



Heart to Heart

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BISHOP RYAN CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL celebrates its 60th Anniversary this weekend! An article in [The Hamilton Spectator](#) lauds former Principal, Father Ron Cote, the second Principal of the school, for his lengthy service, and lists many of the highly successful alumni of the school. A photo shows Father Cote and current Principal, Emidio Piccion, admiring a portrait of Bishop Joseph Ryan, the school's Founder, and the corner stone which he placed in the original school 60 years ago! Congratulations to the school for a remarkable history of providing the finest Catholic education to untold numbers of lucky students. Have a great celebration!

THE RECENT DEATHS of Father Stephen Csiszar and Father Stephen Sardo remind us to pray for the repose of their souls in Christ, and to pray also in thanksgiving for all of the retired Priests who have given their lives in service to Parishes in our Diocese. The funeral for Father Csiszar was this morning at 11:00 a.m. at St. Anne Parish, Kitchener, and for Father Sardo, next Wednesday, October 10th, at 10:00 a.m., at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. May they receive the reward promised to good and faithful servants!

ST. PATRICK PARISH IN BURLINGTON is honouring Monsignor Raymond Modeski at the 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning Mass on October 28, 2018. The Mass will be followed by a reception. Monsignor retires as Pastor at the end of the month. Former parishioners and friends are also invited to participate in the celebration. Mark your calendars!

THE FAMILY MINISTRY OFFICE hosts a *Faith Begins in the Family Forum* on Saturday, October 20th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The event will allow people to reflect on practical advice about how we can create strong family ministry which helps parents and children thrive and grow in their faith, connect to their church community, and invigorate parish life. More information and registration can be found under Upcoming Events at www.hamiltondiocese.com

LIFE IS PRECIOUS AND EVERY PERSON HAS DIGNITY! It is important that we “stand for life”. Two fundraising dinners in the coming weeks will help support *Hamilton Right to Life* (Wednesday, October 17th), and *Halton Alive* (Friday, October 19th). Their good work is making a difference. A worthy cause!

DAVID WELLS, teacher, writer, speaker, catechist, is the first presenter at this year's *Lectures in Catholic Experience* series at St. Jerome's University. The lecture is sponsored by the University in partnership with the Waterloo Catholic District School Board. Mark your calendar for October 19, 2018, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. His timely topic: *Where are the Young People? Responding to the Dissatisfaction of Young People for Religious Practice*. He is a gifted and lively speaker – well worth the time invested!

FATHER TOBY COLLINS, C.R., will be installed as Pastor of St. Mary Parish, Kitchener, during the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Also, a new Atrium of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be blessed on Sunday. Sincere thanks to the Congregation of the Resurrection for their continuing pastoral care for the Parish!

TODAY IS WORLD TEACHERS' DAY! “*You are powerful witnesses to the presence of Jesus in the lives of our students, and you provide the good soil each school day for the roots of faith to grow in our students!*” Excerpt from the Ontario Catholic Bishops in “Renewing the Promise”. Thank you to the teachers who serve in the schools of the seven Catholic School Boards in the Diocese of Hamilton. You are light for the young people entrusted to your care!

THIS THANKSGIVING WEEKEND we thank God for the fruits of the land, for family and friends and the people whom we are privileged to serve.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI