



BISHOP OF HAMILTON

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Dear Friends,

Since 1953 the Catholic community in the City of Hamilton has been blessed to have the services of the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton. The work of the CCASH is the work of saving lives! Not only is this important for the entire Hamilton community, but it is vitally important for the children, youth and families who benefit from their care.

There are many ways to help children and families, but none more rewarding than opening your hearts and home to a child in need. In situations where parents are not able to safely care for their children, CCASH is committed to ensuring that children and youth have lifelong connections with their family and community. One critically important aspect of the Society's work is providing loving homes for the children in the care of the Society. These homes are provided by a dedicated group of individuals who act as foster families for the Society. Foster parents consider this mission both a privilege and an honour. They are examples of people who are living the gospel values and who believe their vocation as one of providing a commitment to the life of a child.

The Society currently is experiencing a shortage of foster homes and there is a critical need for families who would be open to fostering infants (children under 5) and adolescents (children and youth between 12 and 18). The Catholic Children's Aid Society is looking for people in the Catholic community from a diverse range of cultural and ethnic backgrounds who are willing to open their hearts and homes to a child in need. Making the decision to foster a child is a significant and life-changing event.

I am asking you today to consider becoming a foster family and help change the life of a child. I ask you to consider this vocation and help make a difference in the lives of our children. If you have room in your hearts and your home please contact the CCASH today. You can contact the agency at 905-525-2012 or on-line (www.hamiltonccas.on.ca) to help you with any questions you may have about this very important vocation.

You are not being asked to make a lifetime commitment, but a commitment to the life of a child!

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

+ *Douglas Crosby*, OMI

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Bishop of Hamilton

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