



Heart to Heart

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MONSIGNOR ROGER FORMOSI DIED EARLIER THIS WEEK following several months of pancreatic cancer. He was courageous and confident in God's loving mercy to the end. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica tomorrow. Visitation is taking place at Mary Mother of God Parish in Oakville where Monsignor served during the past few years. The Vigil will take place at 8 p.m. tonight. May he rest in peace.

FATHER TERRENCE MCGUIRE, CR, WAS BURIED YESTERDAY IN MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY, following a Funeral Mass at St. Louis Parish in Waterloo. We offer our condolences to the Resurrectionists and thank them for their pastoral ministry in the Diocese over the years.

ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY CELEBRATED ITS 150th ANNIVERSARY LAST SATURDAY EVENING. A Mass of Thanksgiving, celebrated at St. Mary's Parish, drew together Board members, alumni, students and staff of the University and some of the Resurrectionists who taught at the University. Following the Mass, the annual St. Jerome's Feast was enjoyed by the "largest ever" crowd! Former Presidents Doug Letson, Michael Higgins, and Father David Perrin, OMI, were present. Current President Katherine Bergman was the MC for the evening.

DR. MOIRA MCQUEEN, PARISHIONER AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA, and Director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute, is one of the auditors at the Synod of Bishops, on the theme "*The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and the Contemporary World*". Pope Francis announced the list of invitees on September 15th. Dr. McQueen will participate in small group discussions and address the Synod at some point. She was also invited to read the First Reading at the opening Mass of the Synod in St. Peter's Basilica – a memorable moment for her! (She was scheduled to be the Reader at the 9 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral Basilica that same Sunday morning.) The Synod began on October 4th and continues to October 25, 2015.

THE NEW BOOK OF GOSPELS WAS BLESSED BY CARDINAL THOMAS COLLINS at the recent Plenary meeting of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, and presented for use in Canada. *An Introduction and Guide to the Book of Gospels* accompanies it and outlines the proper use of the Book. Pastors need to purchase the Book for their Parishes. Our Liturgy Office can assist with orders – a discount is available if the Book is ordered through our office.

176 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES from Hamilton Diocese. It was a blessing for all of us. The long bus ride down and back was not as challenging as might have been feared. The program was rich and engaging. The liturgical celebrations were well prepared. The accommodations were comfortable and welcoming! And the visit of Pope Francis put the event into the history books! Special thanks to Teresa Hartnett and Lena Settini who assured that everything was ready at our end. Notwithstanding a few challenges, everyone returned safe and sound and grateful for the experience!

ST. BONIFACE PARISH IN HAMILTON CELEBRATES ITS FINAL MASS TOMORROW EVENING. The Parish served the German community in Hamilton and beyond for many years. In recent years it became evident that parishioners were aging and younger members were going to other Parishes. Special thanks to Father Andrew Lopatniuk who has served the community so caringly for the past few years.

THANK YOU FOR THE GOOD WISHES SENT MY WAY on the occasion of my 40th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination, and on my election as President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. I am grateful for the blessings of the past 40 years as a Priest, and I am honoured by the confidence that the Bishops have placed in me. I can accept this duty because I am well-supported by the personnel at the Diocesan Offices and by the personnel at the CCCB! Both top notch! Please pray for me.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI