



MEMORANDUM

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To: All Priests
From: Neil MacCarthy, Director, Public Relations & Communications
Date: August 28, 2024
Re: Invitation - Christian Citizenship Symposium – September 13, 2024

I wanted to pass along information regarding an upcoming Christian Citizenship Symposium being hosted for Christian leaders in Toronto on Friday, September 13, 2024. It may be of interest for priests or a small number of leaders from your parish community. While the archdiocese is not involved in overseeing this event, there are a number of knowledgeable speakers and relevant topics.

The purpose of the Symposium is to provide an intensive workshop equipping Christian leaders with the knowledge and tools needed to engage effectively in the public square. There will be a series of talks, as well as time for networking with leaders and politicians from across Canada. This event is free to attend and participation is by invitation only – to register, you are asked to use the unique invitation code below.

A few confirmed topics and speakers include:

- *Christians Supporting Refugees* – Deacon Rudy Ovcjak (Archdiocese of Toronto)
- *Christians on the School Board* – Theresa Lubinski (TCDSB)
- *Christianity and Social Justice (economic focus)* – Jamil Jivani MP
- *Christian Response to the Opioid Crisis* – George Glover
- *Christians Engaging Canada's Parliament* – Garnett Genuis MP
- *Euthanasia, Medical and Pro-life Issues* – Dr. Lucas Vivas
- *Legal Issues Important to Christians and Christian Organizations* – Sheldon Wood
- *Charities Law* – Philip Lawrence MP
- *Political Backroom Essentials* – Hamish Marshall

The details of the Symposium are as follows:

- Date and Time: Friday, September 13th, 2024, from 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- Location: [Jesus is Lord Church - Cornerstone Toronto \(85 Christie St, Toronto, ON M6G 3B1\)](#)
- Cost: There is NO COST to attend.

[Please click here to RSVP](#) using your unique invitation code: ARCHTO. This code can be used by anyone who will be attending from your parish so feel free to share this invite with leaders you think may benefit (please do not post in your bulletin or online).

Thank you as always for your continued co-operation.