



Heart to Heart

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POPE FRANCIS HAS ANNOUNCED that the next Synod of Bishops will take place in October 2023. The theme for the Synod is: *For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission*. It will be the culmination of a “three-year path” involving the People of God at every level of the Church. Pope Francis will officially inaugurate the event on the weekend of October 9-10. The first phase of the synodal path will take place in each Diocese beginning on the weekend of October 17th, under the leadership of the Bishop. This will be marked in the Sunday liturgies in all our parishes, and most particularly at the 4 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. A Synod Committee has been established composed of David and Linda Dayler (chairpersons), Paula Dawson, Bishop Wayne Lobsinger and Monsignor Kroetsch. They will facilitate the synodal process so that as many parishioners as are interested in participating can be engaged. More information will be provided as the process gets underway.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH, KITCHENER, celebrates its 60th Anniversary on Sunday with a special Mass at 2 p.m. Following Mass, a statue of St. Francis of Assisi will be blessed. I look forward to joining Father Murray McDermott, C.R., other Resurrectionists, and parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Parish for the celebration! May the Parish be blessed as it “goes into the future with confidence”!

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, HAMILTON, will celebrate its 100th Anniversary next Saturday evening, October 9th, at 4 p.m. Mass. Several years ago, the Parish welcomed Our Lady of Vietnam Parish to share the Church, assuring its ongoing vitality. A moving moment in recent history took place when the choir of Holy Family Parish learned a Marian hymn in Vietnamese and sang it on the feast day of Our Lady of Vietnam! May your Holy Family Anniversary be the promise of God’s rich blessing into the future!

THE ASSEMBLY OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF ONTARIO (ACBO) will meet virtually in plenary next week. The Fall and Spring meetings provide opportunity for the Bishops to discuss matters of mutual interest and concern. Please pray for God’s blessings on this “gathering”.

THE DIOCESAN FINANCE COUNCIL meets several times during the year. This month, the Council will meet in person for a full day to determine longer term strategic planning. I am grateful for the counsel of the members of the Council, who are dedicated to the financial well-being of the Diocese and to its concern for our parishes and Catholic charities! Special thanks to Jim Long, Chancellor (Temporal Affairs), for his keen eye and oversight of the finance office.

THE LITURGICAL MUSIC COMMISSION for the Diocese of Hamilton held its first meeting in some time via ZOOM last Thursday evening. The Commission assists the Bishop by providing assistance to Parish Priests and Liturgical Music Ministers with suggestions, workshops and other educational opportunities. Thanks to Father Joseph deViveiros, C.R., Sharon Fazari, Rob Corso, Joe Carere, David Cahill, Terrienne Moulton, Sandra Gould, and Dwayne Cahill, for your long service to the liturgical music in the Diocese!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF TORONTO who will commemorate the 170th Anniversary of the Arrival of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Toronto at a Mass celebrated on Sunday, October 10th at 2 p.m. If you wish to participate on-line, RSVP [here](#) for details.

St. Therese of the Child Jesus, pray for us!

Ex corde, *+ Douglas*, OMI