

Blessed Sacrament Refugee Sponsorship

Dear Parishioners,

It has been a journey of many months in our intention to sponsor refugees and bring them to the safe keeping of our community. We continue to work under the guidance of the Office of Refugees for the Hamilton Diocese, which is cooperating with Citizenship and Immigration, Canada.

As you may remember from one of our last bulletin notifications, we were asked to expand our sponsorship invitation to include refugees from other regions of the world that are experiencing similar difficulties to that of Syrian refugees. We responded affirmatively.

As indicated on the parish website, we have been matched with two women from Iraq, a mother and her adult daughter. They are currently in a refugee camp in Lebanon. Their names are Nihab and Reeta.

We are busy making the necessary arrangements. We would like to appeal to you for some of the furnishings and provisions needed. Please keep in mind that all items are to be apartment size, clean, new or slightly used and in good working order. Please be aware that some necessary supplies have been or will be purchased through the funds that were raised.

The following is a list of items we need to provide at this time:

- Flat screen tv (24")
- Couch or loveseat
- Occasional chairs
- Coffee table
- Bookshelf
- Bedside table
- Microwave
- Blender
- 2 bedframes for twin beds
- Table lamps
- Small vacuum
- Laundry hamper, broom, dust pan, mop and pail, toilet bowl brushes
- Gift cards (e.g., Food Basics, Fresh Co, Canadian Tire).
- New linens: twin sheets, pillows, blankets, 2 mattress pads for twin beds
- Shower and window curtains

If you have any of these items you wish to donate, please contact:

Tom and Mary Borys ph. 519 742 5742 between the hours of 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Also, while we have been researching and visiting housing in the region, we are not to sign a lease until Nihab and Reeta are here to sign it as well (diocesan stipulation). Therefore, we are currently looking for temporary housing upon their arrival. If you have helpful information regarding housing please contact the above number.

Thank you for your continued support.