



Heart to Heart

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THE PREFECTURE APOSTOLIC OF BERMUDA ISLAND was established in 1953, and became the Diocese of Hamilton (Bermuda) in 1967. This Sunday, Bishop Robert Kurtz, C.R. will celebrate a special 60th Anniversary Mass in his Cathedral. As a sister Diocese, we offer our prayers and good wishes on this Anniversary!

FATHER AUDRIUS ŠARKA, PASTOR OF OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH in Hamilton, was formally incardinated into the Diocese of Hamilton this week. His journey to incardination began three years ago. We welcome him warmly and pray for God's continued blessing on his ministry.

THE BRUCE-GREY CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD appointed Cathy Montreuil as their new Director of Education, succeeding Bruce MacPherson at the end of April. Currently, Cathy serves as Superintendent for the Board. Congratulations!

THE HALTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD announced that Michael Pautler, their Director of Education, will retire at the end of August. Board Chair, Diane Rabenda, was effusive in her gratitude to Mr. Pautler for his many contributions to the Board. In fact, he and Jackie Bajus from the Halton Board will receive the Distinguished Leader Award at the Ontario Catholic Supervisory Officers Association annual general meeting which takes place in Niagara Falls next month. We offer our congratulations and good wishes!

ROGER LAWLER, FORMER DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION FOR THE WATERLOO Catholic District School Board, will receive the prestigious B.E. Nelligan Award for his contribution to Catholic Education in Ontario at the same AGM. He is a worthy recipient!

DURING THIS TIME OF SEDE VACANTE, CHECK OUT THE CCCB WEBSITE for regular updates. Their Communication Director is working closely with Vatican Information Service to ensure that the latest news is available in Canada. www.cccb.ca Click on *Sede Vacante*.

THE SIX SEMINARIANS WHO STUDY AT ST. PETER'S SEMINARY IN LONDON are hunkering down for the final few weeks of study before their summer assignments. Father Wojciech Kuzma and I met with the Seminary Rector and Professors this week to receive their evaluations and recommendations. Good news: all will be moving forward in their formation! The Diocese is blessed to have 15 men preparing to serve as Priests in the Diocese!

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH IN KITCHENER is sponsoring a MAN OF THE SHROUD EXHIBIT from March 19-26. The exhibit features a life-sized photographic replica of the Shroud of Turin, reproductions of the instruments of Christ's Passion, the *Sudarium* (Cloth of Oviedo) and 29 museum boards. It is worth a visit – and at an appropriate time of year!

MUCH OF NEXT WEEK WILL BE SPENT AT A MEETING OF THE BISHOPS OF ONTARIO in Toronto. Usually chaired by the President, Cardinal Thomas Collins, the Bishops meet twice each year, in the Fall and in the Spring, for three days, to discuss matters of shared interest. Because Cardinal Collins is in Vatican City, he will miss the meeting. We will surely be praying for him in a special way. The Bishops will be welcoming Bishop-elect Daniel Miehm for his first meeting (of many) of the ACBO.

REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD TOMORROW NIGHT!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI