



Heart to Heart

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BISHOP DANIEL MIEHM celebrates his fifth anniversary of Episcopal Ordination on Monday, May 7th, at a Mass at 12:10 p.m. in the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains, Peterborough. Lunch will follow at the K of C Bishop Doyle Hall. Father Ian Duffy, Dean of Hamilton, will bring greetings from the Diocese of Hamilton. We offer our congratulations to Bishop Miehme – the time has passed quickly indeed. *Ad multos annos!!!*

A WARM WELCOME TO BISHOP PETER HUNDT who is assisting with Confirmations for several days. He celebrated with candidates from St. Augustine Parish last evening. Today and tomorrow he will be confirming candidates from Blessed Sacrament Parish, Kitchener. On Sunday and Monday he confirms students at St. Ambrose Parish, Cambridge. On Tuesday evening he will confirm young people in Erin. We are grateful for your ministry and wish you a happy visit to the Diocese.

THE POPE HAS WRITTEN A LETTER TO YOU! *Gaudete et exultate* – Rejoice and be glad – On the call to holiness in today's world. The letter was released on Monday, April 9th, and is available on the [Diocesan website](#). Along with the letter (about 20 pages), the Vatican released an introductory video and encourages everybody to read it. It is an uplifting reflection on the universal call to holiness! An important read!

SING FOR JOY! Is an explosion of music and song to welcome the final volume (Psalms) of the Saint John's Bible – Heritage Edition. All seven volumes will be on display. The Diocesan Choir, the Cathedral Basilica and the Basilica of Our Lady Choirs, and the Philharmonic Choir from Kitchener will lead our celebration. The prayerful and musical extravaganza will take place at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Sunday, April 29th beginning at 7:00 p.m. An opportunity not to be missed!

NOMINATIONS FOR MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS open in less than a month! It is urgent that Catholic ratepayers verify and declare their support for Catholic education. Registering as a Catholic separate school supporter not only ensures proper representation, but gives parents the right to enroll their children in Catholic schools.

DR. KEVIN SMITH announced this week that Winnie Doyle will serve as acting President of St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton at the completion of the term of current President, Dr. David Higgins on June 30th, 2018, until a new President is appointed. She brings a depth of experience and knowledge about clinical care and hospital leadership to the position, with more than 35 years of service in healthcare. She has served at SJHH since 1983 and joined the Executive Team in 2001, serving currently as Executive Vice President, Clinical Service, Mental Health and Addictions. We wish her well in her new service!

THE DIOCESAN OFFICE FOR DISCIPLESHIP AND PARISH LIFE is sponsoring a formation session on the Papal Encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, *On Care For Our Common Home*. The 3-hour session runs from 9:00 a.m. to noon on the following dates and locations: Hamilton – April 21st – St. Catherine of Siena Parish (Lourdes Site); Guelph – May 12th – Basilica of Our Lady; Waterloo – May 26th – St. Michael's Church; Walkerton – June 2nd – Sacred Heart Church; Oakville – June 9th – St. Matthew Church; and Brantford – June 16th – St. Pius X Church. A light breakfast will be served followed by inspiring dialogue! Cost - \$10.

THE NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE takes place in Ottawa on Thursday, May 10th! It is the largest annual pro-life demonstration and gathering in Canada. This year's theme: **PRO-LIFE – ALL IN**. It is an opportunity to express to fellow Canadians and to elected officials that life is a gift from God that we must value and defend! The Rally begins on Parliament Hill at 12:30 p.m., and the March at 1:30 p.m.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, *+Douglas*, OMI