



**PRAYER POWER:** Members of the Acton Ministerial who participated in Sunday's Acton Service of Christian Unity at the Legion included, from left: The Reverend Shawn Brix (Bethel Christian Reformed), Pastor Rob Tannahill (Evangelical Pentecostal Tabernacle), the Reverend Tom Cullen (Acton Baptist), the Reverend Jamie Shepherd (Pentecostal), the Reverend Emrys Jenkins (Churchill United), the Reverend Bob Matton (Trinity United) and Captain Larry Jennings (Salvation Army.) - Frances Niblock photo

## Power or prayer emphasized at Unity Service on Sunday

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK  
The New Tanner

It was standing room only at the Acton Legion on Sunday morning as members of the congregations of Acton's nine churches joined in prayer at the annual Acton

### Teen leaders are needed

A reminder for all energetic youth about the 1999 Leadership Development Program offered by the Halton Hills Recreation and parks Department.

The program will run March 15-19, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Acton Arena and Community Centre. It will provide teens with the leadership skills and hands-on experience they will need to work with children. You'll learn fun, new activities and games, interview skills, child management techniques, first aid tips, and how to include kids with special needs.

We are looking for teens between the ages of 13 and 126 to join our Leadership Dream Team. Space is limited and the registration deadline is Feb. 22. Don't be shy, give it a try.

For more information please call (905) 873-2601, ext. 262.

Unity Service, sponsored by the Acton Ministerial Association.

The Acton Citizens' band played three songs in the prelude and joint adult and youth choirs led the hymns. In his sermon, titled "One in Heart and Mind" the Reverend Shawn Brix of Bethel Christian Reformed Church, chair of the Acton Ministerial, read from Acts 4:23-32, which includes what is believed to be the earliest recorded prayer.

"The disciples knew that Christian unity was the context in which prayer was to take place. Unity was the context in which God's power could be released," Rev. Brix said, asking how are the 6 or 7,000 Actonites who weren't at the services going to hear and see the love of God and the gospel of Je-

sus Christ.

"If we, Christ's followers, pray with one heart and mind asking God to equip us with his power, then God will hear our prayer and use us to make his presence experienced in our community."

Brix said that the prayers of Acton's church communities lack power if they aren't in accord with one another.

"When there's unresolved tensions between us our prayers are largely ineffective. If harmony is missing, so is power," Brix said, adding that they have a mutual calling and task, but they aren't trying to become one and "muster up some unity," but to express and celebrate their unity.

"Unity isn't a goal - it's a given and our goal is to express that unity."

## Timing of service hinders Catholics

Father Dave Reilander told parishioners at three masses on the weekend that St. Joseph's could not officially take part in the unity service on Sunday because the time was inconvenient.

I asked the ministerial association twice to change the time so I could attend as well as our parishioners but they refused, he said.

Catholics have an obligation to attend mass on Sundays and their worship is in the celebration of the Eucharist and the reception of communion. The Protestant churches have a different form of worship and are able to adjust to the 10 a.m. time of the unity service, he said. However, he has an obligation to say mass for the Catholic people and the masses on Sundays are at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. as well as Saturdays at 5 p.m.

Parishioners who were able to attend the unity service did so on their own, he

said, not as representative of St. Joseph's. Last year representatives of the Catholic congregation attended in an official capacity.

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Registration for those children who will be attending Junior Kindergarten and Senior Kindergarten in the Catholic Schools in Burlington, Oakville, Milton, Georgetown and Acton will be held at all schools on:

**TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY**  
February 9 and 10, 1999  
9:00 am. to noon  
1:30 pm. to 5:00 pm

### AGE OF ADMISSION AND REQUIREMENTS

#### Junior Kindergarten

Children are required to be 4 years of age on or before December 31, 1999

#### Senior Kindergarten

Children are required to be 5 years of age on or before December 31, 1999

- Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate is required
- Before registration is finalized, a child will have completed the prescribed program of immunization for diphtheria, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps and rubella
- Families registering for the first time at a school are requested to provide the child's medical card at the time of registration
- For further information or alternate registration date, please contact the principal of your nearest Catholic School

Please note:

Children currently registered in their school's Junior Kindergarten program are not required to register for the Senior Kindergarten program. Placement in the Senior Kindergarten program will be processed by the school unless otherwise notified by the parents(s)/guardian(s).

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