



Heart to Heart

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THE BIBLICAL ROOTS OF MERCY IS THE THEME OF A PRESENTATION by Sr. Eileen Schuller on Sunday evening at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. The evening begins at 7 p.m. with Evening Prayer, followed immediately by Sister's presentation. It is a foundational preparation for the *Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy* declared by Pope Francis. The Jubilee Year begins with the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City, on December 8th. The Holy Door of the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King will be opened on Sunday evening December 13th at 7 p.m. Mark your calendars.

THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY IN HAMILTON AND KITCHENER-WATERLOO CELEBRATE the feast of St. Andrew Dung-Lac and his Companions - the Vietnamese Martyrs – on Sunday afternoon at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Waterloo. The Mass is followed by a traditional meal in the Parish hall. All are welcome to experience a unique and beautiful liturgy and delicious Vietnamese fare (along with a few pizzas!).

ARCHBISHOP CHRISTIAN LÉPINE FROM MONTREAL is visiting the Diocese of Hamilton next weekend – the Solemnity of Christ the King. A dinner in his honour is being hosted at Ardree on Saturday evening and he will preach at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday. The Archbishop succeeded the renowned Cardinal Jean-Claude Turcotte two years ago, only a few months after having been named Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese. We welcome him warmly!

FRANCOIS DE LAVAL, HIS LIFE AND TIMES is the title of a book about the first Bishop of Quebec – and effectively North America. An English translation is available at www.francoisdelaval.com/english/. The book is a thorough and compelling biography of a strong and important Catholic leader in the Church and the “new world” at that time. History buffs will find the book to be informative and helpful.

CELEBRATIONS OF CONFIRMATION ARE WELL UNDERWAY for the New Pastoral Year. Thanks to the Pastors, Lay Pastoral Associates, Catechists, Teachers, Parents and Sponsors, who collaborate so carefully for the good of the candidates. These Masses are always beautiful occasions to pray for the blessing of the Holy Spirit upon the young people who present themselves for the Sacrament. Special thanks to Bishop Anthony Tonnos and Bishop Matthew Ustryzcki who assist Bishop Daniel Miehm and me in conferring the Sacrament.

FATHER DAVID WALTER IS THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE PRIESTS' SEMINAR COMMITTEE. He was elected to the position at the first meeting of the newly composed committee following this year's successful seminar. Thank you for taking on the extra duty, Father David!

THE DIOCESAN FINANCE COUNCIL, THE EPISCOPAL BOARD, AND THE PASTORAL OFFICES hold their regular (monthly) meetings next week. The Administration Council, the Presbyteral Council and the Council for Catholic Service Organizations met earlier this week. We are blessed to have such dedicated expert volunteers, professional lay personnel, and Priests who give time and talent to assure the good running of the Diocese.

A REMINDER: DEACON SCOTT WHITFIELD WILL BE ORDAINED A PRIEST ON December 19, 2015, at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown. The Mass begins at 10 a.m. Priests are invited to concelebrate. Mark your calendar now. All are welcome to attend and pray for the new Priest and his ministry.

St. Andrew Dun Lac and the Vietnamese Martyrs, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI