



Heart to Heart

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BOTH BISHOP ANTHONY TONNOS AND BISHOP MATTHEW USTRZYCKI are representing the Diocese of Hamilton at the Consistory in Rome this weekend. They joined the Toronto contingent which left for Rome yesterday. There has been much excitement about the elevation of a son of the Diocese to the College of Cardinals. Salt and Light TV is televising the event beginning at 4:30 a.m. tomorrow morning, for those who are interested in watching it all live.

WE MADE SOME IN-HOUSE PERSONNEL CHANGES THIS WEEK, to accommodate staff needs and to ameliorate office space usage. Effective February 21st, Mrs. Carol Daly will be Administrative Assistant to the Bishop, Mrs. Wilma Dunn will be Administrative Assistant to Mr. John O'Brien, Business Manager, and Mrs. Anne Gibbs will be Administrative Assistant to Mr. Jim Long, Comptroller. Thanks to these excellent members of staff for their readiness to accept these changes. We wish them well in their new positions.

WELL DONE, FATHER EARL TALBOT AND ST. ANTHONY DANIEL PARISH in Kitchener, where the funeral service took place for the nine migrant workers who were killed in a tragic accident last week. Following the deeply moving Liturgy of the Word, which was conducted in both English and Spanish, the caskets were processed out of the church for their final journey to the airport and to the grieving families in Peru. Father Earl's pastoral sensitivity and good sense, the solicitude of the Funeral Director, and the care and concern of the parish and entire Kitchener-Waterloo community was evident throughout the ceremony. We continue to pray for all the victims and the consolation of their families.

MR. ROGER LAWLER, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION for the Waterloo Catholic District School Board, has submitted his resignation, effective at the end of the month, after 15 years of service! The Board plans to celebrate his years in office at an event at St. Michael's Parish in May. We are grateful for his contribution to Catholic Education in our Diocese and wish him all good blessings in the coming years.

HOLY ROSARY PARISH IN MILTON HAS BEGUN A FAITH-JOURNEY SERIES for 2012. I was the guest speaker last evening. It is another great initiative for renewing our understanding of and commitment to our faith in a practical way!

THE SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME (SSND) celebrated the 85th anniversary of their foundation on February 14th, the exact date (85 years later) they moved into their Waterdown Motherhouse! Sister Imelda Pautler, SSND, (102 years young!) was one of the pioneers who was there at the beginning and there for the anniversary event. The event was "streamed" to their communities around the world. In July, the Canadian Province and the US Province will amalgamate, initiating a new chapter in their history. We offer our congratulations and our thanks!

THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL OFFICES takes place this morning. We will be reviewing plans for THE YEAR OF FAITH which was introduced by Pope Benedict XVI late last year. Already the personnel in our Pastoral Offices have some excellent suggestions to assure that the year is well-marked in the Diocese of Hamilton. The Presbyteral Council received an early draft on Tuesday. More to come in the weeks ahead!

CONFIRMATION AT ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH IN FERGUS on Saturday, and a celebration at the Croatian Parish (Holy Family) in Kitchener on Sunday! The priests and parishioners at Holy Family Parish commemorate the Blessed Cardinal Aloysius Stepinac who spent 16 years in prison and died shortly after his release, and 65 Croatian Franciscan priests who were killed in February 1945! The Church is built on the blood of martyrs!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde invicem, + *Douglas*, OMI