



## *Heart to Heart*

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**OUR SINCEREST SYMPATHY TO DEACON PHILIP DWYER AND FAMILY** on the sudden death of his wife, Theresa, on Christmas morning at their home in Sauble Beach. The Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Family Catholic Church in Sauble Beach on December 30<sup>th</sup>. A Spring burial at St. Mary's Cemetery in Hepworth is planned. We pray that faith, family, and friends will provide healing consolation to Deacon Philip and his family.

**FATHER WOJCIECH KUZMA, DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONS FOR THE DIOCESE**, has announced five important events for those who might be discerning a vocation to Priesthood or Religious life. On January 10<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9 a.m. until noon, there is a *Discernment Group* meeting at Canadian Martyrs Church in Hamilton (Mass, Holy Hour, discussion, lunch). From 7 to 9 p.m., an *Andrew Dinner* (Evening Prayer, dinner) for men considering Priesthood will be held at St. Matthew Church in Oakville. On January 17<sup>th</sup>, a *Discernment Group* meeting will be held at St. Michael Church in Waterloo, beginning at 9 a.m., and an *Andrew Dinner* will be held at St. Anthony Daniel Church in Kitchener, beginning at 7 p.m. From January 30<sup>th</sup> to February 1<sup>st</sup>, a *Come and See Weekend* will be held at St. Augustine Seminary in Toronto. Call Father Kuzma at the Chancery Office if interested in participating in any of these events.

**SUPPORT A NATIONAL DEMENTIA STRATEGY:** Archbishop Paul-André Durocher, President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, is urging support for a national dementia strategy. Parliament will debate a private member's bill, C-356, *An Act for a National Dementia Strategy*, early in 2015. Alzheimer's and related dementia diseases afflict 750,000 Canadians and their caregivers! C-356 calls for increasing funding for research, promoting earlier diagnosis and intervention, strengthening the integration of primary, home and community care, enhancing skills and training of the dementia workforce, and improving support for caregivers. Please consider contacting your Member of Parliament, the Prime Minister and the Minister of Health to show your support.

**BOTH THE HAMILTON AND HALTON COUNCILS OF THE SERRA CLUB** gather at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King for their January meeting on Monday evening. Mass starts in the Cathedral at 6 p.m., followed by dinner in McNally Hall downstairs, concluding with a talk by "yours truly". The Serra Club is an important promoter of vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP OCCURS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS** throughout the Diocese during the pastoral year. Next Tuesday evening I will be at the Albion Hotel in Guelph, sharing a few thoughts on Pope Francis. These events strive to gather together young people to talk about faith-related topics in a relaxed environment. It should be an interesting evening for us all!!!

**NEXT THURSDAY I WILL TRAVEL TO VIETNAM FOR A WEEK** to visit with Father Hanh Van Tran, OMI, Pastor of Our Lady of Vietnam and Holy Family Parishes (Hamilton) and Vietnamese Martyrs Mission (Waterloo). During the visit, I will have the interesting opportunity to meet all the Vietnamese Bishops, including recently named Cardinal Pierre Nguyen Van Nhon, Archbishop of Hanoi. They will be meeting in Hanoi. Please pray for safe travel!

**CALENDAR NOTICE ON: MARCH 26, 2015, FATHER TOM ROSICA, CSB**, Chief Executive Officer of Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation will be speaking at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Kitchener at 1:30 p.m. and at St. Michael Parish in Waterloo at 7:00 p.m. about the *Synod on the Family* which he attended in October. The talk is sure to be informative and interesting!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI