



Heart to Heart

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LAUDATO SI', THE LONG AWAITED ENCYCLICAL LETTER OF POPE FRANCIS, was released yesterday in Rome. The on-line copy was sent to recipients of *Heart to Heart* from the Bishop's Office. It is an exciting read and points the way to improved care for the earth for the sake of future generations. Among other initiatives, the Diocese of Hamilton will celebrate Evening Prayer on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4th), and Father John McCarthy, S.J., will speak on the Encyclical, providing helpful insight and understanding. Mark your calendar now!

PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED PRIESTS:

Monsignor Daniel Hinsperger who is undergoing tests at Hamilton General Hospital for a serious respiratory ailment and Monsignor Joseph Sach who was hospitalized at Juravinski Hospital in Hamilton earlier this week.

THE CANADIAN BISHOP-PARTICIPANTS AT THE ORDINARY SYNOD ON THE FAMILY in October were formally announced by Pope Francis earlier this week. Cardinal Thomas Collins (Toronto) and Archbishop Richard Smith (Edmonton) were chosen from the English-Sector, with Archbishop Michael Miller (Vancouver) as substitute. Archbishop Paul-André Durocher (Gatineau) and Bishop Noel Simard (Valleyfield) were chosen from the French-Sector, with Bishop Lionel Gendron (St. Jean-Longueuil) as substitute. It is expected that lay experts will be chosen in the coming weeks.

THE FORMAL CELEBRATION FOR BASILICA STATUS, the honour given to the Church of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, last December 8th, takes place on **June 29th**, Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, at 7 p.m. The ceremony involves the reception of the *Ombrellino* (umbrella) and *Tintinnabulum* (bell), and a new Coat-of-Arms, all signs of Basilica status. May this honour provide special graces to parishioners and visitors alike.

CHAIRPERSONS OF THE DIOCESAN PARISH MINISTERS ASSOCIATION visited the Chancery earlier this week to review their activities over the past year and to discuss future plans. The visit provided an opportunity to thank Ruthann Fisher who has completed her term as Chairperson, and to offer best wishes to Mary Edmonstone and Arden Ouellette who have assumed the roles of Co-Chairpersons for the coming year. It is an excellent organization which benefits its members and the Parishes they serve!

CATHERINE HORGAN, FORMER DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, for the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board, has been granted the Father Norm Choate, C.R., Lifetime Achievement Award, by St. Jerome's University. This award was presented to her at the St. Jerome's University Graduation Ceremony, Sunday, June 7th. We add our congratulations!

WE BID FAREWELL TO THE FRANCISCANS AT ST. RAPHAEL'S PARISH in Burlington this weekend. The 11 a.m. Sunday Mass will provide an opportunity to say thank you for their years of service and pastoral care. The Congregation of the Holy Cross will assume responsibility for the Parish as of Wednesday this week. We welcome them warmly.

WEDNESDAY IS MOVING DAY FOR PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE who are retiring or moving to new pastoral assignments. We pray for smooth transitions and offer our thanks for the pastoral care they have provided in the ministries they now leave!

OUR PRAYERS ARE OFFERED TO THE FAMILY OF RITA BRADBURY who died on June 12th and whose Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Gabriel Parish in Burlington on Wednesday. Her death comes two short months after the death of her son, Father Martin Bradbury. May she rest in peace.

St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI