

**Clergy comment**

# The Prince of Peace

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 For to us a child is born,  
 to us a Son is given;  
 and the government will be upon His shoulder,  
 and His name will be called  
 "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."  
 Isaiah 9:6

Everywhere, man is preparing once more to celebrate Christmas, remembering the birth of Jesus Christ, an event that took place almost 2,000 years ago. However, looking at the way mankind is preparing for this event, one wonders what we are commemorating. Do we still know what Christmas is all about?

The birth of the Savior was already foretold in Old Testament times, when He was identified as the coming Prince of Peace.

Admittedly, it seems ironic to speak or sing about peace in a world where we observe hatred, jealousy, fear and distrust. However, the message of peace stands at the very heart of the Christmas story, and it is essential to the proclamation of the Christian Gospel.

The night Christ was born, and the angels sang of peace on earth, these words were spoken in a world that had already peace, the long enduring Pax Romana, or Roman Peace, brought about by the emperor Augustus who had emerged as the victorious Caesar.

In ancient Rome there was a shrine dedicated to the pagan god Janus. Whenever the Romans went to war, the

doors of that shrine were opened, so that Janus could go with them and bring them victory. The night the angels sang of peace on earth, Janus had been shut up in his shrine for some years already.

Obviously, peace meant one thing to Augustus, another thing to God. Christmas means that the peace of God in Jesus Christ has come down to us. Jesus Christ came into this world to save sinners. For that very purpose God Himself took on our human flesh for:

"God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."  
 Thus Jesus whom the prophet Isaiah identified as the Prince of Peace is the only hope for this world.

We shall know true peace when we accept the will of God for our lives. God desires the salvation of the sinner for sin lies at the very core of our existence. Into this sin-sick and suffering world, the Prince of Peace came as the promised Savior. He came to free man from the curse of sin; He died our death; He rose again for our salvation. That now is the peace that the angels sang about, a peace that passes all understanding.

Do you know the Prince of Peace as your Lord and Savior?

Our Christmas celebration only makes sense when we have His peace in our hearts. You may have it, too. Commit yourselves to Him, confess your sin and you'll be overwhelmed by His love.

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## Club enjoys Xmas party

The Blue Triangle Club held its annual Christmas Luncheon last Tuesday. This senior citizens club is co-ordinated by and meets at the Georgetown "Y" in St. Andrew's Church.

About 75 members meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month to enjoy cards and games, guest speakers, crafts, bus trips and other activities.

The Blue Triangle Club recently held a successful bazaar and tea to help finance its activities for the coming year.

Following our lunch Dec. 2, the seniors were joined for some carol singing by a group of students from Centennial School under the direction of Paul Brisley.

The seniors were anxious to support the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope and were pleased to donate \$150 to this fund. Phidela Drouillard made the presentation to Betty Hull of the local unit of the Cancer Society.

Donations of cash and canned goods will be made by club members to the Good Neighbours of Halton Hills.

The Georgetown and District YM-YWCA is the recipient of a cheque for \$100. Phyllis Wolfe presented this donation to Michael Brady, executive director of the Georgetown "Y".

Blue Triangle Club members also recognized their volunteer drivers with tokens of their appreciation.

Cathy Oomen, Irene Soal, Judy Travers and John Ferguson have generously given of their time to drive club members to and from meetings. Without the kindness of these people, many members who have no transportation would be unable to attend the club's twice monthly meetings.

The club's membership is always growing, as does the need for drivers, who can spare time Tuesday afternoons to get a few seniors out for a friendly afternoon.

Volunteers are asked to leave their name and phone numbers with the "Y" office at 877-6163 so they can be contacted in January.

## Italians appeal for aid

An appeal for funds from the Italian Red Cross to assist those left homeless by the recent earthquake was met by an immediate contribution of \$10,000 from the Canadian Red Cross.

Donations will be used to provide tents, blankets and non-perishable food items to the scores of people left homeless by the quake.

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