



Heart to Heart

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THE CARMELITE NUNS AT THE CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH in St. Agatha celebrated the 500th Anniversary of the birth of St. Teresa of Jesus (Avila) yesterday. St. Teresa is the spiritual mother of the community. It was also the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of religious profession of Sr. Teresa Margaret of the Sacred Heart. We offer our congratulations to the community for both events!

POPE FRANCIS WILL CANONIZE LOUIS AND ZELIE MARTIN, the parents of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, at a Mass celebrated at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on October 18th. It is the first time a married couple will be canonized, and is celebrated during the Synod on the Family, currently underway in the Vatican. If they are like their sainted daughter, they will be effective intercessors for families!

THE NEW SYRO-MALABAR BISHOP JOSE KALLUVELIL VISITED THE DIOCESAN OFFICES today to bring greetings and to provide information about his new jurisdiction in Canada. Already in the Diocese of Hamilton the Syro-Malabar community gathers monthly at Sacred Heart Parish in Hamilton and two Sundays a month at St. Ambrose Parish in Cambridge. We pray for God's blessing on the new Bishop's ministry.

WELCOME TO CHRISTINA MINES, DIRECTOR OF OUR YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE. She begins her ministry on Monday, October 19th. She served as Youth Minister at St. Margaret Mary Parish in Hamilton and St. Pius X Parish in Brantford, before accepting a position as Chaplaincy Leader in the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board. Her energy, goodness and joy will surely make her an effective leader in the Diocese. We welcome her and wish her well.

THE PERMANENT DEACON PROPAEDEUTIC (SPIRITUAL) YEAR begins on Saturday, October 17, 2015. There are four aspirants from the Diocese of Hamilton and one from the Diocese of St. Catharines. Father Mark Gatto, Director of Permanent Deacon Formation will facilitate the opening session – The Vocation and Ministry of the Deacon. The first year programming continues through May 14, 2016. We pray for the aspirants and their wives as they enter this time of discernment and study!

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE SPONSOR CLIMATE VIGILS in response to Pope Francis' request that we protect the environment – our common home! The first event is a Prayer Vigil at Holy Rosary Community Hall, 175 Emma Street, Guelph, on October 23rd at 7 pm. The second is an Ecumenical Prayer Vigil at McMillan Park, 95 Main Street, Hillsburgh, Erin on October 24th at 6:15 pm. It is an excellent initiative. Let us pray – together.

IT IS CLERGY APPRECIATION NIGHT IN HAMILTON! The annual event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus in Hamilton and takes place at the K of C Hall, 222 Queenston Road. The fraternal dinner is an opportunity for the Priests and the Knights to enjoy a meal together! Thanks to the Knights for your support!

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN THE NORTHERN ZONE OF THE DIOCESE hold their annual Bishop's Dinner beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Walkerton. It is always a joy filled gathering drawing together people from across the Deanery. The funds raised support charitable works in the region. It will be a good reason for a pleasant autumn drive!

THE BLESSING OF THE ADDITION AND RENOVATION OF THE MAUSOLEUM at Marymount Cemetery in Guelph takes place on Saturday, October 31st. The construction has been underway for the past year and the addition will provide crypts and niches for parishioners in the area. Congratulations to the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton for their foresight and service to the community!

MONDAY IS ELECTION DAY IN CANADA! It is our opportunity to exercise our franchise to vote. It is both a right and a responsibility – and it assures that democracy works. **VOTE ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 19th!**

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI