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York Region Liberals
gear up for possible
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENT: Children's internet seminar
WHEN: Wednesday, Aug. 7, 1-2:30 p.m. (642-READ)
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Youth Day pilgrims getting the message

Stouffville church hosts mass for U.S. visitors

BY MIKE ADLER
Staff Writer

It's never too late to turn back to the Lord, about 900 World Youth Day pilgrims and volunteers heard in Markham yesterday.

Even the greatest and brightest need to be reconciled to God, Bishop William Skylstad from Spokane, Wash. told the young faithful before a morning mass in St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Grudges and a lack of forgiveness are like spiritual cancers in us, the bishop said, but added no one sins alone. The tragedy of sexual abuse in the Church shows "how connected we are," he said. "A few people have committed terrible, terrible wrongs, but you know I'm impacted by that as well."

There are 860 World Youth Day pilgrims staying in the Markham area, 491 of them quartered in the gymnasium and classrooms at Brother Andre Catholic High School.

The week, highlighted by gargantuan masses with Pope John Paul II in Exhibition Place Thursday and in Downsview tomorrow, is about "sharing faith and showing that it's possible to be a Catholic in modern times," said John Pollard, who came with a group of 14 pilgrims from Northampton, England.

"We all know where each one stands and there's no bigotry or

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FIVE POWER OUTAGES AFTER PROVINCIAL UTILITY BOUGHT STOUFFVILLE HYDRO SERVICE

HYDRO ONE SUING TOWN

BY JOAN RANSBERRY
Staff Writer

Hydro One has filed a \$360,000 lawsuit against the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, claiming the municipality's hydro electric utility wasn't in sound working order when it was sold.

Hydro One bought the Whitchurch-Stouffville Hydro Electric Commission for \$6.2 mil-

lion in June 2001. The money was placed in a reserve fund.

A provincial court-appointed arbitrator will hear the case in the fall and decide if it will proceed to court. "Hopefully, we can resolve it and we won't have to go to court," said the town's chief administrative officer-treasurer Nick Kristoffy.

The lawsuit comes as a shock to both Mr. Kristoffy and Mayor

Wayne Emmerson.

"We are perplexed and dismayed," said Mr. Kristoffy. "As far as I'm concerned, we negotiated the deal in good faith."

Before the sale took place a year ago, Hydro One had access to the local utility's budgets, covering a three-year period, said Mr. Kristoffy. Hydro One also had six months to review the day-to-day operation of

the utility, the CAO added. "As well, they had a Hydro One person in place (in Stouffville) for the last three months before the sale. He was doing due diligence," said Mr. Kristoffy.

Mayor Emmerson said Hydro One officials had ample opportunity to check out the system before the sale took place. "I feel we did

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VERY CRAFTY

Chloé Marshall, 11, (left) and Rebecca Nicholls, 11, help each other make a beading loom at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum summer craft workshop for students on Wednesday. The museum is located in the Woodbine Avenue community of Vandorf.

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