



## *Heart to Heart*

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**THE OPENING OF THE HOLY DOOR AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF CHRIST THE KING** was a beautiful event. A “standing-room-only” crowd gathered in Bishop McNally Hall for the opening rite and processed to the Holy Door where the two men who crafted the doors opened them to welcome the pilgrims who passed through the doors and into the Cathedral. They just kept coming – until the place was packed. Thanks to those who organized the unique event and to all who made the trek to participate. Thanks to Pastors who encouraged parishioners to join us for the memorable occasion and who themselves travelled long distances on a Sunday evening to be there!

**DEACON SCOTT WHITFIELD WILL BE ORDAINED A PRIEST** tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. The Ordination will take place at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown, where he has been serving as a Deacon for the past six months and will continue to serve as Associate Pastor. If you are unable to join us for the Ordination Mass, please pray that God will bless the new Priest and his ministry!

**FATHER FRANCISCO CRUZ**, Pastor of St. John’s Parish and Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Kitchener has been incardinated in the Diocese of Hamilton. He completed a period of exlaustration from the Legionaries of Christ and applied to serve the Diocese with us. We welcome him warmly and pray for God’s blessing on his ministry!

**FATHER DAVID PERRIN, PROFESSOR AT ST. JEROME’S UNIVERSITY**, will be incardinated as a Priest of the Diocese of Hamilton effective January 16, 2016, when he concludes his three-year exlaustration from the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. He will continue to teach at the University. We welcome him warmly and pray that God will continue to bless his ministry!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER WOJCIECH KUZMA** who received notification recently that he had successfully completed his studies at the Institute for Priestly Formation at Creighton University, receiving an Advanced Master of Divinity Degree in Spirituality. We are proud of you. Well done!

**OUR SEMINARIANS GATHER AT ARDREE FOR A CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON TOMORROW** following the Priestly Ordination of Father Scott Whitfield. The annual Christmas gathering is a joyful occasion for the Seminarians to meet one another. They study in five seminaries and do not often have such an opportunity. We wish them well in their studies!

**PRIESTS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE NEXT COHORT** of Good Leaders, Good Shepherds are invited to consider joining the Toronto Archdiocese program. The first session is April 19-22, 2016, and it continues through until October 2017. Monsignor Earl Talbot can provide contact information for the Catholic Leadership Institute which facilitates the program. Applications will have to be completed no later than end-January.

**WELL OVER 8000 CATECHETICAL RESOURCES HAVE BEEN SENT OUT** from our Catechetical Office to assist Parishes in their catechetical programs. Over 500 people are registered in the Catechetical Correspondence Course. The office is a beehive of activity in the autumn, assuring that young learners are provided with the materials they need to deepen their understanding of the faith.

**THE DIOCESAN CHANCERY STAFF GATHER THIS MORNING** for Mass and a luncheon. The office will be closed at 10:30 a.m. This is always a happy time to celebrate the blessings of serving the Diocese together and to wish one another a joyful Christmas.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI