



POPE BENEDICT XVI DECLARED ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA to be *PROTECTRESS OF CANADA* during the canonization ceremony last Sunday, October 21. The remarkable designation followed the canonization itself and took place during the Holy Father's homily at the Mass. We rejoice at this title and pray for her intercession!

THE PRIESTS' SEMINAR ENDED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON following two excellent presentations by Cardinal Thomas Collins, one an experience of *Lectio Divina*, the second on the benefits of the new technology. His prayerfulness and good humour won our profound gratitude.

FATHER EARL TALBOT IS APPOINTED EPISCOPAL VICAR FOR PRIESTS. This appointment was announced at the conclusion of the Priests' Seminar. The beloved Pastor of St. Anthony Daniel's Parish in Kitchener will continue serving his parish while carrying on this new service. As Episcopal Vicar, he will also serve on the Episcopal Board. My personal thanks to Father Talbot for his willingness to take on the role!

DEACON PETER PELLETIER, who serves at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener, is recovering from major surgery. Recovery from the current intervention is expected to take from seven to ten days. Please include him in your prayers.

FATHER DAN HINSPERGER RETURNS HOME TODAY following a time of recuperation at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Like other Priests who have been welcomed there for particular care, he is grateful for the care of the Sisters. With him, we offer our thanks for their concern and support, and for returning him to us in full form!

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IS BEING CELEBRATED AGAIN! Last weekend, Bishop Anthony Tonnos celebrated at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Freelon, and at Regina Mundi in Hamilton. He will confirm two groups of young people at Corpus Christi Parish in Hamilton on Sunday. I look forward to meeting my first group of young people for the current pastoral year tomorrow evening at St. John's Parish in Arthur. The next eight weeks will be a time of rich blessing for the confirmandi and for us all!

THE ANNUAL ALL SOULS MASS AT HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY will be celebrated this Sunday afternoon, beginning at 2 p.m. It is an opportunity to pray for deceased family members and friends buried there and elsewhere. The Mass is also an opportunity for us to pray once again for Monsignor Vincent Kerr and Father Kyran Kennedy who died in the course of this calendar year.

SUPPORTERS OF THE CARMELITE NUNS AT THE CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH, in St. Agatha, will gather in Kitchener on Monday evening for their annual fundraising dinner. Mr. Frank Voisin has been the chief shepherd of the support group since its foundation. See you there!

THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE OF THE HONOURABLE LINCOLN ALEXANDER takes place this afternoon at Hamilton Place. He was well-known by many of the Priests and parishioners of the Diocese. We pray for the repose of his soul.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI