



Heart to Heart

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“FAMILY LOVE: A VOCATION AND A PATH TO HOLINESS” is the theme of the 10th World Meeting of Families taking place in Rome next week, June 22nd-26th. Teresa and Joe Hartnett will be there as delegates of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (Standing Committee for Family and Life), and Ann and Paul Tyrell are representing the Diocese of Hamilton. While the number of attendees is limited, Pope Francis encourages individuals, families and Parishes to join the proceedings online and/or watching when they are live-streamed. This is a chance for all to unite with families and dioceses worldwide. Access the material on our Diocesan website [here](#).

THE NATIONAL ROSARY FOR LIFE is prayed *THIS* Sunday, June 19th, beginning at 3:00 p.m. EDT. Join families from across Canada to pray the Rosary. Sponsored by the CCCB Standing Committee for Family and Life, the national event is a World Meeting of Families activity! Interested? Register [here](#).

WORLD REFUGEE DAY falls on June 20th each year. This is a special day recognized by the United Nations to commemorate the anniversary of the birth of the 1951 Refugee Convention. This year let us reflect on the strength and resiliency of our refugee brothers and sisters across the globe, a community of forcibly displaced individuals and families that now totals an unprecedented 100 million people! Our Office for Refugees will be welcoming a family of 5 from Ethiopia on that day – a beautiful expression of the power of the refugee sponsorship program to honour the dignity of the human family and safeguard the human right to life, liberty and security of the person.

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ DAY is June 21st. It is a day we commit to learn, honour and celebrate the unique culture and heritage of Indigenous Peoples in Canada. Pope Saint John Paul II prayed the following prayer when he visited Fort Simpson in 1987:

*We ask you to give your blessing this day to the Indigenous Peoples of Canada.
Guide their elders and all their people, and give them your wisdom and strength.
Let them enjoy the gifts of nature and the fruits of their labours.
Bring them light in time of darkness, health in time of sickness, joy in time of sorrow.
Teach them to listen to your voice, to live in your ways, and to be brothers and sisters of all.
Great Spirit, our God, listen to our prayer, for you rule the universe forever and ever. Amen.*

THE BISHOP FARRELL LIBRARY & ARCHIVES is hosting an Open House. Join us NEXT weekend, June 25th, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 26th, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., to learn about our resources and pick up a few good books! We will have a volume of *The Saint John’s Bible* on display, with staff available to guide you through the making and meaning of this one-of-a-kind work of art! Our Open House coordinates with Mass times at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Celebrate Mass in the beauty and hospitality of the Cathedral before or after your visit! More information at [Library Open House](#). See you soon!

PRIESTS ARE REMINDED TO REPLY to the June 8th e-mail announcing the Friday, June 24th **CONVOCAATION FOR PRIESTS** to be held at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Transitional Deacons are also invited to register for the event. Father Paul Turner, author of *ARS CELEBRANDI*, is the presenter on the always central and relevant theme of priestly life – the celebration of Holy Mass. Liturgy was one of the priorities identified by Priests in the *Forward Together In Christ* process. Among other things, your registration helps assure sufficient food for dinner! See you there!

Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI