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Building A Hearty Fire and Welcoming All

Ottawa Valley faithful come together in laughter and praise

(Pembroke, On) For the 3rd year in a row the non-profit organization, Funny in a Good Way (FIAGW), is organizing an event to launch the week of prayer for Christian Unity. The next unity experience is scheduled for Saturday, January 18th, 2020, at 7 p.m. at Pembroke's Festival Hall.

As in the past, FIAGW will deliver an event that steps outside of the traditional church setting and provide those in attendance with an evening of praise and worship, prayer, reflection, fellowship, and some great laughs.

The event will start with some contemporary praise music from GATE47, a band with roots in the Ottawa Valley and passion for sharing their music ministry in many different venues in the area.

The Pembroke Area Clergy Association has confirmed their participation and will be delivering a short comedy sketch. In previous years, this component has been considered a highlight of the evening.

The featured comic activity will be delivered by Up Standing Comedy and brings the stylings of Timmy Boyle and the youthful musings of the up-and-coming Cheridan Richardson.

We are blessed to have Deacon Adrien Chaput from the Catholic Diocese of Pembroke join us as the emcee for the evening and he stated the importance of bringing people together. He shared a quote from "The Testament of Cardinal Mercier" in support of Christian unity, "In order to unite with one another, we must love one another; in order to love one another, we must know one another; in order to know one another, we must go and meet one another." This is a great opportunity to live out those words.

The net proceeds of the evening are set to go to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Centre (FSO). Director Donalee Loback expressed, "We are thrilled to be partnering together with 'Funny in a Good Way' to celebrate unity in community! Our mission is helping to create wholesome families and a stronger community by sharing Christ's love with integrity and respect. The FIAGW event seems like a perfect fit for us."

Managing Director for FIAGW Michael Gulliver advises, "Our attendance over the last few years indicates there is an appetite for this kind of event. We feel blessed the community and so many clergy members have embraced the activities of FIAGW. This year we're looking to increase the number of events and are encouraging local churches to partner in delivering other fun-filled events throughout the entire week of prayer; basically, to deliver a true week of unity."

FIAGW continues to welcome organizations and businesses to step up and partner in the mission of unity and perhaps help with other events through the week. Interested parties are invited to contact Michael Gulliver at 613-401-5524 or via email at funnyinagoodway@outlook.com. Tickets for the January 18th event are \$20.00 in advance or \$25.00 at the door and are available at www.funnyinagoodway.ca, Alterna Savings, 680 Pembroke St. E., First Step Options, 337 Murray St. and The Roman Catholic Diocese office, 188 Renfrew St. Pembroke.

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