'
Charism:	The charism of the Heralds of the Gospel is expressed in the sublime commandment of Jesus Christ: "Be you therefore perfect, as also your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt 5:48).
Status:	Pontifical, Archdiocesan, International
History/Description:	<p>The private association of the faithful finally came into being when Bishop Emilio Pignoli of Campo Limpo, Brazil, whose diocese includes an important part of the city of São Paulo, approved its statutes on September 21st, 1999. This was the beginning of a new stage of intensification in the ecclesial communion. In the following months, the Heralds of the Gospel were canonically constituted in 25 dioceses of various countries in the Americas and Europe. Conditions were in place for a future request to the Holy See for the recognition as an international association of the faithful of pontifical right.</p> <p>For its symbolism, the feast of the Chair of St. Peter (celebrated on Feb. 22nd) was the date chosen for the signing of the decree of approval, as the devolution to the Pope is one of the pillars of our spirituality. At the moment of their Pontifical establishment, they were already present in 29 countries of the three Americas, and in Europe, Africa and Asia, and in such places as India, S</p>
Organizational Structure:	
Membership Criteria:	
Programs Available:	
Services:	
Activities:	
Charitable Status:	Yes

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HMWN Radio Maria (Holy Mother World Networks) / Radio Maria Canada	
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Website:	http://www.hmwn.net / http://www.radiomariacanada.org
Known As:	Radio Maria - English and Italian
Charism:	Catholic Radio Station
Status:	International
History/Description:	HMWN is a non profit corporation with the mandate to promote the Gospel message of joy and hope for the family, the sick and the lonely in accordance with the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church.
Organizational Structure:	HMWN is operated by religious and lay volunteers, devoted to the Holy Mother, to whom they offer their time and their talents in order to announce the saving message of her Son, Jesus, to the whole world. HMWN evangelization project follows the Gospel values of the Beatitudes and puts all its trust in God the Father's providence and in Mary's help.
Membership Criteria:	
Programs Available:	Faith Instruction, Other, Prayer Groups, Youth
Services:	Apostolic and Pastoral Groups, Education, Family and Community Services, Media, Missions, Prayer and Devotional Associations, Religious Goods and Books, Renewal Programs, Study Centres, Youth and Children,
Activities:	
Charitable Status:	Yes

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Houses of Adoration Association (The)	
Contact Information:	1601 - 966 Inverhouse Dr. Mississauga ON L5J 4B6 905-822-0937 housesofadoration@gmail.com Mrs. Marilyn Fernandes
Website:	
Known As:	The Houses of Adoration
Charism:	Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and visitation
Status:	Archdiocesan, Pontifical
History/Description:	<p>Founded in 1989 in France by Marie-Benoite Angot, this spirituality offers a way for lay people to consecrate themselves through Mary to the Living Person of Christ in the Eucharist, consecrating the world in preparation for His return in Glory. The Association has existed in the Archdiocese of Toronto since June 2000 and Pontifical Approval was granted in June 2007.</p> <p>Their mission is to spread throughout the world bringing the Living Love of Jesus-Eucharist to the world, through a true ministry of visitation carried out in the simple action of everyday life: the spirituality is that of Our Daily Bread. In imitation of the Virgin Mary, in her house at Nazareth, the souls of adoration never let a day pass without gazing on the Living Jesus with love in adoration.</p>
Organizational Structure:	The foundress and President of the Association is in Paris, France. The direction of the association is carried out by lay country delegates and diocesan delegates. The association is under the guidance of the Pontifical Council for the Laity in Rome.
Membership Criteria:	<p>Any lay baptized person who is living in communion with the teachings of the Catholic Church and who feels a call to adoration can become a member.</p> <p>Membership in the Houses of Adoration involves three preparatory stages. Following admission into the Association, each member will renew his/her Consecration to the Living Person of Jesus in the Eucharist annually.</p> <p>Priests known as "Missionaries of the Eucharist" adopt the same spirituality as the lay members, sharing their aims and helping them to live out their vocation and mission.</p>
Programs Available:	Other
Services:	Prayer and Devotional Associations, Eucharistic Adoration based on the family
Activities:	Responding to the call of Vatican II, they offer themselves as churches based in the home, to become "true domestic sanctuaries of the church".
Charitable Status:	

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Jesus Youth Canada	
Contact Information:	23 Colonial Ave Toronto, ON ON M1M 2C3 (647) 406-7464 lenyvm2000@yahoo.com Mr. Leny Veliyathuparambil
Website:	www.jesuyouth.org
Known As:	Jesus Youth
Charism:	Freedom in the Spirit and the generosity of young people reaching out to other young people, as witnesses of the joy of life in Christ and in service of the Church, lies at the heart of Jesus Youth. In Canada We practise this through our ministries primarily , Youth, Intercession, Prayer and Angel's Army
Status:	International
History/Description:	Jesus Youth is an international Catholic youth movement with a charismatic spirituality. It had its beginnings in Kerala (India), and is presently active in twenty-two different countries of the world. Jesus Youth is an initiative of young people filled with the Holy Spirit who try to reach out to other young people. The strength of the movement is its special focus on a Jesus-centred life, beginning with an experience of God, nourished by prayer, the Word of God, the sacraments and fellowship, and sharing the Good News with others. Though not an actual community, Jesus Youth is a network of small but vibrant groups of young people. In their own life situations, they strive to set apart time for the Lord, responding to the challenges of today's world in the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus Youth is present today in 20 countries around the world and growing. In Canada we work with youths within local parishes (St. Thomas the Apostle Mission Parish, Precious Blood Church) in faith and leadership development. The vehicles for training include monthly youth meetings, outreaches to peers, teens & seniors and praise and worship programs, youth camps.
Organizational Structure:	At the International Level there is a Jesus Youth International Team which co-ordinates worldwide activities for e.g. WYD 2008, Continental Conferences etc. In Canada, We have a national service team based out of Toronto (10 Members) led by a Coordinator. There are various ministries (Christeen, Youth, Intercession, Prayer, Angel's Army) associated to the Service team.
Membership Criteria:	Open
Programs Available:	Couples, Faith Instruction, Prayer Groups, Singles, Youth
Services:	Missions, Renewal Programs, Youth and Children,
Activities:	Weekly Youth & Adults Prayer Gathering (Friday 7:30PM - 9:30PM @St Gabriels Elementary School), Monthly Youth Faith Development Sessions, eFellowship, Night Vigils, Active Intercessory Prayer Network, Faith Session for teens (Confirmation Youths at Catholic Schools)
Charitable Status:	

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Knights of Columbus	
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Website:	http://ontariokofc.ca/
Known As:	Ontario State Council
Charism:	Committed to the exemplification of charity, unity, fraternity, patriotism, and defense of the priesthood
Status:	International, Archdiocesan
History/Description:	<p>The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal organization committed to the exemplification of charity, unity, fraternity, patriotism, and defense of the priesthood.</p> <p>It was founded in 1882 by a 29-year-old parish priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut. Today, more than a century later, the Knights of Columbus has become the largest lay organization in the Catholic Church with over 1.7 million members.</p> <p>The Order has been called "the strong right arm of the Church," and has been praised by popes, presidents and other world leaders, for support of the Church, programs of evangelization and Catholic education, civic involvement and aid to those in need.</p>
Organizational Structure:	<p>The Knights of Columbus is headquartered in New Haven Connecticut and has grown from one council to more than 13,000 councils throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Cuba, Guatemala, Guam and Saipan.</p> <p>The provinces or states of each country is referred to as a State Council, such as Ontario State Council, which is then further divided into regions called Districts. There are 100 Districts in Ontario. At the local level the members join local units, called "Councils," which are mostly based in a local Catholic parish.</p>
Membership Criteria:	<p>There are only two requirements for a man to join the Knights of Columbus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He be a practical Catholic as understood by the Church, that is he is in union with the Holy See, and lives up to the Commandments of God and the Precepts of the Church. • And that he be 18 years of age or older.
Programs Available:	Other
Services:	
Activities:	Family and Council events. A variety of Church and Community programs. Fundraisers.
Charitable Status:	Yes

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KOLBE EUCHARISTIC APOSTOLATE	
Contact Information:	c/o St. Brigid's Church 300 Wolverleigh Blvd. Toronto ON M4C 1S6 (416) 425-0189 Maria De Manche
Website:	www.kolbeapostolate.com
Known As:	Kolbe Eucharistic Apostolate
Charism:	(1) To make the Eucharistic Christ the heart of our lives through Eucharistic Adoration; (2) Faith Formation through mini-retreats, prayer groups, and Bible Study & Catechesis
Status:	Archdiocesan
History/Description:	The KOLBE EUCHARISTIC APOSTOLATE originated in 1996 in the form of monthly Eucharistic retreats that had started in 1995 in De La Salle High School's auditorium. Since 1996, THE KOLBE EUCHARISTIC APOSTOLATE has moved on and continues the (1) KOLBE EUCHARISTIC MINI-RETREATS at St. Brigid's Parish, Toronto). In addition to the Eucharistic Mini-Retreats, has expanded to include the (2) QUO VADIS PRAYER GROUP, started in 1995, which focuses on faith formation and Eucharistic adoration, and the (3) "KNOW YOU FAITH" BIBLE STUDY GROUP, started in 2006, which offers Bible Study and catechesis for adults. The Kolbe Eucharistic Apostolate also offers to parishes (4) CATECHESIS ON DEVOTIONS.
Organizational Structure:	EVENT COORDINATORS and ANIMATORS: ; SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: CHAPLAIN: KOLBE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: 12 members. In addition, the KOLBE EUCHARISTIC APOSTOLATE has been entrusted to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Maximilian Kolbe.
Membership Criteria:	Any Catholic living in accordance with the teaching of the Catholic Church who has a desire to deepen his/her knowledge and love of God through prayer and faith formation is welcome to attend.
Programs Available:	Faith Instruction, Other, Prayer Groups
Services:	Prayer and Devotional Associations, Each month a guest priest at the Eucharistic Mini-Retreat gives a special meditation on an inspiring topic for spiritual formation and growth.
Activities:	(1) KOLBE EUCHARISTIC MINI-RETREATS (first Saturdays from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at St. Brigid's Church include Eucharistic adoration, a special meditation for spiritual growth by a guest priest, sung praise and worship, the Divine Mercy chaplet, the Rosary, and Benediction. (2) QUO VADIS PRAYER GROUP is a more intimate gathering held in St. Brigid's chapel, focusing on Mass, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and faith formation. Community pot-luck follows for faith and sharing and Catholic fellowship. (3) "KNOW YOUR FAITH" BIBLE STUDY is a weekly bible study course that incorporates catechesis and Catholic fellowship. It is held at Holy Cross Parish during the fall and spring semesters. (4) CATECHESIS ON DEVOTIONS: Catechesis on the DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION is offered in a two hour presentation. Pastors have used this presentation to instruct parishioners and to start this devotion in their parishes. Through Our Lady's intercession, MARY'S SALVATION OF SOULS (MARY'S S.O.S.) devotion and association encourages prayers, fasting and sacrifices for souls who are "most in need of God's mercy": those who choose to reject God, especially those who will die this day.
Charitable Status:	

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Legion of Mary	
Contact Information: Website:	www.legion-of-mary.ie
Known As:	Legion of Mary
Charism:	The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's work.
Status:	Archdiocesan, Pontifical
History/Description:	The Legion of Mary was founded in Dublin, Ireland on 7 September 1921. It is a lay catholic organisation whose members are giving service to the Church on a voluntary basis in almost every country.
Organizational Structure:	The unit of the Legion of Mary is called a praesidium, which holds a weekly meeting, where prayer is intermingled with reports and discussion. Persons who wish to join the Legion must apply for membership in a Praesidium
Membership Criteria:	<p>1. The Legion of Mary is open to all Catholics who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) faithfully practise their religion; (b) are animated by the desire to fulfil their role in the Church's apostolate through membership of the Legion; (c) are prepared to fulfil each and every duty which active membership of the Legion involves. <p>The unit of the Legion of Mary is called a praesidium, which holds a weekly meeting, where prayer is intermingled with reports and discussion. Persons who wish to join the Legion must apply for membership in a Praesidium.</p> <p>2. Persons who wish to join the Legion must apply for membership in a praesidium.</p> <p>3. Candidates under 18 years of age can only be received in Junior praesidia. (See chapter 36)</p> <p>4. No one shall be admitted as a candidate for membership of the Legion of Mary until the President of the praesidium, to which admission is sought, is, after careful enquiry, satisfied that the person seeking admission fulfils the conditions required.</p>
Programs Available:	
Services:	

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Legion of Mary	
Activities:	<p>Some of the ways in which the legionaries may help the growth of a true community spirit are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Visitation of the homes of the people.(b) Conducting para-liturgical services on Sundays and holidays of obligation in places where there is no priest available to celebrate Mass;(c) Conducting religious instruction classes;(d) Visitation and care of the handicapped, the sick and the old, including, when necessary, making arrangements for a visit of the priest;(e) Recitation of the rosary at wakes and funerals;(f) Promotion of Catholic Associations and Parish Societies, including Church Confraternities or Sodalities, where they exist, by recruiting new members and encouraging existing members to persevere;(g) Collaboration in every apostolic and missionary undertaking sponsored by the parish and so help to bring every soul in some manner into the protective network of the Church, thus securing the safety alike of the individual and the community.
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Life Foundation	
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Website:	www.poderofprayer.com
Known As:	power of prayer
Charism:	Pro Life
Status:	International, Pontifical
History/Description:	LIFE FOUNDATION Colombia Chapter began in Canada in 1967 with the purpose of promoting devotion of Divine Mercy through Our Lady of Guadalupe to encourage prayer for the right to human LIFE from conception until natural death.
Organizational Structure:	With International status and chapters in Canada, USA, Mexico and Latin America. Each chapter acts independently under a Director and active members.
Membership Criteria:	Open to all the followers of Jesus Christ under obedience of the Holy Father and Local Bishop.
Programs Available:	Counseling, Couples, Faith Instruction, Other, Prayer Groups, Seniors, Singles
Services:	Apostolic and Pastoral Groups, Family and Community Services, Prayer and Devotional Associations
Activities:	At the Archdiocese and Parish Level
Charitable Status:	Yes

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Light of Jesus Community Canada, Inc.	
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Website:	www.lojcanada.com
Known As:	LOJC or LOJ
Charism:	Pastoral Care, Catholic community formation, Caring Group, Prayer and Worship, Formation Teachings, Parish Service
Status:	International
History/Description:	From its humble beginnings 29 years ago as a small 20-person prayer group led by evangelist Bo Sanchez, the Light of Jesus Community (LOJC) has grown and developed into an active service community rooted in faith and Jesus Christ. We strive to nurture and enrich family and spiritual life through community, providing caring support and participation, fellowship, faith and service, centered on Christ's love for all. Today, the Light of Jesus Community has chapters in the Philippines, Canada, USA, New Zealand, Australia and Asia Pacific with outreach programs that have touch many lives
Organizational Structure:	The LOJC community is headed by the Council of Elders. From the Council of Elders, the Presiding Elder is elected. Below the Council of Elders are the Chapter Heads. Under the Chapter Heads are the Caring Group Servant Leaders. The Caring Group is composed of the core members.
Membership Criteria:	Core members should be baptized Roman Catholic and should have undergone the Class 100 (Life in the Spirit Seminar) and/or the Marriage Deepening Retreat and/or Jesus Encounter (for the Youth). After undergoing these retreats, the potential core member should signify his or her desire to become a core member.
Programs Available:	Counseling, Couples, Faith Instruction, Other, Prayer Groups, Seniors, Singles, Youth
Services:	Apostolic and Pastoral Groups, Family and Community Services, Marriage Preparation, Married Couples, Parish on call, Religious Goods and Books, Renewal Programs, Separated, Widowed and Divorced, Youth and Children
Activities:	Prayer and Worship, Caring Groups, Formation Teachings, Leadership Training, Youth Formation, Family Formation
Charitable Status:	Yes

LAY ASSOCIATION

Madonna House Apostolate	
Contact Information:	501 Parkside Drive Toronto Ontario M6R 2Z9 (416) 761-9965 Fax: (416) 761-9474 mht@ca.inter.net Miss Trudi Cortens
Website:	www.madonnahouse.org
Known As:	Madonna House Toronto
Charism:	To form a community of love
Status:	Archdiocesan, International, National
History/Description:	Toronto is a mission of Madonna House Apostolate, headquartered in Combermere, Ontario. From its beginning in 1982, Madonna House Toronto has been a house of hospitality with a special focus on evangelization and availability to persons of every walk of life.
Organizational Structure:	Madonna House members, assigned by the Directors General in Combermere, live in community, under the leadership of a local director. Volunteers assist in the work of the apostolate without formal affiliation status.
Membership Criteria:	Catholic Lay women, lay men and priest members undergo a period of applicancy training at Combermere; then make temporary promises for seven years and then life-time promises of poverty, chastity and obedience, under the canonical jurisdiction of the bishop of Pembroke. Applicants must be at least 19 years old.
Programs Available:	Other, Prayer Groups
Services:	Education, Missions, Religious Goods and Books, Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life, Youth and Children,
Activities:	Monthly prayer meeting, including the Rosary and charismatic worship; assistance to the needy, spiritual direction, referrals to service professionals, internet information referral.
Charitable Status:	Yes

LAY ASSOCIATION

Marguerite Bourgeoys Family Centre FertilityCare™ Programme	
Contact Information:	688 Coxwell Avenue, Suite 100 Toronto Ontario M4C 3B7 (416) 465-2868 Fax: (416) 465-3538 fertilitycare@on.aibn.com Hemingway Karen
Website:	www.fertilitycare.ca
Known As:	MBFC
Charism:	Family Planning and Women's Health
Status:	National
History/Description:	For over 20 years the MBFC has been: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a health care and resource centre that helps families manage and care for their reproductive health through the Creighton Model FertilityCare™ System and NaProTECHNOLOGY® • a place that serves the needs of the family • a place that educates women, couples and youth to value and care for their sexuality, fertility and family relationships in the frame work of Catholic values while respecting the dignity and differences of all people
Organizational Structure:	Charitable Organization
Membership Criteria:	n/a
Programs Available:	Counseling, Couples, Singles, Youth
Services:	Education, Family Planning, Marriage Preparation, Married Couples, Pregnant Women
Activities:	The Centre teaches couples, women, and youth the Creighton Model FertilityCare™ System to help them better understand and care for their reproductive health.
Charitable Status:	Yes

LAY ASSOCIATION

Mary Undoer of Knots	
Contact Information:	271 Richvale Drive South, unit # 1 Brampton Ontario L6Z 4W6 (905) 495-4614 novena@maryundoerofknots.com Mr. Edson Bosetti
Website:	www.maryundoerofknots.com
Known As:	Mary Undoer of Knots
Charism:	To bring more people closer to the heart of Jesus through the hands of Virgin Mary
Status:	International
History/Description:	<p>The devotion to Mary Undoer of Knots is more than 300 years old.</p> <p>To show us the mission granted to Virgin Mary by Her Son, an unknown painter in 1700 painted Mary Undoer of Knots with great grace. Since then his painting has been adored in the Church of St. Peter in Perlack, Germany. Its inspiration was the result of St. Irineus' meditation. He, who in the light of the parallel made by St. Paul between Adam and Christ, created the comparison of Eve and Mary saying:</p> <p>“Eve, by her disobedience, tied the knot of disgrace for the human race; to the contrary, Mary, by her obedience, undid it”.</p> <p>The painting shows one angel giving Virgin Mary a ribbon full of knots, which represents the ribbon of our life and our problems. Mary interceding for us to Jesus, undo with love and mercy the knots and another angel receives the plain ribbon with no knots, which has been undone by our Holy Mother. The knots are undone with our prayers described in the Novena booklet.</p> <p>The devotion to Mary Undoer of Knots is known in many different countries, and the Novena is translated in 19 languages and Braille. More than 1,100,000 copies were acquired worldwide and has Ecclesiastic approval, receiving the “NIHIL OBSTAT and IMPRIMATUR”.</p>
Organizational Structure:	<p>Denis Bourgerie - Founder of two Marian Sanctuaries in Brazil, speaker of Catholic faith and writer of several books.</p> <p>Edson Bosetti - Responsible for Mary Undoer of Knots in North America</p>
Membership Criteria:	
Programs Available:	Faith Instruction, Prayer Groups, Seniors, Singles, Youth
Services:	Apostolic and Pastoral Groups, Married Couples, Prayer and Devotional Associations, Religious Goods and Books, Retreat Houses,
Activities:	Speech for faith instruction and divulgation of the devotion to Mary Undoer of Knots
Charitable Status:	

LAY ASSOCIATION

Militia of the Immaculata Canada	
Contact Information:	1099 Danforth Avenue Toronto ON M4K 1M5 (416) 465-9466 Fax: (416) 465-9468
Website:	www.mi-international.org
Known As:	
Charism:	
Status:	Archdiocesan, Pontifical
History/Description:	Founded in Rome at the International College of the Conventual Franciscans - what at the time was the "St. Bonaventue" Pontifical Thological Faculty, By Father Maximilian Kolbe 1894-1941), a Conventual Franciscan and martyr of charity at Auschwitz who was beatified by Paul VI and canonised by John Paul II. Erected as a Pious Union on 2 January 1922 by the Viariate of Rome through Cardinal Basilio Pompilj, M.I. was given special attention and care by the Popes in the course of its history. In a Brief issued on 18 December 1926, Pius XI granted it indulgences and privileges, and on 23 April 1927 it was elevated to the rank of a Primary Pious Union with the brief Die XVIII mensis Decembris. Under the altius moderamen of the Minster General of the Order of the Conventual Franciscan Friars Minor, and consistent with the Magisterium of the Church, the association grew and spread to different countries. On 16 October 1997 the Pontifical Council for the Laity decreed the Milizia dell'Immacolata to be an International Association of the Faithful of Pontifical Right.
Organizational Structure:	The M.I. tries everywhere to live out its ecclesial dimension, taking on the various pastoral programs of the Bishops' Conferences, listening to the needs of the New Evangelization.
Membership Criteria:	The members of the Militia of the Immaculate are called to work with creativity and unity, making their talent and energies available, while wisely combining Church teaching, Kolbean inspiration and environmental concerns. We cannot exempt ourselves from the personal and collective responsibility for a spiritual reawakening and for social action as a sign of a fruitful evangelical witness.
Programs Available:	
Services:	
Activities:	In the first place comes FORMATION, which builds up the spiritual, doctrinal and apostolic character of the Crusader It is with this character that the M.I. intends to make a contribution to all the areas in the form of catechesis, social work, humanitarian initiatives, and cultural proposals. Bringing together spiritual life and action, the M.I. is developing its program along four fundamental points: I) Existential dimension: recognizing in the consecration to God through the Immaculata the primacy of our vocation to sanctity; II) Ecclesial dimension: living our consecration in the Church, to love the Church from within, to be active, recognizing and professing our catholic faith; III) Missionary dimension: participating in the apostolate of the Church, in the spirit of our Marian consecration; IV) Cultural dimension: giving witness to our consecration in society at the service of man, in an atmosphere of fraternity, of welcome, and of joy.
Charitable Status:	

LAY ASSOCIATION

Morning Light Ministry	
Contact Information:	c/o St. Mary Star of The Sea Church 11 Peter St., South Mississauga Ontario L5H 2G1 (416) 765-2155 morninglightministry@rogers.com Bernadette Zambri
Website:	http://ca.geocities.com/morninglightministry@rogers.com
Known As:	Morning Light Ministry
Charism:	
Status:	Archdiocesan
History/Description:	Morning Light Ministry is a Catholic ministry for bereaved parents who have experienced the death of their baby through ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death up to two years old. Morning Light Ministry was started in 1996 by a bereaved mother and bereaved father and their pastor. Morning Light Ministry also offers help to those families who have received an adverse prenatal diagnosis concerning their baby in the womb, as well as help to couples who are experiencing infertility.
Organizational Structure:	Morning Light Ministry is a grassroots and volunteer ministry. The Morning Light Ministry Resource Team is comprised of a co-ordinator and three trained caregivers (all of whom are bereaved mothers, one of whom speaks Spanish).
Membership Criteria:	Morning Light Ministry offers information and support at no cost to those receiving the help. This Catholic ministry also welcomes bereaved parents of other Christian denominations, bereaved parents of other faiths and bereaved parents of no religious affiliation who are struggling with the very notion of faith.
Programs Available:	Counseling, Couples, Faith Instruction, Other, Singles
Services:	Apostolic and Pastoral Groups, Disabled Persons, Ecumenism, Education, Family Planning, Marriage Preparation, Married Couples, Pregnant Women, Separated, Widowed and Divorced, Youth and Children
Activities:	E-mail support, free long-distance telephone help, annual memorial Mass, individual and group meetings
Charitable Status:	

LAY ASSOCIATION

Natural Family Planning Association	
Contact Information:	3050 Yonge Street Suite 205 Toronto Ontario M4N 2K4 (416) 481-5465 toronto@naturalfamilyplanning.ca Mrs. Rosemary Heron
Website:	www.naturalfamilyplanning.ca/toronto
Known As:	Billings Method
Charism:	Natural family planning and fertility awareness and management
Status:	International
History/Description:	The Natural Family Planning Association (NFPA) has been providing services in the Billings Ovulation Method (BOM) in Toronto since 1972. The Billings Ovulation Method is a scientifically proven fertility management system designed to assist couples to plan and space their family. NFPA provides BOM-related services to women, couples, adolescents and those who teach and counsel them. NFPA is affiliated with WOOMB International (World Organization Ovulation Method Billings) and all of its services reflect the Catholic teachings outlined in <i>Humanae Vitae</i> .
Organizational Structure:	
Membership Criteria:	
Programs Available:	Counseling, Couples, Singles, Youth
Services:	Education, Family Planning, Marriage Preparation, Married Couples, Pregnant Women, Mother/Daughter Program; Teen Mom Program; Seminarian Program
Activities:	Marriage preparation talks, Billings Ovulation Method instruction, Fertility awareness programs for adolescents, teacher training workshops.
Charitable Status:	Yes

LAY ASSOCIATION

New Beginnings	
Contact Information:	St Dominic's Church 625 Atwater Ave Mississauga ON L5G 2A8 (905) 891-3948 newbegs@archtoronto.org Rudy Volk
Website:	NA (working towards getting a page on the archdiocese website)
Known As:	New Beginnings
Charism:	Spiritual healing, reconciliation with God and the Church
Status:	Archdiocesan
History/Description:	In 1976, Sr Jean DeLuca, C.S.J., wrote a programme to help people who were suffering the loss of a partner (separated, divorced or widowed). The programme seeks to help such people find comfort, acceptance, and healing, and to encourage them to draw from the spiritual strength of God and the Church.
Organizational Structure:	The Spiritual Director heads a team of volunteers who help in all levels of the ministry - team members for the Retreat Weekends Widow/Widower Support Groups and Parish Support Groups (in various parishes in the metro area).
Membership Criteria:	Open to all who suffer the loss of a partner, regardless of age, race or religion.
Programs Available:	Counseling, Other
Services:	Separated, Widowed and Divorced
Activities:	Retreat Weekends (with focus on acceptance, forgiveness, and healing); Widow/Widower Support Group (a bereavement program which seeks comfort and healing for the loss of a partner, and also celebrates a life and a marriage); Support Groups (where people suffering the trauma of a loss gather to pray and give each other support and strength); Mini-Renewal Nights (presentations from professional/religious to talk about related issues)
Charitable Status:	

LAY ASSOCIATION

Our Lady of Manaoag Evangelization Group	
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Website:	
Known As:	
Charism:	Evangelization, Faith Formation, Prayer, Retreat, Pilgrimage
Status:	Archdiocesan
History/Description:	
Organizational Structure:	Rev. Fr. Terrence McKenna, Spiritual Director Francis/Teodora La Madrid, co-ordinators
Membership Criteria:	
Programs Available:	Faith Instruction
Services:	
Activities:	
Charitable Status:	

LAY ASSOCIATION

Precious Blood and Life Apostolate	
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Website:	
Known As:	PBL Apostolate
Charism:	Family Life / Chastity Education and Devotion to The Precious Blood
Status:	Archdiocesan, National
History/Description:	2001/2002 - Launched and Federally Incorporated in Canada as a non-profit organization. The Mission of the Lay-Apostolate of Precious Blood and Life recognizes the affinity between the shedding of the Innocent Blood of Our Lord, Jesus, and of the spilling of innocent blood in our world today. Armed with devotion to the Price of our Redemption, the Precious Blood and Life apostolate [PBL] embraces "the most powerful weapon in Our Lord's armory [Pope John XXIII], namely devotion to His Precious Blood. Inspired by Pope John Paul II and in particular by the encyclical Evangelium Vitae (On Human Life), PBL's mission is to help propagate devotion to the Precious Blood linked to promotion of a culture of life particularly among youth and married couples.
Organizational Structure:	Board of Directors + Advisors PBL is a non-profit organization and is solely supported by the prayers, sacrifices and donations of Canadians across the nation. Stirred by the life and example of Mother Catherine Aurelia [1833 - 1905], the saintly foundress of the Sisters adorers of the Precious Bloods, Daughters of Mary Immaculate and also Saint Gaspar del Bufalo, founder of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, PBL embraces the desire to thirst for Souls as reflected in Our Saviour's plea on the cross, "Sitio" - "I thirst!". In turn, PBL offers its work, reparations and sufferings for its supporters and for all those involved in the battle against "the culture of death" (J-P II, Evangelium Vitae).
Membership Criteria:	Direct-mail contact across Canada via Periodic Reports and Appeals [in French and English] seeking support for events and activities such as a educational newsletters on life issues; retreats; sponsoring young people to World Youth Days; chastity education days for youth; NFP instructions and promotion for married couples; speakers' bureau; Catholic radio and mass-media outreach.
Programs Available:	Couples, Prayer Groups, Youth
Services:	Education, Family and Community Services, Marriage Preparation, Married Couples, Media, Prayer and Devotional Associations, Religious Goods and Books
Activities:	Regular educational newsletter on life issues; yearly retreat; chastity education days for youth of all ages; NFP information and promotion for married couples; speakers' bureau; Catholic radio / mass-media outreach.
Charitable Status:	Yes

LAY ASSOCIATION

Regnum Christi	
Contact Information:	9 Landfair Cres. Scarborough Ontario M1J 3A6 416-438-1150 imf.jn316@hotmail.com Ms. Lisa Francis
Website:	www.regnumchristi.org
Known As:	Regnum Christi
Charism:	Love Christ. Serve People. Build the Church.
Status:	Pontifical, Archdiocesan, International
History/Description:	Regnum Christi is an apostolic movement at the service of the Church and all people. It was founded by Fr. Marcial Maciel, LC and shares the charism of the religious congregation of the Legionaries of Christ. It is made up of young people and adults, deacons and diocesan priests, whose goal is to experience Christ's love, respond to it, and spread it to others. They do this through the witness of their Christian lives and apostolic action, which can be both personal and organized, in cooperation with their bishops and parish priests. The Holy See granted the definitive approval of the Statutes of Regnum Christi on November 26, 2004.
Organizational Structure:	Regnum Christi has over 65,000 youth, and adult men and women members. Among them, there are about 1000 consecrated members. Regnum Christi is an ecclesial movement indivisibly united to the congregation of the Legionaries of Christ. The Legion of Christ and Regnum Christ have a general directorship based in Rome and 11 "territories" (provinces) worldwide. Individual members form part of Regnum Christi teams and sections in their city or region.
Membership Criteria:	Members of Regnum Christi are Catholic men, women, and youth who are active in service to the Church, and discern and respond to a vocational call to love Christ, serve people and build the Church.
Programs Available:	Couples, Faith Instruction, Prayer Groups, Seniors, Singles, Youth
Services:	Apostolic and Pastoral Groups, Charitable Organizations, Family and Community Services, Married Couples, Missions, Prayer and Devotional Associations, Religious Goods and Books, Renewal Programs, Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life, Youth and Children
Activities:	Some of the apostolates Regnum Christi puts at the service of the Church in the Archdiocese of Toronto include FAMILIA parish based programs that give parents and families concrete ways to learn and live their Catholic faith www.familiacanada.net , Challenge youth programs for Girls age 10-16 www.challengeclubs.net , Catholic Kids Net Vacation Bible Schools for parishes www.catholickidsnet.org , Conquest Boy's youth programs and Father & Son programs for boys age 5-16 www.conquestclubs.org , Compass programs for university students, and missions for young people and families www.ytm.org . For information on more of our apostolic works worldwide, please see our website.
Charitable Status:	Yes

LAY ASSOCIATION

Rosaries for Canadian Forces Abroad	
Contact Information:	339 Greenfield Ave. 339 Greenfield Ave. Toronto ON M2N 3E7 (416) 227-9447 rosarymaker@canada.com Mr. Allan Scott
Website:	http://oparcher.blogspot.com/
Known As:	Rosaries for Canadian Forces Abroad
Charism:	Military Support
Status:	National
History/Description:	Rosaries for Canadian Forces Abroad is a private, lay apostolate that makes and donates Rosaries to members of the Canadian Forces serving abroad.
Organizational Structure:	Volunteers make Rosaries in Parish Guilds, led by a guild leader.
Membership Criteria:	Open to any person wishing to assist in the making or distribution of Rosaries.
Programs Available:	Other
Services:	Apostolic and Pastoral Groups, Military
Activities:	Rosary making and distribution
Charitable Status:	

LAY ASSOCIATION

Rosary Apostolate (The)	
Contact Information:	The Rosary Apostolate-St. Josaphat Catholic School 55 Pelham Ave., Toronto Ontario M6N 1A5 905-747-0386 rosaryapostolate@sympatico.ca Marilina Cinelli
Website:	
Known As:	The Rosary Apostolate
Charism:	To lead children, youth and families to Jesus through Mary.
Status:	Archdiocesan, Provincial
History/Description:	The Rosary Apostolate is an apostolate of evangelization through prayer which began in the schools and later extended to the Families and the forming of Parish Prayer groups. It all began in 1997 with a humble request to pray the rosary with children in our Catholic Schools. It was in 1997 that Pope John Paul II launched a three year preparation program for the Jubilee Year 2000. This is what inspired us to make our school visits a jubilee project. We have now developed a 4 year cycle of themes.
Organizational Structure:	Regions are set up with volunteers to cater to the schools in their Parishes. Regional Directors are expected to attend 3 Directors Workshops annually, plan 5 regional meetings, recruit, screen and train Rosary Visitors. The Rosary Visitor will visit a school once a month for a total of eight visits within the academic year from October to April, concluding with a May Celebration.
Membership Criteria:	The Volunteer is called a "Rosary Visitor." They will bear witness to their faith by teaching children to love Jesus with the Heart of Mary by praying the Rosary and the Act of Consecration. They will follow the themes and meditations as outlined by the Rosary Apostolate. The volunteer should be a practicing Catholic, have a devotion to Mary and her rosary, they must respect and love children.
Programs Available:	Other, Prayer Groups, Youth
Services:	
Activities:	Training Workshops, Annual Retreat
Charitable Status:	Yes

LAY ASSOCIATION

Salesian Cooperators, Association of (St. Benedict Centre)	
Contact Information:	RR #1, LCD Main Orangeville Ontario L9W 2Y8 (519) 942-0255 Fax: (519) 942-2854 micheljobin99@hotmail.com Michel Jobin
Website:	
Known As:	Don Bosco's Cooperators
Charism:	To bring a privileged attention to young people, wherever they are, especially to those who are poorest or victims of any kind of marginalization, exploitation and violence.
Status:	International
History/Description:	Founded by St. John Bosco in 1876. The mission of the Salesian Cooperators, according to its founder is to be a true Salesian-in-the world. We are 35,000 in the world, in all continents.
Organizational Structure:	The Cooperators are the "Lay" branch of the Salesian Family which includes the SDB's and FMA's The lay apostolic association is formed of lay and priest members, accompanied by SDB or FMA religious. Local Centre > Council > Region > Province> World Council > Rector Major. The Centre must have a MISSION in Common. St Benedict Centre took on "EDUCATION in HAITI" During the past two years, the Centre has contributed in the repair of a school in Vallières, Haiti. Also contributed individually in paying school fees to very poor orphans children in the Village of Terrier-Rouge, Haiti.
Membership Criteria:	Mature adult accepts a preparatory formation, gives signs of presence and active participation, requests acceptance into the association, and after acceptance by Provincial Council, makes a personal, public promise,
Programs Available:	Other
Services:	Youth and Children, Our present Mission: "Support to education in Haiti"
Activities:	Monthly meetings, continuous education, fund raising, retreats, pilgrimage to Italy in 2009..
Charitable Status:	

LAY ASSOCIATION

Shalom International	
Contact Information:	<p>2023 Dufferin St Toronto ON M6E 3R3 416-652-5027 toronto@comshalom.org Barata Reimar</p>
Website:	www.comshalom.org
Known As:	Shalom Catholic Community
Charism:	Ministries of Peace
Status:	Archdiocesan, Pontifical
History/Description:	The Pontifical Council for the Laity acknowledged the Shalom Catholic Community as an "International Private Association for the Faithful ", Decree date of Pontifical Acknowledgement : February 22, 2007 on the occasion of the feast of the Chair of St. Peter.
Organizational Structure:	The Lord gave us an Apostolate of multiple forms, developed in whatever area he directs us and the Church supports us. We continually embrace God's call to evangelize with new fervor and creativity.
Membership Criteria:	Membership is through the life communities, which are cells made up of consecrated men and women following a radical calling to give up their own human plans to follow the Lord Jesus Christ unconditionally by devoting themselves totally to the Community; and covenant communities, made up of people who live fully within the world and live this same vocation in their professions and in family life. the Community also comprises those who play an active part in its work by belonging to groups under its guidance.
Programs Available:	
Services:	Retreats, Conferences
Activities:	Through the experience of the Holy Spirit we conduct prayer groups and develop a big variety of evangelizing actions. We are present in the midst of youth, families, children, and poor people, through communications, arts, and works of mercy to those who suffer. We open and administrate centers of evangelization, formation, spirituality, education, arts, culture, communication and work with the poor. We are open to any new apostolate inspired by the Lord; and it will always be developed according to the spirit of our vocation.
Charitable Status:	

LAY ASSOCIATION

Società Unita	
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Website:	www.teopoli.org
Known As:	The United Society (The Mission)
Charism:	Following the Passionist Charism, we endeavor to promote Peace, Love, and Unity according to the Gospel and the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church.
Status:	International
History/Description:	Founded in 1969 in the United States by Fr. Claudio Piccinini, C.P., and in 1972 in Toronto Canada, to promote social and religious activities for the spiritual and moral growth of our families and society, and to give assistance to the needy.
Organizational Structure:	A non profit charitable organization with an administrative council elected by its registered members.
Membership Criteria:	Any family or individual 18 years and above who desire to follow the principles of Peace, Love and Unity according to the Gospel and the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church.
Programs Available:	Faith Instruction, Prayer Groups, Seniors, Singles, Youth
Services:	Apostolic and Pastoral Groups, Charitable Organizations, Married Couples, Media, Missions, Prayer and Devotional Associations, Retreat Houses, Youth and Children
Activities:	Spiritual Pilgrimages, Spritual Retreats and the Teopoli Summer Experience for children at Teopoli located in Muskoka. Also we have the program called Jesus the Listener, The Good Samaritan and Radio Teopoli, a daily Catholic braodcast on AM 530.
Charitable Status:	Yes

LAY ASSOCIATION

Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Toronto Central Council	
Contact Information:	240 Church St Toronto Ontario M5B 1Z2 (416) 365-5577 Fax: (416) 364-2055 lcoutu@svdptoronto.com Mrs. Louise Coutu
Website:	svdptoronto.org
Known As:	as above
Charism:	"The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a lay Catholic organization whose mission is: To live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy.
Status:	International, Archdiocesan
History/Description:	The Society was founded by Blessed Frederic Ozanam in Paris in 1833. The first Canadian parish conference (parish-based groups of lay volunteers) was established in Montreal in 1846 and the first Ontario conference at St. Michael's Cathedral in Toronto in 1850. Currently, 113 conferences within Toronto Central Council (Oshawa to Mississauga inclusive) serve our neighbours in need in their homes, bringing Christ's love, material assistance, respect, compassion, and hope.
Organizational Structure:	The conference is the main unit of the organization. The conferences in an area (e.g. Scarborough East) are supported and animated by a Particular Council. The 10 Particular Council presidents serve as members of the Board of Toronto Central Council (which also administers our 22 Special Works - including 4 women's shelters, 13 Recovery Homes, homes for developmentally handicapped and mentally ill, and Marygrove Camp for girls),
Membership Criteria:	We seek compassionate, non-judgmental, humble, giving persons who see this service as a way to act on their faith. All applicants must successfully complete the screening process, including a police check, references and interview.
Programs Available:	
Services:	
Activities:	The members meet as a conference once or twice a month, in order to build community within the conference, to grow in faith, and to consult regarding the most appropriate ways to assist those seeking help.
Charitable Status:	Yes

LAY ASSOCIATION

ST. JOHN FISHER CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP	
Contact Information:	51 cloverdale drive Bramalea Ont. L6T 2T5 (905) 631-0422 rs631@rogers.com Reg & Shirley Digby
Website:	rs631@rogers.com
Known As:	Charismatic Prayer Group
Charism:	Gifts of the Holy Spirit, reaching out to the lonely and broken ones.
Status:	Archdiocesan
History/Description:	Started in 1999
Organizational Structure:	
Membership Criteria:	
Programs Available:	Counseling
Services:	
Activities:	
Charitable Status:	Yes

LAY ASSOCIATION

St. Mary's Prayer Group	
Contact Information:	59 Main St. S. Brampton ON L6Y 1M9 (905) 457-3282 kathy-b@rogers.com Kathy Butcher
Website:	www.healingmass.com
Known As:	
Charism:	
Status:	Archdiocesan
History/Description:	Prayer group is in its 32nd year.
Organizational Structure:	Core Members who plan meetings and activities and group who gather for evening.
Membership Criteria:	Everyone is welcome
Programs Available:	Prayer Groups
Services:	Prayer and Devotional Associations,
Activities:	healing masses, intercessory prayer, Life in the Spirit Seminars
Charitable Status:	

LAY ASSOCIATION

The Neocatechumenal Way	
Contact Information:	Mario De Marchi
Website:	
Known As:	The Neocatechumenal Way
Charism:	The charism of the Neocatechumenal Way is the re-discovery of the gift of our Christian baptism through an itinerary of Christian formation.
Status:	Archdiocesan, Pontifical
History/Description:	The Neocatechumenal Way was started in Spain in 1964 during the Second Vatican Council by Francisco Arguello (an artist) and Miss Carmen Hernandez (a would-be missionary). It was launched to assist the church to renew herself in response to Vatican II. The Neocatechumenal Way started among the poor of Palomeras (a suburb of Madrid) where Francisco (Kiko) met Carmen and together they joined forces to establish the basis for what they would eventually call the Neocatechumenal Way. In 1968, Cardinal Angelo Dell'Acqua assisted them to start the catechesis and establish a community in the parish of The Holy Canadian Martyrs and St. Francesca Cabrini. Today the Neocatechumenal Way is represented in more than 100 countries around the world. Missionaries are sent from all parts of the world to evangelize and to be a Christian presence. The Way has also gifted the Church with over 60 Redemptoris Mater Seminaries. On June 29, 2002, The neocatechumenal Way was granted a Decree of Approval by His Holiness Pope John Paul II.
Organizational Structure:	The Neocatechumenal Way is implemented in the Dioceses at request of the local Ordinary and catecheses are presented in the parishes at the request of the Pastor. The Neocatechumenal Way operates under the direction of the local Ordinary with the help and guidance of: - An international team - A national team - The Parish Priest - The community Responsibles.
Membership Criteria:	Christian initiation of baptized adults. Everyone may freely participate in the catecheses, especially: - Those who have drifted away from the Church - Those who have not been sufficiently evangelized - Those who desire to deepen and mature their faith - Those who come from Christian denoninations not in full communion with the Catholic Church.
Programs Available:	Counseling, Couples, Faith Instruction, Other, Prayer Groups, Seniors, Singles, Youth
Services:	
Activities:	A series of catecheses are given in the parish during the time of advent and lent.
Charitable Status:	Yes

Theresians of Canada	
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Website:	
Known As:	
Charism:	Following the example of the missionary heart of our Patroness, St. Therese of Lisieux, we seek to live according to Gospel values through 5 dimensions - SPIRITUALITY: personal and communal prayer, scripture reflection and faith sharing. VOCATION: our call to discipleship by witnessing the Gospel of Jesus in and through the ordinary in our lives. COMMUNITY: monthly gatherings that enrich, support and encourage women to grow in holiness. EDUCATION: continued formation leading to spiritual maturity. MINISTRY: presence and service that exemplify love, compassion, tolerance, understanding and empathy with the feminine heart and global spirit.
Status:	Archdiocesan, International
History/Description:	In 1962 Bishop Marocco, the Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Toronto was invited to be the key note speaker for the first national conference of the Theresians of USA. He returned to Toronto and started the first Theresian Community in 1963. The original mandate for Theresians was to pray for and foster religious vocations. After Vatican II, and coinciding with the exodus of sisters from their communities, the Theresian mandate was modified: to pray for a deeper appreciation of our own vocation, be it as a religious or lay person. We grow in our faith vision by living according to our five dimensions: Spirituality, Education, Community, Vocation and Ministry. St. Therese of Lisieux was chosen as patroness because she was able to see through the complicated spirituality of her day and develop her own "little way" to God. In the 70's there were a number of communities all over Ontario. Presently there are only 2 left: Theresians of Blessed Trinity Parish and the Theresians of St. Luke's Parish in Thornhill. Our Spiritual Advisor is Monsignor Ambrose E. Sheehy
Organizational Structure:	Theresians International - consists of countries which have at least one Theresian Community actively engaged in Theresian Mission. Present members: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Ghana, Mexico, Philippines, USA & Thailand Theresian International Board - provides leadership in the area of international expansion: to approve national constitutions and changes therein: and to oversee the equitability of international dues procedures. All member countries are represented on the board. TermL 3 years. Meet annually National Board - governing body of Theresians in each country which establishes national policy and sets directions in accordance with Theresian Mission Statement International Office - receives communication from each country and disseminates that informtion globally via newsletters, email fax and telephone. Resource Center International Executive Director - appointed and employed. Manages the day to day business of the Theresians International and implement the decisions, policies and programs. Community officers: President, 1st Vice President for Spiritual Development, 2nd Vice President for Community. Treasurer, Secretary, Rose Basket, Coveners for Special Events, Telephone. Program, Publicity, Members-at-Large

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Theresians of Canada	
Membership Criteria:	<p>-Catholic women, committed to Theresian way of life, i.e.attending & participating in the monthly Theresian meeting. The Theresian Vocation and lifestyle can only be carried out and nurtured within the context of he monthly community meeting; spending regular times in prayer each day and week' studying the Gospels and deepening her call to living out the Gospel values; offering herself ongoing educational and spiritual opportunities apart from the Theresian meeting.</p> <p>-Prepared to participate in the outreach ministry, in particular helping out women by encouraging and supporting them in their vocation to live to their full potential.</p>
Programs Available:	Other
Services:	Missions, Prayer and Devotional Associations, Separated, Widowed and Divorced, Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life, Assist women in need of moral support & understanding.
Activities:	Annual retreat, pilgrimage, lectio divina, parish events
Charitable Status:	Yes

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Vision of Love Ministry	
Contact Information:	51 Harland Crescent Ajax Ontario L1S 1K1 (416) 628-9833 visionoflovedannynelson@yahoo.ca Danny Nelson
Website:	www.visionoflove.ca
Known As:	Vision 2000 / Vision of Love
Charism:	Christian Art (Live Band Music, Dance, Recordings, Drama, State-of-the-Art items etc.)
Status:	Archdiocesan
History/Description:	<p>Vision 2000/Vision of Love Ministry began with prayer and dialogue among Christian Friends in 1996. Animated by Danny Nelson with special assistance from Tom Lang and Tony Rossi, two brothers in Christ sort to be instrumental to manifest God's Love and enrich the Local Catholic faith. It took approximately four months to prepare the first presentation at St. Aidan's Church in January 1997, however, that is still the base for contributing the Ministry at a monthly Mass, every 1st Saturday. Throughout the years a variety of musicians provided their talents and time to the success and stability to Vision of Love/Vision 2000.</p> <p>With each challenge we have encountered, we became stronger in our faith by sharing our Ministry at Churches and Christian gatherings particularly within the Catholic Charismatic Renewal and the Lay Organizations</p>
Organizational Structure:	Animator: Danny Nelson Event Co-ordinator: Camille Fereirra Music Director: Franz Braganza Drama Production and Administrator: Tom Lang Media Team: Theresa Smith and Tony Gosgnach
Membership Criteria:	Participants must acknowledge "Jesus Christ is Lord"
Programs Available:	Couples, Other, Prayer Groups, Singles, Youth
Services:	Apostolic and Pastoral Groups, Charitable Organizations, Ecumenism, Missions, Religious Goods and Books, Renewal Programs, Youth and Children, Music for Catholic Liturgies
Activities:	Visit Parishes/Churches to worship with the arts
Charitable Status:	

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter	
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Website:	www.wwmetoronto.ca
Known As:	Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Charism:	To renew the sacraments of Matrimony & Holy Orders
Status:	International, Archdiocesan
History/Description:	Began with Fr. Gabriel Calvo in Spain under auspices of Catholic Family Movement. Arrived in Canada In 1971
Organizational Structure:	World council composed of International coordinating Couple and Priest and 7 Secretariats (Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, Pacific, Canada, USA. Within Canada 6 Districts across the country
Membership Criteria:	Validly married and have attended a Worldwide marriage encounter Weekend experience in any of the 7 Secretariats
Programs Available:	Couples
Services:	Married Couples, Religious Goods and Books
Activities:	Enrichments, peer support for Matrimony, Holy Orders, community activities, social events
Charitable Status:	Yes