



## *Heart to Heart*

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**THE CONGREGATION OF THE SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH IN CANADA** celebrate Jubilees tomorrow at St. Joseph's Convent in Hamilton. Sister Veronica O'Reilly, Superior General, will preside at the renewal of vows for the Congregation during the Mass. Congratulations to Sister Josephine Bohnert who celebrates a remarkable 85 years; to Sister Ruth Ditner, 75 years; to Sister Teresita McInally and Sister Virginia Hanlon, 70; to Sisters Rita Villani, Lucy Straus, and Rose Gabriel, 60; and to Sister Ruth Anne Mowat, 50 years with the Congregation! We wish you God's rich blessing for your commitment of faith and service.

**ST. ANDREW'S PARISH IN OAKVILLE CELEBRATES ITS 175th ANNIVERSARY** of the first Mass celebrated there in late October 1840, by Father Eugene O'Reilly. A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at 5 p.m., followed by a reception and dinner at St. Joseph's Ukrainian Centre in Oakville. The service of Father Peter Coughlin, Pastor until his health necessitated retirement in December, 2014, will be honoured and gratitude for his years of pastoral care expressed at the dinner. He is the keynote speaker. We add our prayers of thanksgiving for the rich blessings that have flowed over the past 175 years!

**FATHER LUC PAYETTE UNDERGOES SURGERY IN HAMILTON ON MAY 28**, for the removal of a brain tumour. The tumour was discovered earlier this year and is believed to be benign. Please include him in your prayers for a successful operation and a speedy recovery.

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH IN KITCHENER IS CELEBRATING** the full Pentecost Vigil on Saturday, May 23, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Not unlike the Easter Vigil celebration, the Pentecost Vigil has 7 Scripture readings. Father Joseph de Viveiros, C.R., invites those who have yet to participate in the Vigil to make it part of your liturgical experience this year.

**THE BLESSING AND DEDICATION OF ST. BENEDICT SCHOOL IN MILTON** takes place next Tuesday, May 12. This is the second dedication of a school in the Halton Catholic District School Board in the past month, demonstrating just how rapid is the population growth in the area. May the school be a safe and joyful place of growth in faith and knowledge, always under the direction of the Holy Spirit!

**THE ALTAR SERVER AWARDS SPONSORED BY SERRA INTERNATIONAL** in Hamilton and Burlington takes place at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Wednesday, May 13, at 7 p.m. It gives an excellent opportunity to thank Servers for their faithful commitment to assist in the celebration of Mass in their Parishes. Always a joyful gathering, it also gives parents a chance to beam with pride to see their children honoured!

**NEXT THURSDAY'S MARCH FOR LIFE IN OTTAWA SENDS A STRONG MESSAGE** to our Federal Government that thousands upon thousands of Canadian citizens support the Right to Life as THE fundamental right underlying all other rights. The annual March, while always poorly reported by a jaded media, draws thousands of peaceful participants, many of them young people. That fact alone might point to a better future where federal legislation will protect the lives of the most vulnerable and voiceless among us! We wish participants from the Diocese of Hamilton safe travel and a powerful experience!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI