



THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH in Hamilton, published a newsletter recently outlining the important work of their Refugee Committee. In October they welcomed a Somali family from a camp in Kenya: Amina and her sons Abdullaih (11), Abdihakim (10), and Abdihamid, (5). Arafat, who arrived in 2015, is studying toward a High School Certificate and works 5 evenings a week in housekeeping at the General Hospital. Addis lives and works in Kitchener and graduated from St. Mary High School in June. She is applying for Canadian citizenship. The committee has welcomed and cared for 7 Syrian families in need of support. The Sisters and their volunteers continue to do what they have done for so many others over the years – by giving them a good chance at life!

DR. ANDREW FALCONER has been chosen as the new President of St. Mary's Hospital in Kitchener. He replaces Don Shilton who retired as President in June of this year. "I feel honoured and privileged to be joining the leadership team at St. Mary's, an organization that has an outstanding reputation nationally and provincially in the provision of excellent care," he says. St. Mary's is the second largest hospital in the St. Joseph's Health System. We offer our congratulations and good wishes.

THE PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATES will be at the Chancery Office tomorrow for their monthly formation programs. The five first year candidates will be studying Christian Anthropology. The three third year candidates will be learning about the Church Fathers. Bishop Gerard Bergie, Bishop of St. Catharines Diocese, will preside at the noon Mass and join the candidates and Formation Team for lunch. We offer a warm welcome!

ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY IS SEEKING A NEW CHANCELLOR to begin a 4-year term beginning July 1, 2019. The Chancellor is the titular head of the University and is an advocate for the University's interests within the local, provincial, national and international arenas. All interested and qualified persons are encouraged to apply by contacting Lorna Kelly at lukelly@uwaterloo.ca. Applications will be considered by the Board of Governors' Executive Committee beginning January 2019. Prospective candidates will be interviewed in February.

BETH JACOB SYNAGOGUE on Aberdeen Avenue in Hamilton will observe the worldwide Shabbat of solidarity with the Jewish community for the horrific event that occurred in Pittsburg last Saturday. The service begins Saturday at 9:15 a.m. and ends around noon, with most congregants arriving before 10:00 a.m. Rabbi Hillel Laver-Yisraeli sent an invitation to Catholic parishioners who are most welcome to attend! We have a close relationship with the Synagogue through the Out of the Cold Program! Let us be sure to pray with the Jewish community that they may know healing and peace!

REGINA MUNDI PARISH IN HAMILTON WILL CELEBRATE CONFIRMATION tomorrow afternoon at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. On Tuesday evening, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St. John the Baptist Parish in Burlington. Blessings on those being Confirmed, on their Sponsors, and on their teachers and catechists!

THE ANNUAL PARENT CONFERENCE sponsored by the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board will begin tomorrow with a Mass celebrated at 9:00 a.m. The venue for the day is Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School in Hannon (Hamilton). We pray for all the young people attending the Catholic Schools in the seven Boards in our Diocese.

A MASS FOR ALL SOULS will be celebrated at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Burlington, on Sunday, November 4th at 2:00 p.m. It is an important opportunity to remember and pray for family, friends, and all who have died.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI