



Heart to Heart

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TODAY! IS THE DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES TO THE CHRISM MASS DINNER. To date, just over 140 Priests, Deacons and Seminarians have indicated their intention to attend the event. Please take a minute today to respond to your on-line invitation – or contact Pam Aleman at our Communications Office directly (paleman@hamiltondiocese.com).

THE DIOCESAN OFFICE FOR REFUGEES AND IMMIGRATION RECENTLY WELCOMED a young man from Eritrea who came to us through Tel Aviv. He is supported by the caring efforts of parishioners at Annunciation of Our Lord Parish in Hamilton. The joyful new resident visited our Chancery Office on Thursday, providing the occasion for a photo and the sharing of good wishes. Thank you to Barb Dollak, Director of our Refugee and Immigration Office, to Father Malcolm Katzenberger, Pastor of Annunciation Parish, and to all who offer assistance to those who reach out for our help!

THE RESPONSES TO THE SYNOD 2015 QUESTIONNAIRE HAVE BEEN COLLATED by our Diocesan Office for Family Ministry and sent to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops Office in Ottawa. They will make up a part of the response from all of the Dioceses in Canada. All the responses will be sent to the Secretariat for the Synod and will help in the preparation of the upcoming Ordinary Synod on the Family which will take place in October. Thanks to all who made a submission.

BEWARE THE HOLY SPIRIT! IS THE TITLE OF MISSION 2015, sponsored by the National Catholic Broadcasting Council. It is presented on Monday and Tuesday, March 30th and 31st, 2015 on VISION TV. There will be two half-hour programs. Details of the Mission were sent to Parishes earlier this month. Please promote the program, which is always a helpful reflection during this holy time.

A REMINDER OF THE VISIT OF FATHER JESUS ALBERTO FRANCO, from Colombia, to Canadian Martyrs' Parish, on Saturday evening, and to All Souls Parish on Sunday morning. He is this year's Solidarity Visitor to Southwestern Ontario for the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. We look forward to his visit to the Chancery Office on Monday morning!

PAOLO AND ARLAITH CREEDON-GALLI AWAIT THE BIRTH of identical triplets in early April. They are the young couple who carried the Christ-child to the Christmas Crib at last December's televised Midnight Mass. Please pray for a safe delivery of all three children – an incredible blessing for their parents, grandparents and parishioners of the Cathedral-Basilica Parish.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY IS OFFERING A MASTER CLASS IN PREACHING by Father Jude Siciliano, OP, on June 29-30, 2015. Father Jude is a well-known Preacher whose full-time ministry is preaching and the teaching of preaching! He has been President of the Catholic Association of Teachers of Homiletics and manages extensive on-line preaching resources. More information and registration can be found at <http://bit.ly/preachingmasterclass>. This is another excellent opportunity to improve preaching skills!

WE PRAY FOR FATHER WOJCIECH KUZMA AND PARTICIPANTS at a Discernment Retreat for Men being held at St. Joseph's Convent in Dundas, beginning this evening through Sunday. This is an important occasion to reflect on God's call and ways of discerning it in day-to-day life!

MONSIGNOR EARL TALBOT REMINDS PRIESTS OF THE TWO RETREATS being offered this year – May 18-22, and May 25-29. It is not too soon to indicate your choice of retreat to help with the planning of rooms and meals. To register contact Pam Aleman (paleman@hamiltondiocese.com).

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI