



Heart to Heart

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FOLLOWING A YEAR-LONG ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW of The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton, the following changes were announced this week. **Mr. John O'Brien** has accepted the position of *Episcopal Delegate for Cemeteries and Insurance*. In this position Mr. O'Brien will provide oversight and counsel regarding strategic planning for the Catholic Cemeteries, represent the Diocese at meetings with government and industry officials at the Provincial and Civic levels, and closely follow our insurance needs and related matters. **Mr. John Foster** has accepted to serve as *Interim Director* of The Catholic Cemeteries for the Diocese of Hamilton until a permanent Director is appointed. His long experience with Catholic Cemeteries will assure a smooth transition. **Mr. Jim Long** has accepted the position of *Episcopal Director of Finance and Administration* for the Diocese, (*Oeconomus*, Canon 494). I express my profound gratitude to these three men for their willing and enthusiastic service, and to the entire personnel at the Catholic Cemeteries for their capable and good work.

THE GENERAL CHAPTER FOR THE LEGIONARIES OF CHRIST BEGAN on January 8, 2014, in Rome. This General Chapter follows an intense three-year preparation focusing on the revision of their Constitutions, strengthening community life, solidifying their financial situation, and creating a safe environment for minors. We pray for the Legionaries during this important time in their history. We pray for the community resident in Oakville, and we pray for the new Government for the Institute which will be elected during this General Chapter. May the Holy Spirit guide their deliberations!

MARCEL AND LINDA DION OF MAGNIFICAT MINISTRIES IN BRANTFORD have published their end-of-year newsletter outlining their activities over the past year. They have settled in Brantford and are beginning to reach out to the Diocese offering opportunities for prayer and reflection for Parishes and groups. Check out their website at www.magnificatministries.ca. We pray for God's blessing on your good work!

FATHER PETER CIALLELLA HAS MOVED FROM ALL SOULS PARISH to St. Margaret Mary Parish in Hamilton, where he is "Priest in residence". He has requested and received exclauration from the Scalabrini Fathers for the coming year. Being a Priest from Hamilton, we are pleased to welcome him in his new capacity. Thanks to Father Jeff Bergsma and the Parish community for your warm welcome and special care and attention!

WELCOME BACK TO FATHER TED HUGHES WHO RETURNS TO THE DIOCESE after ten years with Corrections Canada. At present Father Hughes is providing priestly ministry at St. Michael's Parish in Waterloo. He will enjoy a sabbatical time at Oblate College in San Antonio, Texas, over the next few months, and he looks forward to a pastoral appointment in the Diocese next summer. You are welcome indeed!

FATHER JIM PROFIT, S.J., HAS RETURNED HOME TO PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND to spend his last days with his family. We received a note from a family member who wrote about his New Year's Day visit to the family homestead and other warm family gatherings. We continue to pray for Father Jim and for his family as he prepares to return to the house of the Father.

MR. PATRICK DALY, CHAIRMAN OF THE HAMILTON-WENTWORTH Catholic District School Board, announced that the new school which is being built in Winona, Ontario, will be called St. Gabriel Catholic Elementary School. It is a name that goes well with its sister-school, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Elementary School.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI