



Heart to Heart

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GOOD NEWS FROM FATHER PETER CIALLELLA! After almost 2 ½ years of patient waiting the trachea tube was removed yesterday morning, patched and dressed. The hole closed completely shortly after the treatment. Father Peter is grateful for the encouragement, prayers and support from so many. He called the office and it was good to hear him in full voice. He should be home on Saturday. We offer prayers of thanks to God!

FATHER BOB SIMS WAS ADMITTED TO JOSEPH BRANT HOSPITAL IN BURLINGTON last week. He is being treated for congestive heart failure. Your prayers are requested for his recovery.

NINE WORTHY RECIPIENTS RECEIVED *THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH LEGACY AWARD* at moving ceremony at St. Joseph Villa yesterday afternoon. The nine have contributed generously to the good work of the Villa which was started by the Sisters of St. Joseph on that very location in 1879. Congratulations and thanks to the recipients and to all who make St. Joseph Villa such a remarkable residence!

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL IN KITCHENER celebrated its 25th Anniversary today with a School Mass at 10 a.m., followed by a “Founders’ Luncheon”. Remember the past with gratitude! Live the present with enthusiasm! Go into the future with confidence! Thanks to administrators, staff, and students who have made it the great school it has become.

ST. PETER’S SEMINARY ANNOUNCED THAT FATHER FRANK O’CONNOR has been named to the *Diocese of Hamilton Endowed Chair in Moral Theology and Social Justice*. He has served on the Seminary Faculty for 27 years as Spiritual Director of the Seminary and as Assistant Professor in Spirituality, Catholic Social Teaching and Moral Theology. He is an ideal choice for the appointment. Congratulations, Father!

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD announced the recipients for the Board’s 2015 *Award for Distinguished Service to Catholic Education*. The Principals and Vice-Principals past and present, Marilena Barth, James LoPresti, Colleen McPhee, and Grant Ranalli will be honoured. The Awards liturgy, presentation and reception, will take place on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. We congratulate all those honoured, with a special “hooray” for Marilena Barth who provides such great service as Recording Secretary for the *Council for Catholic Service Organizations* (CCSO) for the Hamilton Diocese!

THE CATHOLIC CHILDRENS’ AID SOCIETY OF HAMILTON (CCASH) HONOURS FOSTER PARENTS at a dinner at Liuna Station tonight. Parents who have provided protective care for children for five, ten, twenty-five years and more are thanked and honoured for providing a safe environment when it was needed most. Catholic parents might consider foster parenting as a way of living the Gospel of hospitality!

MCMASTER UNIVERSITY SPONSORS *THE SCHREIBER LECTURE SERIES* on Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. The presentation will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of *Nostra Aetate*, the final document of the Second Vatican Council, which promoted interfaith dialogue. The title of the lecture: “*What Our Grandparents Couldn’t Imagine: 50 Years of Jewish-Christian Relations!*”

SEVERAL PEOPLE HAVE ASKED ME IF BISHOP USTRZYCKI FOUND HIS CROZIER. He had loaned it to a visiting Bishop from Africa for use at a ceremony in Mississauga. The diligent Pastor sent the crozier on to another parish! All’s well that ends well.

THE PRIESTS’ SEMINAR STARTS ON WEDNESDAY EVENING AND CONTINUES THROUGH FRIDAY at the Holiday Inn in Burlington. Thanks to the Committee who arranged the Seminar this year. It is a time to renew fraternal ties and to be enriched by the presentations. Pray that God blesses the gathering!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI