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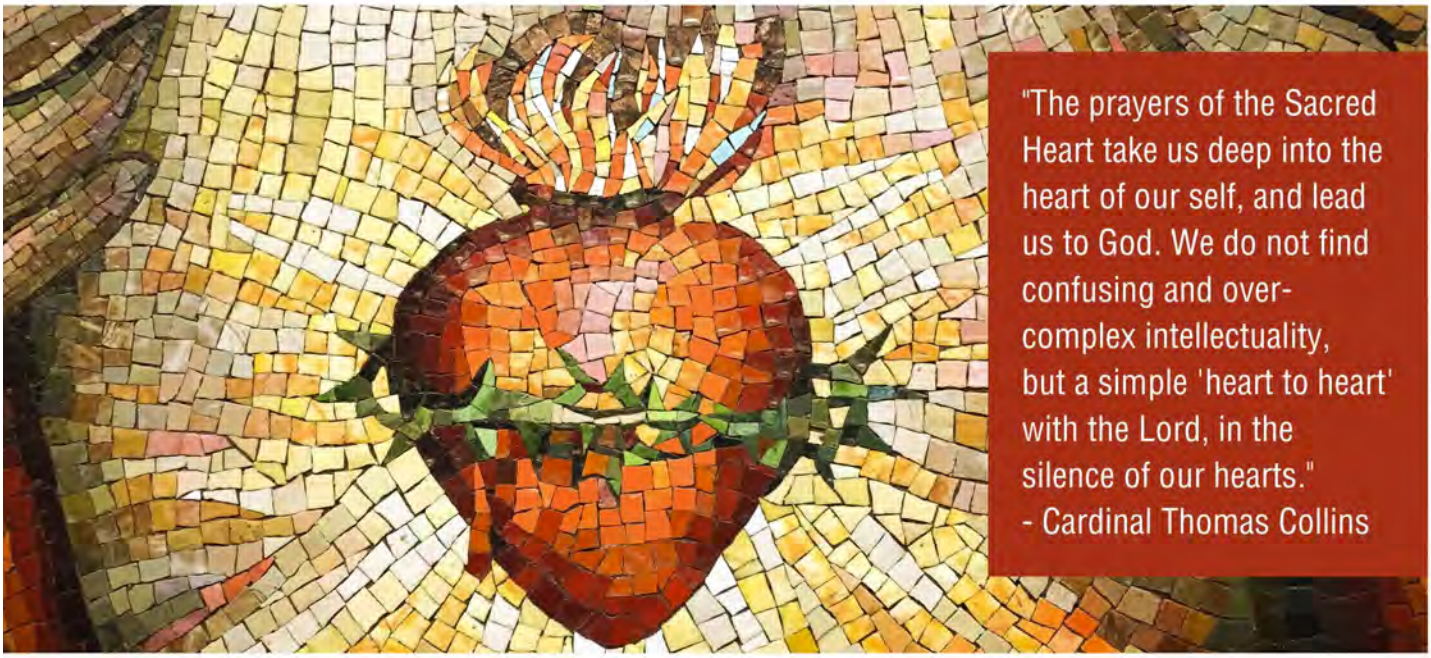

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The Month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart. The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost. This year, the Solemnity will be taking place on **Friday, June 24th**. In addition to the liturgical celebration, many devotional exercises are connected with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Devotion to the Sacred Heart was, and still remains, one of the most widespread and popular in the Catholic Church.

Understood in the light of the Scriptures, the term "Sacred Heart of Jesus" denotes the entire mystery of Christ, the totality of his being, and his person considered in its most intimate essential: Son of God, uncreated wisdom; infinite charity, principal of the salvation and sanctification of mankind. The "Sacred Heart" is Christ, the Word Incarnate, Saviour, intrinsically containing, in the Spirit, an infinite divine-human love for the Father and for his brothers.

Practical Suggestions for Devotion to the Sacred Heart: **Read a portion of one of the Gospels every day.** It might perhaps be the Gospel reading for the Mass of the day, or it might simply be a chapter a day. The Gospel of Matthew has 28 chapters, the Gospel of Mark has 16, the Gospel of Luke has 24, and the Gospel of John has 21: a total of 89 chapters, so that at a chapter a day the whole Gospel can be read about four times a year. Each chapter takes only a few minutes to read prayerfully, so as to encounter Jesus, and to experience the love of his Sacred Heart. **Make a Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament***. This was emphasized in the private revelation to St Margaret Mary. As Bishop Sheen remarks, spending an hour with Jesus is the only thing relating to himself that he specifically asked of us, when he said in the Garden of Gethsemane: "So, could you not watch with me one hour?" (Matthew 26:40) One can make this Holy Hour with any frequency; Bishop Sheen urges priests to do so every day. More suggestions can be found at the Archdiocese of Toronto's website: **https://bit.ly/3Hd0nBK**

***Please join us on Friday, June 24th at the St. John Henry Newman Catholic Church for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and then again from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Daily Mass will be celebrated at 12:15 pm.**

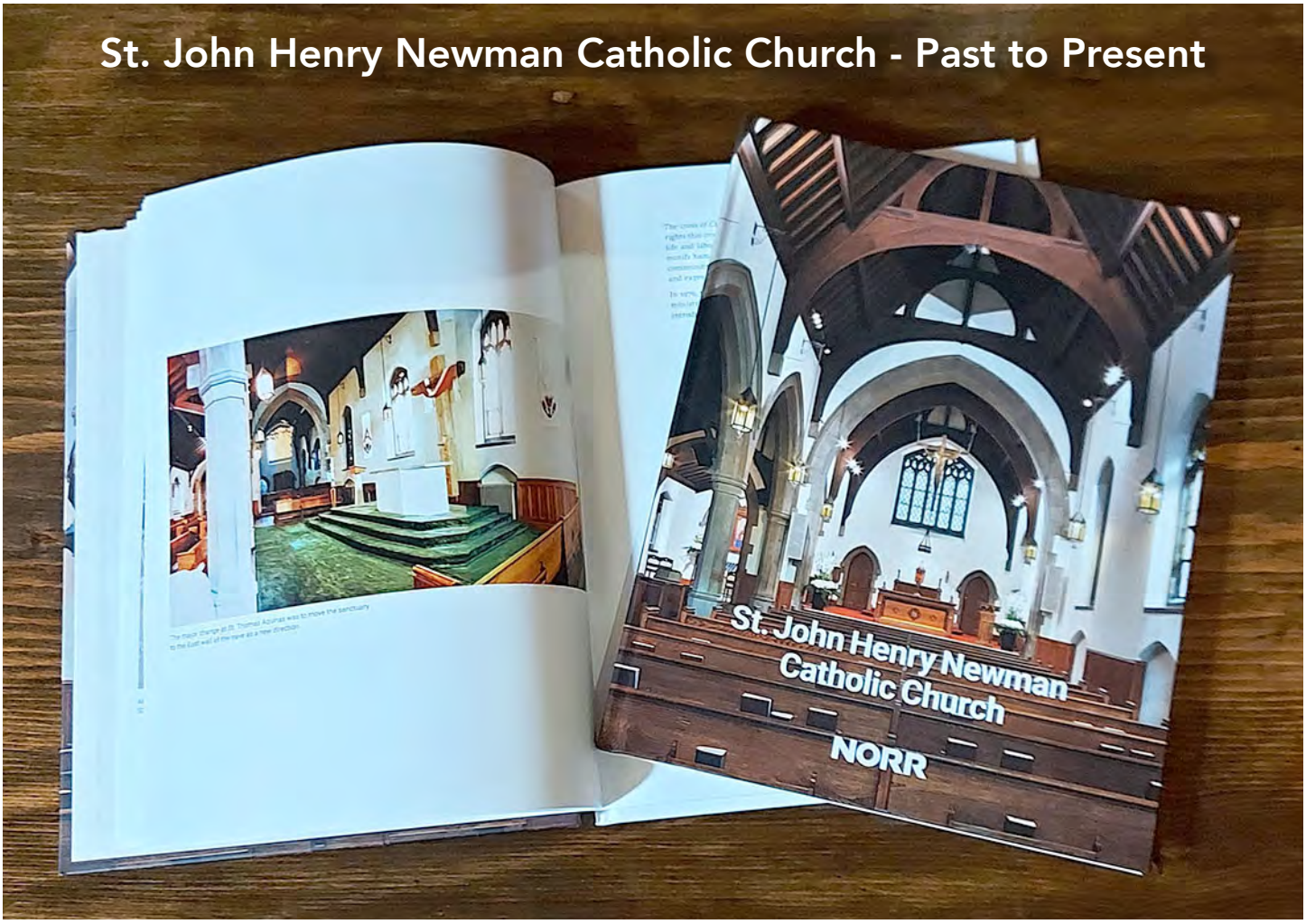
Join us at the Newman Centre every Wednesday evening, starting at 4:30 pm as we present "The Search" a seven-part video series from Augustine Institute for those looking for meaning in life and for the answers to life's deepest questions. **Why Are We Here? What's Life All About? What Happens When We Die?** The Search is an innovative video series that tackles the key questions of every human heart. In seven beautifully filmed episodes, Chris Stefanick and experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence.

Whether you are a practiced inquirer or a jaded skeptic, The Search will speak to you. You may be reassured by some parts, and challenged by others. Either way, you'll find a lot here to think about. And when all is said and done, life's questions demand to be answered.

Our series started on Wednesday, May 25th and will continue to Wednesday, July 6th and concluding with a social on Wednesday, July 13th. There is no cost to this event; however registration is required: **https://bit.ly/thesearch22**

WE ARE LOOKING FOR STUDENT SINGERS & MUSICIANS!

Are you currently a university student who is available to sing and/or play instruments at our 7:00 pm Sunday Mass? If so, we would love to hear from you! Please contact us today at: NewmancentreTO@archtoronto.org



Recently, a coffee table book was produced in print on the **St. John Henry Newman Catholic Church** by the Architecture and Design firm NORR. Written by Silvio Baldassarra, edited by Dr. Suzanne Scorsone, with a forward by Cardinal Thomas Collins. This book delves into the history of the St. John Henry Newman Church - past to present complete with beautiful photos and architectural blue prints. This book will make for a great addition to any book lover's collection and a great gift for anyone interested in the architectural transformation of a heritage landmark. Don't delay in obtaining your copy of this limited-run edition. **Each book is $45** and can be purchased (cash or cheque) on Sundays after Mass or during the week. For more information, please contact us at: newmancentreTO@archtoronto.org.

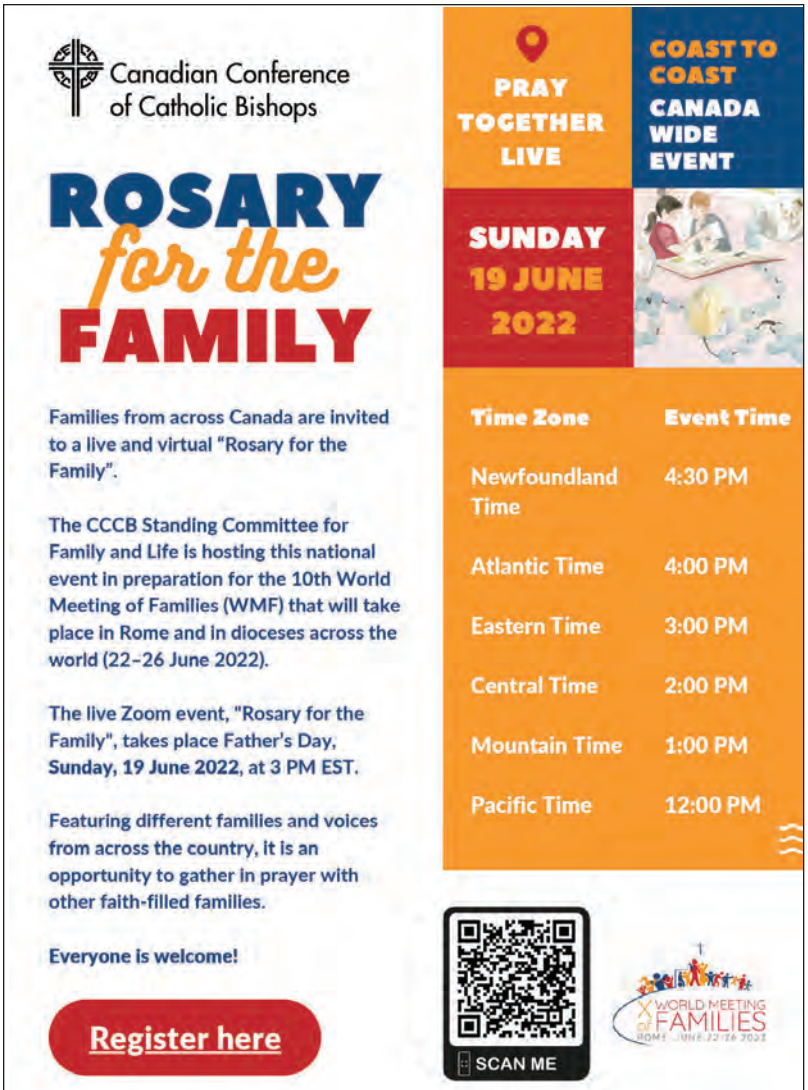
PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION BY SUPPORTING THE NEWMAN CENTRE PROGRAMS!

>> By donating to the **NEWMAN FOUNDATION**, you are helping to support all programs and initiatives related to campus ministry.

>> By donating to the **NEWMAN CENTRE**, you are helping to support our Parish community and all faith-based programs, such as sacramental preparation and much more.

There are several ways to make a donation: Simply tell us where you would like your donation to go to (Newman Foundation or to the Newman Centre) and how you would like to donate. This can be done by contacting Rachelle Ezechiels or Marie Frassica or you may choose to donate directly through our website www.newmantoronto.com which will lead you to our Newman Centre - Archdiocese of Toronto's donation pages: **Foundation:** https://bit.ly/3nXVlRc or **Newman Centre:** https://bit.ly/3HVky6j

Please contact us for more information and for alternate ways to donate (i.e. pre-authorized giving plan, legacy or planned giving, and corporate giving). We issue tax receipts for all donations of $20 or more.



From Patrick Douglas, Associate Director, Family Life and Special Projects with the Archdiocese of Toronto: In preparation for the 10th World Meeting of Families (WMF), the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' Standing Committee for Family and Life is hosting a live and nationwide Rosary for the Family via Zoom Webinar. The virtual event will take place on **Sunday, June 19 at 3:00 pm** and will be facilitated by several families from across the country.

As part of the Amoris Laeitita Family Year, the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, and the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life have published a **"Rosary for the Family".** The publication is a beautiful meditation focused on families, children, couples and grandparents. It is the hope of the Standing Committee for Family and Life that this moment will be an opportunity to gather at the national level in prayer as well as to witness alongside other faith-filled families. We invite all families to share and to take part in this initiative. Please connect to the Zoom registration link: https://bit.ly/3O72Y1Z

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