



**THE ANNUAL MASS OF CHRISM WILL BE CELEBRATED ON MONDAY EVENING** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. A festive meal for the Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Seminarians of the Diocese takes place in the Cathedral Auditorium beginning at 4:30 p.m. To date, 207 have indicated their intention to partake in the meal. Priests are reminded that today is still not too late to assure that a place is set for you. As a simple courtesy, please contact Pam Aleman ([paleman@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:paleman@hamiltondiocese.com)) at our Communications Office.

**SR. MARIE JOHN PAUL AND SR. MARY MICHAEL**, (daughter of Father Stephen Crowley), made their first profession of vows with the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate on March 25<sup>th</sup>, Solemnity of the Annunciation. Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki presided over the joyous event at which Mother Dorothy Nzekwe received their vows! We offer our congratulations and prayers for God's special blessing on the two Sisters. It is a joy for the entire Diocese.

**SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME WANT TO STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING**, and over the past few years they have sponsored programs to educate and raise public awareness about this heinous crime. This year's program focuses on the voices of survivors. Three women who escaped the sex industry will share their heart-wrenching stories as part of a presentation on April 26<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Notre Dame Convent, 1921 Snake Road, in Waterdown. Parishioners throughout the Diocese are invited to attend.

**TODAY IS A BIG DAY AT ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY IN WATERLOO!** The groundbreaking takes place for two new student residences – which accompanies a renovation of current facilities, all in preparation for their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations next year! Another special part of today's ceremonies is the unveiling of their new Coat-of-Arms which reflects the school's history and its exciting new future! We offer congratulations to Katherine Bergman, President of St. Jerome's, and to the entire University community!

**MS. TAMARA NUGENT IS THE NEW DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION** for the Wellington Catholic District School Board. The appointment was announced earlier this week by Mr. Marino Gazzola, Chair of the Board. Ms. Nugent follows Mr. Don Drone whose service to the Board has been exemplary. Most recently, Ms. Nugent has served as Superintendent of Education in London since 2007. Her appointment is good news for the Board and for the Diocese of Hamilton. We wish her many blessings in her new position.

**FATHER DENNIS NOON HAS BEEN APPOINTED A MEMBER** of the Wellington Catholic District School Board. He will complete the term of office for Ms. Nancy Anderson who died suddenly in February. A familiar face at the Board table, Father Noon stepped down after years of service when he underwent back surgery in 2010. His current service will continue until the Fall 2014 election. Thank you Father, for your untiring commitment to Catholic Education!

**THE JEWISH PASSOVER BEGINS AT SUNDOWN ON MONDAY** and runs for 7 or 8 days (depending on the branch of Judaism). It coincides closely this year with our celebrations of the Sacred Triduum. Additionally it should be noted that we celebrate Easter this year on the same date as the Orthodox Church and the other Churches that follow the Julian calendar (including Ukrainian Catholics). Because the date of Easter is based on different calculations, it is not often that they occur on the same date. We offer our worship and praise together!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI