



Heart to Heart

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BISHOP JOSEPH AFRIFAH-AGYEKUM, second Bishop of Koforidua in Ghana, travelled to Walkerton earlier this week to visit Father Andrew Quarshie, a Priest of his Diocese, (and his former secretary). They visited the Chancery and Cathedral Basilica this week. As well, Bishop Anselm Umoren, Auxiliary Bishop of Abujah, Nigeria, spent a few days at Ardree. Before he was named a Bishop, he served at parishes in St. Anthony and Stephenville, in the Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador. We warmly welcome both visitors!

THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY celebrates the 25th Anniversary of Ordination of Father Peter Tuyen Nguyen, Pastor of St. Clement Parish, Cambridge, on Sunday. Father Peter's brother, Bishop Joseph Phuong Nguyen, Bishop of Kamloops, BC, and their nephew, Seminarian John Dang Ha, will join him for the celebration! The entire Mass will be sung – a prayerful and moving experience, and the celebratory meal will be ample! Enjoy the occasion, Father Peter. We add our congratulations and good wishes!

THE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED PLANNING STUDY, is now underway, to help us consider the merits of a diocesan capital campaign. This study will allow us to hear from Priests, Deacons, Religious, lay leaders, parish staff and parishioners across the Diocese to ensure we are on the right path. Our proposed campaign goals, as well as details on listening sessions in each deanery, can be found at hamiltondiocese.com/campaign. I encourage your participation in this process, as your candid feedback will allow us to make good, prudent decisions that will help shape the future of our Diocese.

THE CONFIRMATION CELEBRATIONS for the 2017-2018 Pastoral Year conclude this weekend. On Friday evening, *Paroisse Sacre-Coeur* celebrates the sacrament. Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Stoney Creek, will have two Confirmation celebrations on Saturday, and Holy Family Parish, New Hamburg, will celebrate the sacrament on Sunday afternoon. Profound thanks to the Pastors and Lay Pastoral Associates, to the teachers and catechists, to the musicians and servers, and to the Confirming Bishops and Priests who made the celebrations special for the young people. May the “face of the earth be renewed”!

THE CANADIAN CATHOLIC BIOETHICS INSTITUTE added two videos on their [website](#). Dr. Michael Cusimano speaks on *Brain Dead*, and Don Renzo Pegoraro speaks on *Aging as a Disability?* Thanks to Dr. Moira McQueen and Dr. Bridget Campion for keeping us well informed about developments in the bioethics.

THE ANNUAL MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS will be celebrated this Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Almost 450 couples will gather to mark 25, 40, 50 and 60+ years of marriage. One couple is celebrating 72 years of marriage. The best part is the kiss following the Renewal of Vows – a sound rarely heard so loud! The Cathedral is always filled to capacity for the event. Thanks to Teresa Hartnett and her helpers, and to Father David Wynen and parish staff, for making the day special for all.

GRADUATIONS ARE BEING HELD BY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS throughout the Diocese. Congratulations to all of the graduates. We pray in thanksgiving for the blessings experienced over the past twelve years and for the strong foundation of a good Catholic education. We encourage the graduates to use their gifts, talents and abilities for “the common good”, especially to make life better for “the little one”. We wish you all good things in the coming years!

ON THIS DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF PRIESTS, we pray for the Priests who serve in the Diocese of Hamilton, those who are retired after a life of service, and those who are preparing to serve!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI