

## Family Ministry Office Diocese of Hamilton

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Contact Information:416 465 2868 or 1-866-509-9252 www.fertilitycare.ca



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**Contact Information**: 905-683-9055; www.naturalfamilyplanning.ca



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