



CLERGY COMMENT

Not settled

By REV. RICK JONES

St. George's Anglican Church
In spite of a good deal of democratic lobbying by church groups, municipalities and many other groups in our society concerned about the quality of our lives, the question of Sunday shopping is not settled. When the decision is made one way or the other in our community I hope that the Christian point of view is considered.

As a Christian minister I cannot debate the economic advantages or disadvantages of Sunday shopping. I would hope that the economics of the question would only be one element of the debate. Other elements could be the quality of our family lives and the quality and opportunities for community life that a common day of rest provides. It might surprise some to learn that as a Christian I am not arguing for the sabbath day of rest in the Old Testament. This is the Jewish day of rest on Saturdays. The Lord's Day is the first day of the week, it is Sunday. Sunday is the day that Jesus rose again from the dead. It is resurrection day, and has been celebrated by Christians for almost 2,000 years. This is the central element in our faith, it is the hope of everlasting life that Christians proclaim.

Starting on Easter morning and ending this year on May 14 Christians are celebrating the Easter Season. It is also spring and the two events go well together. It is a time to celebrate new birth and new beginnings. Life after the death of winter. Every Sunday is an Easter Sunday and this focus on new birth and new beginnings continues throughout the year. Christians would argue that Sunday is a day to re-create to rebuild things. To rebuild family relationships, to rebuild friendships, to rebuild communities. A time to walk in parks, take advantage of recreational activities, work around the garden. We believe that Jesus began something new on that first Sunday. We have the opportunity to share in the process everyday but especially on that special day of renewal called Sunday.

Well-known artist is named show juror

Well-known artist Sheila Maki has been named the juror for the 16th Annual Juried Show of Fine Arts sponsored by the Peel Heritage Complex, heritage administrator Mike Proudlock has announced.

The annual event, open to visual artists in the Region of Peel and neighboring communities, provides a forum for them to exhibit their work through adjudication.

In addition to the potential recognition to be accorded winners, there will be \$500 in prize monies to be awarded for painting, drawing, sculpting and printmaking.

The art gallery, which features its permanent collection of fine pieces all year round, is free to the public.

The deadline for entries is May 7. An exhibition showing the best

works will be held between May 31 and July 2 at the Region of Peel Art Gallery, 9 Wellington St. East in Brampton.

For more information on the juried show, please contact Janice Calvert, curator, Region of Peel Art Gallery, at 454-5441.

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