

ST GEORGE CHURCH WAS SPOTTED AT THE ANNUAL PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

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The Parish was energetically represented at the 56th Annual Parish Life Conference held last week at St George Church of Niagara Falls. We had twenty-seven participants in the Creative Arts Festival competition, and two Bible Bowl teams, Junior and Senior. On the junior team was: **Alex Habib, Christine Cassis, and Jonathan Sourial.** On the senior team was: **Matthew Sourial, Jessica Auger and David Michael.** And our Oratorical Festival competitor in the senior division was **Stephanie Mitri.**

The Arts Festival awarded our Sunday school children five prizes. The winners are: **Angela Marino, Dani Khalouf, Joseph Zarifogly, Laura Sabbagh and Tatiana Shaheen.** While our Bible Bowl Teams competed with the other teams of the Diocese on the knowledge of the Book of ST JOHN, our orator illumined us with a bright oration on the theme of the conference taken from the Anaphora of St John Chrysostom and St Basil the Great: "Be mindful, O Lord, of those who bear fruit and do good works in thy Holy Churches, and who remember the Poor."

We came back uplifted and impressed by the knowledge of our teens and their fellow youth. We learned from them that "The People of God are meant for the salvation of the People" by using their talents and gifts for mankind and especially the poor.

We congratulate **Samantha Michael** our new Youth Director on her diligent work in preparing our youth for this conference, as well as our winners and all those who participated. We congratulate the parish of St George and we thank our Lord who guided us and directed us throughout this safe journey.