



## Heart to Heart

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**“THE ENTIRE CHURCH REJOICES TODAY** because that longed-for moment has finally arrived when, under the watchful eye of the Virgin Mother of God, the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council is opened here beside the tomb of St. Peter.” These words, spoken 50 years ago by Pope John XXIII, inaugurated Vatican II and a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the life of the Church. We prayed in thanksgiving for God’s blessing last evening at the Cathedral of Christ the King as we set out on another journey, the Year of Faith. The opening of the Year of Faith by Pope Benedict XVI at a ceremony at St. Peter’s Basilica yesterday coincided with the Council Anniversary. It will close on November 24<sup>th</sup>, Feast of Christ the King, 2013. May it be a year in which the faith of each person in our Diocese is deepened and enriched!

**D.R.E.A.M.S. CELEBRATES YEARS OF COLLABORATION WITH ADESJO**, a community organization formed by the Scarboro Foreign Missions under the direction of Father Lou Quinn in El Puente, Dominican Republic. A Fundraiser dinner takes place at St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic High School in Hamilton tonight. This program enriches the lives of the young people who travel to the Dominican Republic for the week-long venture, and of those in the DR who welcome them! Young people report it to be a joyful and life-changing experience!

**THE CATHOLIC HEALTH ALLIANCE OF CANADA** has issued the third edition of the *Health Ethics Guide* which is meant to provide guidance around new advances in science and medicine. It is a wonderful resource to assist the Church’s healing ministry. Speakers at the convention of the Catholic Health Association of Ontario, held in Toronto this week, led participants through the Guide, emphasizing its value and importance. Congratulations to CHAC on the publication of this helpful Guide.

**THE CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION (CYO)** will celebrate the graduation of youth ministers from a program offered at Brock University in St. Catharines. The ceremony will take place tomorrow morning at St. Catherine’s Cathedral in St. Catharines. Congratulations to the CYO for taking such an important initiative in the formation of people who will offer so much to the young people entrusted to their care!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BISHOP RYAN COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** in Stoney Creek, which celebrates its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this weekend. Bishop Tonnos and Bishop Ustrzycki will join me at a Mass and dinner with members of the Council. The fraternal order has a rich history in the area and has made a significant contribution to the Church and the community over the years!

**THE HARVEST DINNER**, a major fundraiser to support the good work of the Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd, took place last evening at Carmen’s. Father Jim Petrie, Dean of Hamilton, brought greetings on behalf of the Diocese. Brother Richard McPhee, Director of Programs for the Good Shepherd, gave a stirring speech that moved supporters deeply. Their good works in the city are impressive, a true Gospel response!

**FATHER IAN DUFFY HAS ASSURED THAT EVERYTHING IS READY** for the Annual Priests’ Seminar which takes place in two weeks (October 23-25) at the Holiday Inn in Burlington. In addition to the program, which will focus on the use of Social Media in the New Evangelization led by personnel from *Salt & Light TV*, our Priests will celebrate the anniversaries of those marking 25 and 50 years of Ordination. As well, Cardinal Thomas Collins will join us on the final day of the gathering to lead us through the prayerful experience of *Lectio Divina*, an opportunity for the priests to congratulate him once again on his recent elevation to the College of Cardinals. The week should be an informative and joyful encounter.

**FATHER VERNON BOYD, SJ, PASTOR AT HOLY ROSARY PARISH IN GUELPH** reminds us about the dedication of the new altar and the blessing of the pastoral offices and church renovations which will take place on November 2, 2012, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Parish staff and parishioners look forward to welcoming former parishioners, Priests, Religious and friends of the Parish to the event. The church and offices will be open at 4:00 p.m. for visits.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI