



WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO ST. MARY'S PARISH, HAMILTON on the death of Father Francisco Janeiro, C.S.Sp., who died on February 24th. Father Janeiro was the Pastor of St. Mary's Parish from 1983 to 2010, when he retired to Lisbon, Portugal with his Religious Community. His funeral Mass was celebrated in Lisbon on Wednesday, February 25th. We are grateful to God for the many years of devoted service which Fr. Janeiro gave to the Portuguese community in Hamilton and pray that he will receive the rewards of a good and faithful servant.

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO THE MOST REVEREND EMANUEL SHALETA, the second Eparchial Bishop of the Chaldeans in Canada. He will be enthroned as Eparch of the Eparchy of Mar Addai at the Good Shepherd Chaldean Cathedral in North York during the Divine Liturgy next Wednesday, March 4th. The Chaldean communities in Hamilton and Oakville are served by Father Niaz Toma. Bishop Shaleta will visit our Chancery next Friday. May God bless his ministry!

THE NEW HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM FOR ONTARIO was announced earlier this week by The Honorable Liz Sandals, Minister of Education. Please [check our Diocesan website](#) for my comment and a letter from Cardinal Thomas Collins, along with a page of answers to frequently asked questions (FAQ). It might help to put some things in perspective.

FATHER MICHAEL (MICKEY) PRIEUR, LONGTIME PROFESSOR at St. Peter's Seminary in London, was the speaker at the Priests' Day of Prayer in Hamilton (Tuesday) and Waterloo (Wednesday), this week. His timely topic was MERCY – something he has been highlighting since he began teaching almost 50 years ago. The turnout of Priests was very good – a great start to the Lenten season! Thanks to the Cathedral Basilica staff and the staff at Our Lady of Lourdes for the hospitality and the nourishing lunches!

THE PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR OF HOLY ANGELS PROVINCE of the Conventual Franciscans, has informed parishioners at St. Raphael's Parish in Burlington, that they will be withdrawing from the Parish this summer following over 57 years of pastoral care. In a letter sent to the Parish this week, I informed parishioners that the Holy Cross Fathers have enthusiastically accepted my invitation to serve the Parish. Specific appointments will be announced later this year. We are deeply grateful to both Religious communities!

THE PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR PROMOTION OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION is proposing that each Diocese offer a period of 24 hours for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in at least one parish on March 13-14. In response, the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King will offer the opportunity for Reconciliation on March 14th, beginning at 8 a.m. and continuing through to 4 p.m. AND, of course, every Parish in the Diocese offers many opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament throughout Lent – usually providing special occasions to do so. *"Now is the appropriate time ..."*

FATHER JESÚS ALBERTO FRANCO, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY of the Inter-Church Commission for Justice and Peace (CIJP) in Colombia, is one of this year's Solidarity Visitors to the *Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace* to promote their Share Lent 2015 campaign – **SOW MUCH LOVE TO GIVE!** He will be in Hamilton on the weekend of March 14th and 15th, meeting the McMaster Catholic Students Association (MACSA) at Canadian Martyrs Parish at 1 p.m. on the 14th, and giving a public presentation on CIJP on Saturday evening at 7 p.m. He will be interviewed on The Latin American Show at CFMU McMaster Radio on Sunday morning, March 15th, and then he will celebrate the Spanish Mass at All Soul's Parish. I look forward to welcoming him to the Chancery on Monday morning, March 16th, before he heads off to Toronto, Belleville, Kingston and Peterborough. An ambitious agenda!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI