



Heart to Heart

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YOUTH RALLY 2017, co-sponsored by the Diocesan Youth Office and the CYO, will take place on June 3rd, at Camp Brebeuf in Rockwood. Registration is well underway – the plan is to welcome 500 young people along with 100 leaders. The theme is: *ALL ARE WELCOME!* The day will be packed with activities including a keynote address, workshops, Mass, campfire, and fellowship! Young people from Grades 7 to 12 are welcome to register as part of a group or individually. Check out the website: www.hamiltondiocese.com/youthrally/

TERESA HARTNETT, DIRECTOR OF THE FAMILY MINISTRY OFFICE, was honoured at last week's annual convention of the Catholic Association of Religion and Family Life Educators of Ontario (CARFLEO). She was awarded the prestigious *Father Angus MacDougall Award*, presented annually to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to Catholic Family Life Education in Ontario. They got it right, Teresa – congratulations!

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH will be the new Parish on Hamilton Mountain. The Decree, dated March 25, 2017, the Feast of the Annunciation, patronal feast of the Diocese, also defined the boundaries of the new Parish and announced that Father Mark Gatto will be the founding Pastor. The new reality will be effective, June 28, 2017. A second Decree establishes new boundaries for the other Parishes on the mountain to accommodate the new Parish and to reflect the population growth and other changes on the mountain over the years.

FOLLOWING THE APPOINTMENT OF BISHOP DANIEL MIEHM as Bishop of Peterborough, Monsignor Murray Kroetsch, in addition to his other duties, will have the oversight of the Pastoral Offices, and Monsignor Earl Talbot, Vicar for Priests, will coordinate the Permanent Deacons, becoming the Vicar for Clergy. Thanks to them for assuming these duties, effective immediately.

FORMATION CONTINUES FOR OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATES this weekend. Year One candidates will be learning about the Psalms from Sr. Eileen Schuller, OSU, and Wisdom Literature from Deacon Peter Gittens. Year Three candidates will be focusing on Homiletics. Sister Immolatia in Corde Perforato Iesu, pjc, will present to both groups on ministry to the poor and marginalized. Father David Wynen, Spiritual Director to the program, will celebrate the Mass. We pray for our Permanent Deacon candidates and their wives!

THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC MISSION THIS YEAR is inspired by the writings and teachings of Fr. Henri Nouwen. Join Sr. Sue Mosteller and Fr. Ron Rolheiser for this two part Mission that will be broadcast during Holy Week on Salt & Light TV (April 11-12) and on Vision TV (April 10-11). Each part of the Mission will be rebroadcast the following day after the Daily TV Mass. Food for the soul!

SHARE LENT SUNDAY IS THIS SUNDAY! The special collection aids the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace with projects in developing countries. Please be generous during this 50th year of D&P!

THE CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE has organized a cross country pilgrimage that brings together pieces of a quilt designed by their diocesan councils to celebrate their 50th Anniversary. Bishop Daniel Miehms blessed the quilt at a liturgy last Saturday, March 25th at St. Joseph Parish, Hamilton. The quilt will remain in the Diocese of Hamilton over the next week, travelling to St. Michael Parish, Oakville, the Ignatius Jesuit Centre, Guelph, and Holy Rosary Parish, Milton.

CANADA'S CATHOLICS, a book by Reginald Bibby and Angus Reid, was discussed at a recent meeting of the Pastoral Offices. The book gives statistics and insights into the changing reality of the Catholic Church in Canada, in particular, the impact of changing patterns of immigration affecting the Church. It is an interesting read!

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND PERMANENT COUNCIL of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops meets from Tuesday to Thursday next week. The agenda is always demanding – so please pray for God's blessing upon the Bishops and staff who serve the Conference, which serves the Catholic Church in Canada!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI