



## *Heart to Heart*

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**FATHER MARTIN BRADBURY DIED ON TUESDAY FOLLOWING** a lengthy battle for a lung ailment. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Gabriel's Parish in Burlington on Monday morning, followed by burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Originally ordained a Priest for Hamilton Diocese in 1994, he transferred to the Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas, and served there happily for many years with Archbishop Peter Sutton. In recent years he served in the Archdiocese of St. Boniface, where he was able to get medical attention for his developing illness. Archbishop Albert LeGatt, from the Archdiocese of St. Boniface will preside at his funeral. We offer our sincere sympathy to his family, to Priests from his ordination class, and to his parishioners. May he rest in peace.

**THE DEATH OF CARDINAL JEAN-CLAUDE TURCOTTE ON WEDNESDAY** was reported across the country by the national news media service. He served the Church as a Priest of the Archdiocese of Montreal, an Auxiliary Bishop there for eight years, and as the Archbishop until his retirement in 2012. He was created Cardinal by Saint Pope John Paul II, and participated in the elections of Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis. He was elected President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops; Bishop Anthony Tonnos served on the Executive with him. His Funeral Mass will take place in Montreal next Friday afternoon. We pray that God will give him the reward due to a good and faithful servant!

**THIS YEAR'S DIOCESAN MASS WITH NEW CATHOLICS** takes place this Sunday at the 11 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton. This gives an opportunity for those people who were fully initiated at the Easter Vigil, or were received into the Church at that time to gather and give thanks in union with the Bishop and the gathered community. We are blessed by their enthusiasm and their commitment!

**BISHOP JOSEPH DABROWSKI WILL BE ORDAINED ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON** for service as Auxiliary Bishop of London. He will serve with Bishop Ronald Fabbro, CSB, for the good of the Diocese. Bishop Daniel Miehm and I will participate in the Ordination. We pray for God's blessing on his ministry!

**WE OFFER PRAYERS FOR THE OBLATES OF MARY IMMACULATE** gathered in Convocation at NavCanada in Cornwall to discuss their future apostolic commitments. Lacombe OMI Province hope to create a Mission Centre in downtown Hamilton in the coming years which will build on the pastoral and missionary efforts of Fathers Tony O'Dell and Jarek Pachocki, who have served as Pastors at St. Patrick Parish and St. Lawrence Parish for the past three years. May the Holy Spirit bless their gathering in Cornwall!

**WELCOME TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL** of the *School Sisters of Notre Dame* who will be meeting in the Diocese of Hamilton in the coming week. I look forward to meeting them on Monday afternoon. This is a significant meeting for the community and for the Diocese. We pray that their time in the Diocese will be blessed.

**THE SENIORS' MASS FOR THE GRADUATING STUDENTS** of the *Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board* takes place at the Cathedral Basilica next Thursday. The Mass is an important opportunity to pray in thanksgiving with the graduating students for the blessing of their education and for continued blessings as they make decisions about their future. We can all join in prayer for them and for all the graduating students throughout the Diocese!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI