



Heart to Heart

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BELLS OF PEACE – *A Remembrance of those who served in the First World War*, is an initiative of Veterans Affairs Canada. On November 11th, 1918, the ringing of church bells erupted spontaneously across the country as an outpouring of relief that four years of war had come to an end. On the 100th Anniversary of that joyous occasion, the Carillon at our Cathedral Basilica in Hamilton, and those churches with bells throughout the Diocese will participate with churches of other denominations in ringing their bells to emulate that moment of remembrance in honour of our veterans who served in WWI. Listen for them – just prior to sunset! At the going down of the sun - we will remember them!

THE 8th ANNUAL BISHOP'S DINNER sponsored by the Halton Catholic District School Board on Wednesday evening was sold out! The Le Dome Banquet Hall was filled to capacity with people enthusiastically supporting the *Halton Catholic Children's Education Foundation*. So many people – so much energy – meant a joy-filled and noisy venue! The event is one of the important fundraisers for the Foundation. Congratulations to Marc Clare, Foundation Executive Director, for another successful event!

THE 29TH SERENDIPITY AUCTION of the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton, sponsored by the Diocese of Hamilton and other organizations, has as its theme, *The Polar Express*. Join us on Thursday, November 15th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m., at Carmen's Banquet Centre for a fun and interesting evening. All funds support the children and families served by CCASH and help the youth in care to get a good start after high school with education and career assistance. A worthy cause!

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF WATERLOO REGION (CCFOWR) celebrates its 40th Anniversary this year (July 1st, 2018 – June 30th, 2019). Since its inception the Foundation has provided over \$3M to Catholic schools, Catholic parishes and community organizations in the Waterloo Region. The Foundation grants funds for child and youth programs, for initiatives related to the marginalized and impoverished, and other long-standing services in the Region. The *Catholic Charities Lottery* is a good way to support their important work! Another worthy cause!

HEIDI KIIWETINEPINESIIK STARK is tonight's speaker in the *Lectures in Catholic Experience* at St. Jerome's University. Her talk will detail how, in bringing the Crown into a treaty relationship, Anishinaabe leaders detailed their understanding of creation and relationship to the Creator. ***Sacred Inheritance: Accounting for all Our Relations in Treaties!*** Tonight, 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

INVITATIONS FOR THE ADVENT PRIESTS' PRAYER DAYS have been sent out. The "Day" begins at 10:00 a.m. and concludes at 1:00 p.m., on December 4th at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton, and on December 5th at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Waterloo. Priests are asked to send in their responses to the invitation as soon as possible – through the email link.

HOLY CROSS CROATION PARISH, HAMILTON, celebrates its 60th Anniversary tomorrow at the Saturday evening Mass, followed by a banquet meal! Congratulations and good wishes for the next 60!

AND ST. STANISLAUS PARISH, HAMILTON celebrates the 100th Anniversary of Poland regaining independence at the 12:45 p.m. Mass this Sunday, followed by a banquet. A very worthy celebration!

I'LL BE VISITING BISHOP DANIEL MIEHM next Friday, an opportunity to visit his new home and to see his Diocesan Chancery. It will be one more opportunity to thank him for his lifetime service to Hamilton Diocese!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI