

OUT OF THE COLD UPDATE

“Charity begins today. Today somebody is suffering, today somebody is in the street, today somebody is hungry. Our work is for today. Yesterday has gone, tomorrow has not yet come – today, we have only today to make Jesus known, loved, served, fed, clothed, and sheltered.” [St. Teresa of Calcutta]

For 36 years you have responded to the call so eloquently stated by Mother Teresa. This apostolate is dear to many of you, as evidenced by your ongoing generosity. Despite a move to St. Catherine of Siena Parish, the Covid outbreak, the sale of the St. Catherine of Siena, and a total restructuring of the services offered, the program has continued. We, currently prepare 120 hot meals every Thursday and distribute them from the steps of St. Ann’s Parish on Gerrard Street East. The program runs from early November to mid-April.

After much reflection, and discussion with Father Shibil and Father Francis of St Ann, going forward, we will change our name to “St. Ann Out of the Cold”, and we will handle our own financial matters. This makes sense as this is where the apostolate is operated and will continue to grow. Father Shibil was quick to assure us that St. Brigid’s will continue with its annual collection in support of this historic parish apostolate. (That collection will take place at all the Masses on Dec. 16 and 17)

Though the name and location are new, the St. Brigid’s spirit and legacy continues. Thanks to Fr. Shibil for his continued support and to each and every one of you who through your prayers and financial assistance continue to be the lifeblood of this apostolate.

We will keep you informed going forward and will work hard at maintaining the legacy of St. Brigid’s Out of the Cold. In this way we will honour the Parish and the countless parishioners who have given so much over the years in service to the homeless and needy in our city. Future donations can be made to “St. Ann Out of the Cold,” 106 Lesmount Ave., Toronto. M4J 3V9

Thank you for your ongoing support.

God bless us all.

The St. Ann Out of the Cold Team