



Heart to Heart

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POPE FRANCIS HAS CHOSEN BISHOP DANIEL MIEHM to lead the Diocese of Peterborough, recently vacated by the appointment of Bishop William McGrattan to Calgary. The appointment was announced this morning by Archbishop Luigi Bonazzi, Apostolic Nuncio to Canada. Bishop Miehm is in Peterborough today to meet with the Chancery personnel and to “meet the press”. His installation will take place on April 19, 2017, during a Mass celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains. Until that time, he will continue to meet many of his commitments here, while making plans for his move to Peterborough. While offering our profound thanks to Bishop Miehm for his dedicated service to the Diocese over 28 years, we extend our congratulations and good wishes to him on this new assignment. Thank you for your loyalty and affirmative response to the call of the Holy Father!

FATHER MURRAY McDERMOTT WAS RECENTLY ELECTED by delegates of the Ontario-Kentucky Province of the Congregation of the Resurrection to a second term as Provincial Superior. His second mandate will begin on July 1, 2017, when he and members of his new Provincial Council (still to be elected) will be installed. We offer our thanks, our good wishes, and our assurance of prayers to Father Murray and to the Priests and Brothers of the Province.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER TONY O'DELL, OMI, named “*Irish Person of the Year*” by the Wearing of the Green Committee. The honour will be awarded at the March 17th, St. Patrick’s Day Lunch at Michelangelo’s. Bishop Joseph Ryan, sixth Bishop of Hamilton, was the first honoree many years ago; so, Father Tony is following in an impressive line! *Dia is Muire Dhuit!*

THE OFFICE FOR DISCIPLESHIP AND PARISH LIFE WELCOME FR. BILL RYAN, S.J., and Anne Marie Jackson from the Jesuit Forum, on April 21, 2017. They will animate a forum with Priests and Lay Pastoral Ministers from across the Diocese on the recently published dialogue guide on *Laudato Si’ - On Care of Our Common Home*. The day will be spent exploring the resource and looking at how we might use it as a springboard for discussions in our Parishes.

REPLIES FOR THE DINNER AND MASS OF CHRISM on Monday, April 10, 2017, are coming in fast and furious! Please be sure you have responded – and indicated on the response card your attendance at both the Dinner and the Mass. Plans are proceeding for both events and we want to be sure that there will be a place for you!

260 COUPLES HAVE REGISTERED ALREADY for the 2017 Wedding Anniversary Mass! One couple will be celebrating their 71st anniversary!!! Please ensure that parishioners who are celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60, and 60+ anniversaries are aware of the event, and that they have registered. Flowers, certificates and seating will be guaranteed if they do! The special Mass will take place at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, at 1:30 p.m. on June 25, 2017.

FATHER TED HUGHES, PASTOR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH in Waterloo, recently wrote the following to parishioners. “*Lent is the Season when we recognize that God is in charge and not us. ... You may be aware now that the cancer I have is treatable but not curable. The small cell cancer from the prostate has spread to the bones, lymph system and most recently the lungs. ... I have accepted that reality and feel truly blessed that I have been given such good time to hear of the many ways that God has worked in me and through me in the lives of so many people. ... This Lent let us pray for each other, that God’s merciful love will lead and guide us and reveal His face to us, even in times of darkness.*” We keep Father Ted in our prayers.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI