



Heart to Heart

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FATHER LUC PAYETTE UNDERWENT LONG-AWAITED SURGERY for the removal of a tumour on his brain on Thursday. It was a two-hour surgery and ended successfully. He was released from the hospital at the end of the day and will spend a few days recuperating in Hamilton before returning to Chepstow. He has expressed profound gratitude for the strong prayerful support he received from Priests, parishioners and friends.

THE DIOCESAN BARBEQUE FOR RELIGIOUS PRIESTS, SISTERS AND BROTHERS is on June 2nd at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown, beginning at 4 p.m. The evening will begin with Vespers, followed by a presentation on Religious Life by Brother Sean Sammon, F.M.S., followed by a festive meal. Almost 200 Religious have indicated their intention to participate! It is a creative and joyful way for the Diocese of Hamilton to mark the Year of Consecrated Life.

SOUNDS OF JOY, A CELEBRATION OF THE MUSICAL TALENT IN OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS, took place at the Hamilton Convention Centre last Tuesday evening. It was a magical evening, with over 375 students entertaining an amazed and appreciative audience. Concert bands, jazz bands, choral groups, and dancers captivated the attention of family, friends, and people who appreciate and support music. Thanks to Sandi Pizutti and Maurice Hucal from the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board who oversaw the organization of the event, to music teachers and parents who accompanied the students, and to Dave Tabone from Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School who MC'd the evening! Memorable in every respect!

THE SAINT JOSEPH'S SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION met yesterday at Michelangelo's Banquet Centre in Hamilton to celebrate their 100th Anniversary. Several of the participants celebrated their 50th Anniversary of membership! Even though the School of Nursing closed in 1978, the "nurses" repeated the *Jeanne Mance Oath*, committing themselves once again to serve generously and faithfully.

THE SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE COLLECTION FOR NEPAL has raised over \$350,000 in the Diocese of Hamilton. This amount has been forwarded to Development and Peace and should be matched by a Government grant according to a program announced by the Prime Minister at the time of the devastating earthquake. Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to assist the people of Nepal! May you be blessed one-hundred-fold!

PRIESTS ARE REMINDED OF A SPECIAL TWO-DAY MASTER CLASS IN PREACHING at St. Augustine's Seminary from June 29-30, 2015. Overnight accommodation at the Seminary is available. The Master Class will introduce the Homiletic Directory which was released by the Congregation for Divine Worship earlier this year. Pope Francis' reflections in *Evangelii Gaudium* will also be an important part of the program. It is not too late to notify the Seminary of your intention to attend.

THE SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD HAVE REQUESTED PRAYERS for their Fourteenth General Chapter which begins on June 9th and continues through to June 15th. The event takes place in London, Ontario. The election of their General Superior occurs on June 13th, followed on June 14th by the election of the General Council. General Chapters are important moments in the life of Religious Communities. We pray that the Spirit will motivate their decisions!

THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA holds their Annual Convention this weekend. Diocesan CWL President, Anna Brady, will chair the meeting and oversee the election of a new Diocesan Council. We pray for God's blessing on their gathering!

Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI