



Heart to Heart

April 2, 2015 (#200)

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. SCOTT WHITFIELD, PASTORAL MINISTER at St. Patrick's Parish, Hamilton, whose request for Diaconate and Priesthood was reviewed by Pope Francis on March 6th. We received the happy news on Monday that the permission was granted! It is expected that the Ordination to the Diaconate will take place in the coming month or two.

FATHER MARTIN BRADBURY IS IN I.C.U. AT ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL, Hamilton. He was anointed by his classmate, Father Jim Petrie, early this morning. Please keep him – and his family – in your prayers.

FATHER CHARLIE GALEA WILL UNDERGO KNEE REPLACEMENT SURGERY on April 8, 2015. He expects to be in recuperation from four to six weeks following the procedure. Your prayers for a full recovery are appreciated!

FATHER JAMES MCSHARRY IS IN IRELAND THESE DAYS caring for his sister, Mary Catherine Mullins, who is near death. Again, we ask for your prayers.

A WARM WELCOME TO FATHER SHANE DEGBLOR, MCCJ, who has been presented by the Comboni Provincial for service as Associate Pastor with Father Tom Vermiglio, MCCJ, at St. Joseph's Parish in Kitchener. He begins officially on Monday, April 6th. Father Ruffino Ezama, MCCJ returns to their General House in Cincinnati, Ohio on Monday, following the Easter celebrations. We are grateful for his service among us and wish him safe travel!

THE CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE, which is offering the program Good Leaders – Good Shepherds to over 40 of the Priests who serve the Diocese of Hamilton, will offer a program for Bishops in Alliston, Ontario, next week. Bishop Miehm and I will participate in the three-day retreat program which is based on the GL-GS process.

THE PRAYER BY ST. PETER FABER, S.J., IS A FINE HOLY WEEK REFLECTION. I concluded my comments to the Priests, Deacons and Seminarians with the prayer at our Chrism Mass Dinner earlier this week. I offer it here for your personal use:

**Lord Jesus Christ, may your death be my life,
and in your dying may I know how to live.
May your struggles be my rest,
your human weakness my courage,
your embarrassment my honour,
your passion my delight, your sadness my joy,
and in your humiliation may I be exalted.
May I find all my blessings in your trials. Amen.**

THE CHANCERY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED AT 2 PM TODAY. It will reopen on Tuesday morning at 9 a.m.

HAPPY EASTER TO ONE AND ALL! May these Holy Days which lead us to the foot of the Cross, reveal once again the promise of eternal life!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI