



Heart to Heart

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OUR LADY OF CANADA, a marble statue created by Lawrence Voaides of Traditional Cut Stone was installed in the outdoor niche on the western wall of the Cathedral Basilica (overlooking the 403), by Joe Costello and team from Clifford Restoration (who did the recent stonework on the Cathedral). The statue will be blessed following the 11:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday, July 1, 2018. Monsignor Frank Leo, General Secretary of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, and noted Marian theologian, will preach at the Mass. “*Notre Dame du Canada*” was painted by Quebec artist Marius Dubois in 1983. The canvas hangs in Notre Dame Basilica in Montreal and was used with the Prayer of Consecration of Canada during the 150th Anniversary celebrations last year. The wife of the deceased artist gave us permission to reproduce the image in marble. It is a lasting reminder of the devotional importance of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Canada and in our Diocese!

THE BIG WINNER of Wednesday’s Bishop’s Invitational Golf Tournament was the “*DE MAZENOD DOOR*” – a collaborative effort of Hamilton’s St. Patrick Parish and St. Patrick School to feed the hungry! Over 400 meals are served daily! During the luncheon following the match, it was announced that an astounding \$100,000.00 was raised for the charity! Thanks and congratulations to Francis Doyle, Director of Stewardship and Development for the Diocese, to the many contributors– and to the daring golfers! While thunderstorms were forecast, there was no rain at all during the tournament! It was a high-spirited and joy-filled event from beginning to end!

SISTER ANNE ANDERSON, C.S.J., received the *Distinguished Service Award* from the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, during their annual convocation last week! This year they celebrate their 100th Anniversary as the accrediting agency for theological schools in both countries. Sister Anne is the first Canadian scholar to be so honoured by the Association. Well-deserved. We offer our congratulations!

WELCOME TO CURSILLISTAS FROM ACROSS CANADA! The National Cursillo Conference for 2018 takes place in Waterloo this year – at the Paul Martin Centre of Wilfrid Laurier University – beginning on Wednesday evening, July 5th, through to Sunday afternoon, July 8th. We wish them well during their conference and pray for God’s blessing on the movement that has nourished the faith of so many Catholics over the years! *De Colores!!!*

THE DIOCESAN YOUTH OFFICE has produced a video account of the recent Youth Rally. The enthusiastic review can be viewed [here](#). The Rally was a huge success! Planning has already begun for next year’s event – May 25, 2019! Rally up!

JULY 11TH IS THE FEAST OF ST. BENEDICT! There will be a special celebration at St. Benedict Parish in Milton: a “ground breaking” will take place at 7:00 p.m. at the site of the new church. It marks the beginning of the construction of a home for the nascent parish! Bishop Daniel Miehm, founding Pastor, will join us for the event! Congratulations to Father Jim Petrie and the Building Committee for nursing the project along to this exciting moment! May the project be blessed!

HAPPY CANADA DAY 2018! Canada’s birthday is an opportunity for us to give thanks for this country where we live in relative peace and tranquility. We pray that all God’s people may share in the blessings of the earth. May God’s kingdom come!

THIS IS THE LAST REGULAR ISSUE OF HEART TO HEART until September 7th. There may be an occasional publication through the summer – as needed.

Our Lady of Canada, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI