



May, 2025

Dear Lay Readers and Friends,

We are writing to encourage you to attend Summer Fruit for Souls 2025. This will be the 24th year that the Diocese of Ontario has offered a summer programme for Lay Readers and others seeking spiritual growth and the development of leadership skills.

For 10 years or so SFFS has been planned and led by Mary Raddon and there is a huge gap to fill. Such a gap indeed that it has taken a whole committee to get this far. Circumstances have led to a number of exciting changes in terms of the venue, programme delivery and online availability.

The sessions will be around preaching, with both lectures and experiential learning, on parish growth and development, and on the use of icons in worship. The attached poster gives more detail regarding our presenters. Three evening sessions are planned: a movie night, a workshop on chanting the canticles as well as Compline. There will be lots of chances to interact with other Lay Readers from our Diocese and from other Dioceses in Ontario.

The venue is Queen's University, with accommodation in their newest residence for those coming from afar, dining in Ban Righ Hall and sessions in Mac-Corry Hall. There will be walking! At least 6 to 7 minutes out of doors each day. If needed there will be a shuttle service as there is no parking at either the dining hall or the meeting space.

The numbers we can accommodate are limited so you must register early to attend in person. This year all of the sessions will be available online.

*We hope to hear back from you soon and to meeting with you in the summer,
The SFFS Committee*

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