



Heart to Heart

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THE TOWER OF ST. BENEDICT CHURCH IN MILTON IS UP! The corner of Yates and Louis St. Laurent will never be the same! The footings for the new church have been poured. Father Jim Petrie has returned home from a stay in the hospital. As he recuperates at home he will be able to keep a close eye on the developments!

THE BRUCE GREY CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD announced that Director of Education, Jamie McKinnon, has accepted a position as Principal of St. Michael's College School in Toronto. It is bittersweet news for us. While we are saddened that he is leaving the Diocese, we are aware that he will be a great leader of the school! Congratulations!

THE PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE BISHOPS OF ONTARIO on Catholic education, *Renewing the Promise*, was the focus of yesterday's Convocation of Priests of the Diocese at St. Anthony Daniel Parish in Kitchener! Thanks to Bishop Gerard Bergie, Bishop of St. Catharines, Tamara Nugent, Director of Education for the Wellington Catholic District School Board, and Michael Pautler, Director of the Institute for Catholic Education, presenters for the event. The pastoral letter sets the standard for Catholic education in Ontario moving forward. Taking place during Catholic Education Week, the convocation continued the long tradition of support for Catholic education in the Diocese of Hamilton!

CORNELIUS DONOVAN, a teacher, then principal, at St. Patrick School in Hamilton, was a staunch supporter of Catholic education 160 years ago! He was Headmaster for Catholic schools in the Diocese of Hamilton back in the day! Catholic education was important then. It is important now! Thanks to Dominy Williams, Director of the Bishop Farrell Library and Archives for her interesting research. Check the [website](#) for the whole story.

THE PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATES gather at the Chancery Office this Saturday for their monthly formation program. Third year candidates will receive an introduction to Canon Law from Father Paul Baillargeon, Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of London. Father Mark Gatto will offer Missiology to the first year candidates. Pray for the candidates and their spouses as they continue their formation.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY IN BRANTFORD celebrates the opening of their new store tomorrow morning. The ribbon cutting and grand opening will take place at 11:00 a.m. The new store will provide greater opportunity for the Society to do their good work. We wish you the best.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER JAROSLAW (JAREK) PACHOCKI, OMI, on his recent appointment as Provincial Consultor for the OMI Lacombe Canada Province. The three-year appointment will begin with the installation of the new Provincial and Council on August 15th. Father will continue to serve at St. Patrick Parish in Hamilton. The appointment is a sign of the confidence with which he is held by his Oblate brothers!

CONGRATULATIONS TO BISHOP GERARD BERGIE on receiving the Father John Redmond Award for his outstanding contribution to Catholic Education from the Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario. The award was presented to him at their Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony in Toronto on April 26th! Well deserved!

Our Lady of Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, *+ Douglas*, OMI