



Heart to Heart

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SALT + LIGHT IS PRESENTING *THE BIRTH OF CHRIST*, a choral concert by Andrew T. Miller, on Friday, December 7th, at 8:00 p.m., in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. This unique work will be performed by Masterworks of Oakville. The choral concert celebrates the 15th Anniversary of Salt + Light TV – a remarkable undertaking! All are welcome. Bring a friend. Mark your calendar now for a special Advent experience this year! See our [website](#) for more details.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL MINISTERS will be gathering at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls for their annual conference, November 19-21, 2018. The theme of this year's conference is "*Human Interaction in Parishes*". Their facilitators will be Fr. Sam Restivo, CR, and Sister Margaret Kane, CSJ. May the days be successful – and a good opportunity to meet those in the same important ministry!

FATHER MARTIN VALLELY AND HOLY ROSARY PARISH IN BURLINGTON are preparing to welcome a single Afghan mother and her two young boys to Canada through the BVOR refugee sponsorship program. The newcomer family is scheduled to arrive in Canada from Turkey on November 28th, less than two months after the Parish first committed to sponsoring the family! The Parish will phone the young mother in Turkey next week to alleviate her pre-departure anxiety and to answer any questions she may have. Congratulations and thank you for such a generous life-changing commitment!

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE SPONSORING *COATS FOR KIDS* in our area once again this year. Over 1920 winter coats are being distributed throughout southwestern Ontario, 852 of them in the Hamilton area. There is such a need at this time of year – a worthy project for the Knights!

WELCOME TO BISHOP PETER HUNDT AND BISHOP DANIEL MIEHM who will be joining Bishop Anthony Tonnos and me on the "Confirmation circuit" for about a week. They will each celebrate about 8 Confirmation ceremonies in different Parishes throughout the Diocese. It will give them an opportunity to meet family and friends and to renew friendships they had developed with former parishioners. Please pray for the young people who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in the coming weeks!

I WILL BE VISITING BISHOP DANIEL MIEHM IN PETERBOROUGH TODAY. He has invited me for lunch and an opportunity to visit the Chancery Offices and a new, recently acquired, residence. I am looking forward to seeing how he has settled. Pray for good driving weather!

VIETNAMESE MARTYRS MISSION (at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Waterloo) celebrates the Feast of the Vietnamese Martyrs, on Sunday, afternoon, November 25th. It is an important gathering for the Vietnamese community in the Diocese – an opportunity to thank God for the blessing of their courageous ancestors!

BISHOP JOHN MCNALLY, THE FIFTH BISHOP OF HAMILTON, who oversaw the building of the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, died as Archbishop of Halifax on November 18, 1952. Sunday will be the 66th Anniversary of his death. May he rest in peace!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, *+ Douglas*, OMI