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Dear Parishioner,

Each year in the Catholic community, there are hundreds of children that need to leave their family home and be placed in foster care. At any given time, there are more than 1,100 children and youth in care who are not able to live with their parents due to parental illness, abandonment, child abuse or neglect. The Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto depends on loving foster families to provide safe and nurturing homes for these vulnerable children and youth.

Sadly, there are not enough foster homes to accommodate these children in the Greater Toronto Area.

I strongly believe that more Catholic families would be open to caring for foster children if they were aware of this urgent need for foster homes. I am asking you to seriously consider fostering, and the benefits it brings to your family and to vulnerable children in the community. This is your chance to demonstrate Catholic values in action.

For the past several years, the Catholic Children's Aid Society has been recruiting foster homes in community parishes through its Let a Child Have Faith in You campaign.

In considering this request, I would encourage you to remember our Lord who always welcomed and cared for the little children. With your help, we can all work together to provide our children with safe and nurturing homes within the Catholic community.

If you would like more information about making a difference in the life of a child through fostering, please contact the Catholic Children's Aid Society at 416-395-0558.

Yours sincerely in the Lord,

*Thomas Collins*

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