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**Unity 2009: Life on the Edge**  
**August 13-16**

Understand. Embrace. Celebrate. This is how our Church's youth have come to answer the question, "What does it mean to be Byzantine Catholic?" since Unity 1996 in Winnipeg. The tradition of fellowship, prayer and education has been carried forward at Canmore and Muenster and now the torch has been passed to Toronto. The next Unity will be held at Mount Mary Retreat Centre in Ancaster, Ontario on August 13-16, 2009.

Both the local and national organizing teams have been working hard to ensure Unity's flame continues to burn brightly for Ukrainian Catholic young adults ages 18 to 35. We have been especially grateful for the ready help and wisdom that national eparchial representatives have offered.

Unity 2009 will have everything you have come to expect from this celebration: the opportunity to meet others from across Canada and discuss what is meaningful to you; catechesis; a variety of liturgies; and Zabava. Speakers will share how they have lived the adventure of Christian life and how sometimes they were called to take a risk along the way.

One of the new things being introduced is the opportunity to stay an extra couple of days in the area for a post Unity tour of Niagara Falls and Toronto.

The theme for Unity 2009, *Life on the Edge*, is inspired in part by our surroundings. We are gathering on an edge - on the Niagara Escarpment, one of the world's most beautiful land formations encompassing a natural wonder - Niagara Falls. It is an important corridor of life-giving green space through south-central Ontario.

As Christians, we also live on a life-giving edge that is both challenging and an adventure. What is 'edgier' than setting out with Jesus Christ as his disciple?

Jesus' call is a simple invitation to be in relationship with God. He asks that we "follow" him (Mt 4:19) and "come and see" (Jn 1:39) for ourselves what abundant life means. Discipleship can be risky and difficult at times, but it can also be breathtaking. It's never boring!

We invite all young adults ages 18-25 to join us for the next leg of our joint adventure at Unity 2009 - come and see for yourselves what Christian life on the edge is all about!

For more information and to register, visit [www.unity2009.ca](http://www.unity2009.ca).