

## Territorial Acknowledgement for Concerned Lay Catholics

*[This statement reflects the location of Concerned Lay Catholics in Hamilton. Please research the traditional lands upon which your community is located. We suggest you consult with local Indigenous leaders for input on a statement that reflects their territories and agreements, if any. You may be situated on unceded territory and this is important to acknowledge as well].*

As members and guests of [name of parish], we acknowledge that the lands we live, work and meet on are the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississauga. This land is covered by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabek to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. We further acknowledge that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. As settlers it is our responsibility to learn about and acknowledge our colonial history and the ways in which we continue to perpetuate it. As people of faith working for justice, we are called to discern how we are to respond to the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.