



Heart to Heart

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FATHER JOE SELVANAYAGAM HAS BEEN INCARDINATED INTO THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON following seven years of ministry in Canada. He was excardinated from the Archdiocese of Jaffna earlier this month. Currently he is Pastor of St. Mary of the Purification in Mount Forest. We welcome him to the Diocesan Presbyterate!

THE ANNUAL PRIESTS' SEMINAR CONCLUDES TODAY FOLLOWING THREE DAYS of fraternity and study. The theme of this year's seminar was *Sexuality and Relationships: A Pastoral Approach*. Last evening Priests celebrating special Jubilees were honoured: Msgr. Bill O'Brien and Fr. Victor McNamara celebrate 65 years; Fathers Gerald Mulhall, Michael Sullivan, and Ronald Cote celebrate 60 years; Fathers James Valk, CR, Harry Reitzel, CR, Peter Pigott, CR, and John Massari, c.s. celebrate 50 years, and Fathers Archange Kebe, Arthur Scidmore, Gary Schlack, Mark Gatto, and David Wynen celebrate 25 years. We offer our thanks for their generous and effective ministry, and our wishes for good health and rich blessings into the future!

THE CHRISTIAN MEDICAL AND DENTAL SOCIETY OF CANADA has opened a website in support of conscience rights for physicians, particularly important at this time when doctors could be forced to participate against their will in euthanasia and assisted suicide. They seek your moral support. See MoralConvictions.ca

THE EX CORDE FOUNDATION HAD THEIR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THIS WEEK. Vincenza Travale was elected Chair, replacing Msgr. Dan Hinsperger who died in July. Father Dennis Noon was selected to serve as a Director on the Foundation Board. Over the past three years, over 130 Catholic Parishes and organizations have been encouraged by grants that assist in a variety of projects. Thanks for your important and very good work!

THE ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER IN SUPPORT OF THE SISTERS AT ST. JOSEPH'S CARMEL in St. Agatha took place this week. The largest group of supporters ever enjoyed a good meal and lively conversation. Bishop Daniel Miehm spoke words of encouragement and gratitude. A worthy cause – a generous response!

THE RECENT ADDITION AND RENOVATION OF THE MAUSOLEUM AT MARYMOUNT CEMETERY in Guelph will be blessed during Mass celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday. The larger mausoleum will provide niches and crypts for parishioners in the Wellington Deanery. This is one of several Masses celebrated for the souls of the faithful departed over the coming few days.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE OPENED THEIR DOORS TO PARISHIONERS following a lengthy period of restoration. The restoration is breathtaking and brightens the church considerably. Thanks to Sts. Martyrs Canadiens Parish for welcoming the parishioners every weekend for 4 months!

PLANS ARE AFOOT TO WELCOME ARCHBISHOP CHRISTIAN LEPINE, Archbishop of Montreal, to the Diocese on the weekend of November 21st-22nd for the patronal celebration of the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. The Archbishop will preach at the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. We look forward to his visit!

WELCOME HOME TO MOIRA MCQUEEN who spent the past three weeks at the Synod on the Family in Rome. Despite jet lag, she is already engaged in a series of presentations. Everybody wants to hear her take on the Synod.

A MASS CELEBRATING THE YEAR FOR CONSECRATED LIFE takes place at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate on Sunday, November 1st at 3:00 p.m. It is an opportunity to give thanks to God for the gift that consecrated women and men are to the Diocese of Hamilton and to the Church universal. It will be the final event for this special year declared by Pope Francis. We have marked it well in the Diocese!

REMEMBER TO "FALL BACK" – change your clocks back an hour when you go to bed on Saturday night!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI