



Heart to Heart

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RESURRECTIONIST SEMINARIAN MICHAL KRUSZEWSKI will be ordained a Deacon this evening in St. Agatha Parish. He is on the pastoral team at St. Joseph's Parish in Hamilton. His ordination is a moment of joy for the entire CR community, and it is a pleasure for me to celebrate with them. We pray for God's blessing on them all!

DEACON NICK CHERRI AND THE DIOCESAN STEERING COMMITTEE for the Permanent Diaconate met with Monsignor Murray Kroetsch and me earlier this morning to review the history of the program and to look to its future. Given the number of men who have expressed interest in becoming Deacons, it is important that we have a program that adequately responds to their formational needs and the needs of the Church.

THE SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD celebrated 65 years of presence and prayerful ministry in the Diocese of Hamilton on May 14th. We missed notifying you in advance of the event. We offer our congratulations, thanks, and good wishes to the Superior of the community, Sister Margaret Nadeau, and indeed to the entire PB Community!

TWO TREES HAVE BEEN PLANTED ON THE CATHEDRAL PROPERTY by the main steps to mark the recent ordinations of Father Bradley Marcus and Father Paul Hryncyszyn. The maple and the birch will be a lasting reminder of that happy celebration in the life of our Diocese!

THE JESUITS CELEBRATE 400 YEARS OF PRESENCE AND MINISTRY in our Country this weekend which marks the anniversary of the arrival of the first Jesuits in Port Royal around this time in 1611! We are particularly aware of the contribution made to our Diocese by those Jesuits who have settled in the Guelph area. We pray for God's blessing on all they undertake!

THE CORNERSTONE FOR ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH IN FERGUS will be blessed tomorrow evening, another step in the history of the Parish. Father Ian Duffy assures us that the construction project is still on schedule and he looks forward to the consecration of the church in mid-September. I look forward to the celebration tomorrow, and to seeing the progress that has been made since my mid-winter visit.

WELCOME TO FATHER JOHN NGUYEN, COUSIN OF FATHER PETER TUYEN, who will be staying with him for the coming months prior to beginning post-graduate studies. During his time in Milton Father John intends to improve his English and help with the pastoral care of Holy Rosary Parish. Welcome also to Father Jerry Punnassery, CMI, who will serve as interim Chaplain at St. Joseph's Villa, Dundas, replacing Father Biju who leaves soon to take charge of a parish in Barrie, Ontario. We wish Father Biju well and will remember him with affection.

NEXT WEEK I WILL BE IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND preaching a retreat to the priests of the Charlottetown Diocese. It is absolutely the last commitment I made while still Bishop of Corner Brook and Labrador. I leave on Sunday evening, (work through the Victoria Day holiday!) and return by Thursday evening. Please pray for the priests – and for me!

CEMETERY MASSES BEGIN THIS WEEKEND with a celebration in Brantford. These Masses are a wonderful way to remember and pray for our deceased relatives and friends. Thanks to Bishop Tonnos and Bishop Ustrzycki for helping with the celebration of the Masses. Thanks also to the "cemetery guys" and others who assure that all is well-prepared for the celebrations.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI