



Heart to Heart

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FATHER TED HUGHES HAS LOST YET ANOTHER SISTER. His oldest sister, Gwen Orr died earlier this week following a lengthy illness. She was Father Hughes' third sister to die in the past 18 months. One is tough enough; we offer our sympathy to you, Father, and we pray that they will all know the fullness of life, with the One who is Life!

THE FUNERAL MASS FOR FATHER MURRAY FARWELL IN MOUNT FOREST last Friday, (July 11th), was a significant moment in the history of St. Mary of the Purification Parish. His sisters and their families were present, parishioners packed the church, the choir was in fine form, the clergy were there in large numbers, the Military hierarchy attended in their uniforms. All prayed in thanksgiving and that he would be given the reward due the good and faithful servant he was. Special thanks to Father Brendan McGrath, Pastor, for his warm welcome and kind hospitality, and for the many kindnesses shown to Father Farwell's family and friends. Well done indeed!

FATHER WILHELM GEMKE, SAC, DIED IN GERMANY LAST SATURDAY, July 5, 2014. From 1961 to 1967 he served the German-speaking congregation of St. Boniface in Hamilton. Thanks to his confrere, Father Wolfgang Weiss, SAC, for alerting us of the news. We pray for the repose of his soul.

WELCOME TO FATHER BONIFACE D'SOUZA, OCD, a Carmelite Priest, who is the new Associate Pastor at St. Aloysius Parish in Kitchener. His appointment is effective immediately.

DR. DAVID HIGGINS, PRESIDENT OF ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTHCARE HAMILTON chaired the 2014 Mission Legacy Awards presentation at St. Joseph's Hospital earlier this week. Mr. Mario Cupido, Dr. Alexandre Dauphin, Ms. Susan Hollis, Ms. Jean Haste Mitchell, Ms. Stephanie Pust, and Mr. Bruce Staughan, were this year's deserving honourees. The awards are given to those who demonstrate the mission and vision of the Sisters of St. Joseph, whose courage and foresight have left a great legacy throughout the Diocese in the St. Joseph's Health System. Our congratulations to all!

YESTERDAY WAS THE ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP DAY FOR ME! John Spatazzo picked me up at Ardree and brought me to Camp Brebeuf for the afternoon. It is always good to see the enthusiasm and joy of the young people who enjoy the experience of summer camping and to get to know the counsellors who are so intent on ensuring that the young people have the best time possible. Thanks to Father Frank Freitas, who celebrates Mass every week among the beautiful *Cathedral Pines* (which were severely affected by last winter's storms).

THE ONTARIO COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS (CPSO) is reviewing their Human Rights Code policy at this time. There is some pressure on the CPSO to include language in their policy that would demand that doctors offer, or refer patients for, non-emergency care which in some instances may force them to go against their personal beliefs. We strongly encourage you to provide feedback and support doctors in their right to follow their religious beliefs in their medical practice. Feedback is being accepted until August 5th: check out their [website](#).

WELCOME TO BISHOP GERRY WIESNER, OMI, who is one of the presenters at the Summer School for Liturgical Musicians which takes place here in Hamilton beginning next weekend, July 27th (through to July 30th). The event is sponsored by the Ontario Liturgical Conference.

FATHER JOE DURKACZ IS PREACHING THE NOVENA TO ST. ANN THIS YEAR. The Novena is held annually at St. Ann's Parish, Hamilton, begins today at 7pm. Good St. Ann, pray for us!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI