



Heart to Heart

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THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, is the last Sunday in Ordinary Time, bringing to an end the liturgical year. It is also the patronal feast of the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Christ the King will restore all creation and restore his kingdom to the Father. The risen people of God will rejoice in a new heaven and a new earth. *“There with the whole of creation, freed from the corruption of sin and death, may we glorify you through Christ our Lord.”* (Eucharistic Prayer IV)

ADVENT PRAYER DAYS FOR PRIESTS of the Diocese of Hamilton are scheduled for December 4th, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, and December 5th, at Our Lady of Lourdes in Waterloo. Start time for both days is 9:30 a.m. Father Murray Kuepper, from St. Peter’s Seminary, is the speaker for the days. The prayer days provide opportunity for prayer, adoration, celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and fraternal enrichment over lunch. Priests are kindly reminded to confirm your presence to bbushey@hamiltondiocese.com by Monday, November 26th.

THERE ARE TWO BEAUTIFUL MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES during the Advent Season in the Diocese of Hamilton. The *Annual Diocesan Advent Hymn Festival* takes place this year at the recently renovated St. Augustine Church in Dundas, on Sunday, December 2nd, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The acoustics in the renovated church are particularly fine and music is pleasing to the ear. Don’t miss it.

... **AND THE CANADIAN PREMIERE OF *THE BIRTH OF CHRIST***, a choral concert, sponsored by Salt + Light TV and hosted by the Diocese of Hamilton, marking the 15th Anniversary of the Catholic television studio, takes place at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Friday, December 7th, beginning at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are free, but are required. Please call Salt + Light TV to assure you have yours: 1-888-302-7181, or check their website: www.saltandlighttv.org/christmasconcert2018.

AWARDS FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO CATHOLIC EDUCATION are presented at the Cathedral Basilica on Tuesday evening, November 27th. The awards are given annually by the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board to worthy recipients who have served the Board with distinction. We congratulate this year’s honourees: Nancy Castura, Jenny Frappa, Jerry Ponikvar, and Teresa Susi. Well merited!

A MASS FOR GRIEVING PARENTS who have lost a child will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica **NEXT** Sunday, December 2nd, at 4:00 p.m. We believe that “love never ends” – and certainly the love between parent and child remains ever strong! As we begin the season of preparation for the coming of the Lord, we pray for those whose deaths we mourn – especially children.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARDS THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE hold their inaugural board meetings during the early days of December and following the Fall elections. We pray for God’s blessings on the new and re-elected School Board Trustees. Their decisions reflect the vision, mission and values of Catholic education in our schools.

THE MOST REVEREND PETER CRINNON, second Bishop of Hamilton, died on November 26, 1882 – 136 years ago. He is buried at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Burlington. May he rest in peace!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI