



Heart to Heart

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ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISH IN HUNTER RIVER, P.E.I., the oldest parish on the island, was the place of baptism of James Cardinal McGuigan, Archbishop of Toronto for many years, AND Bishop John T. McNally, former Bishop of Hamilton. The retreat for priests which I facilitated this week took place at the Belcourt Centre, a stone's throw from the church! I took time to visit the church to pray in thanksgiving for the gift of Bishop McNally's ministry in our Diocese, and to seek his intercession on my ministry here!

BISHOP ANTHONY TONNOS CELEBRATES HIS 50th ANNIVERSARY of priestly ordination today. He will celebrate Mass with priests of the Diocese at NOON on Monday, May 30th. The Mass is open to the public. You might want to alert parishioners about the celebration at your Sunday Masses and invite them to attend. Over 120 priests have indicated their intention to join in the celebratory meal that will follow! I will announce it again, closer to the date, but you might want to note that the Bishop will receive an Honorary Doctorate from St. Jerome's University at Commencement Exercises on June 16, 2011. He is a worthy recipient!

THE CWL DIOCESAN CONVENTION BEGINS TODAY and continues through Sunday evening. I will celebrate the opening Mass this evening and Bishop Tonnos will celebrate the closing Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday afternoon. The members of the League will be pleased to see him again! Thanks to Father David Wilhelm who serves as Diocesan Spiritual Advisor for the League. The Diocesan Council will also host the CWL Provincial Convention in July! We honour their service *For God and Canada!*

THE THIRD EDITION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL WILL BE IMPLEMENTED on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011. While the official decree has not yet been published, the date has been set by the CCCB Executive Committee in consultation with the Permanent Council. Additionally, on September 25th, our Diocese will begin celebrating according to the norms of the revised General Instruction of the Roman Missal. Catechetical material which will assist in the implementation of these changes will be available through the CCCB Publication Services and our Diocesan Liturgy Office. The Missal itself is currently being prepared for printing. It is foreseen that there will be two editions of the new English translation, a chapel edition and a full-size edition. Advance order forms for the Missal will be sent to you soon from our Liturgy Office.

POPE BENEDICT XVI CELEBRATES HIS 60th ANNIVERSARY of priestly ordination on June 29th. Bishops have been invited to encourage a prayerful remembrance of this event in their Dioceses. We intend to take part in this remembrance and once we have determined how we might best do this, I will invite participation throughout the Diocese. For now, please keep this date in your calendars.

FATHER CON O'MAHONY AND I WILL MEET WITH THE PRINCIPALS of the Waterloo Catholic District School Board next Wednesday morning. Our last planned meeting was cancelled because of a winter storm. It will be good to have a conversation with them about Catholic education in our Diocese. Father Con's presence and ministry is highly regarded in the education community. I am grateful for his wisdom, insight and support.

MONSIGNOR VINCENT KERR, P.H., DIOCESAN CHANCELLOR, is off to Ireland for a well-deserved vacation. We offer a very warm welcome indeed to his brother, Father Aidan Kerr, who will provide ministry to the Sisters of the Precious Blood, in his absence.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI