



**FATHER STEPHEN CROWLEY HAS INFORMED PARISHIONERS** at St. John's and Our Lady of Guadalupe Parishes in Kitchener that he is being treated for "non-life threatening cancer". At the end of June he had a cancerous tumour about the size of a walnut removed from the left side of his scalp. The doctors are quite confident that it is curable and not life threatening. We pray for him as his treatments continue for the coming month.

**THE WELLINGTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD** held its annual Bishop's Dinner at the Italian Club in Guelph last night. The event was well-planned and well-attended, including the presence of Minister Liz Sandals, M.P.P. for the City and Minister of Education. The funds raised will benefit three important works in the community, the Welcome In Drop In Centre, Michael House, and the Grand River Conservation Authority. Thanks to Pastors and parishioners from the area for supporting and participating in the important fundraiser!

**THE HARVEST DINNER BENEFITTING THE WORK** of the Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd takes place next Thursday evening at Carmen's Banquet Centre. The Brothers and their thousands of volunteers do remarkable work to assist people in difficulty in Hamilton. Attending the dinner is a tangible way to support their valuable service to the community.

**FATHER JIM PETRIE, PASTOR AT ST. BENEDICT PARISH**, will be formally installed in a ceremony which takes place during Mass tomorrow evening. Over the summer months the location where the new church will be built was determined. It will be a landmark in the burgeoning community. May God bless Father Petrie's important work of building a vibrant Parish!

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN HAMILTON AND HALTON** hold their annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner at their hall on Queenston Road in Hamilton NEXT Friday evening (October 18) at 6 p.m. It is a truly fraternal and relaxed evening, an opportunity to enjoy a good meal together with brothers and friends. Priests in Hamilton and Halton (and beyond) are reminded of the event and encouraged to attend.

**THE POPULAR AUTHOR AND VATICAN COMMENTATOR, MR. JOHN ALLEN**, is speaking at Christ the King Cathedral Basilica following Evening Prayer which begins at 7 p.m. on October 21, 2013. The event, which is open to the public, is sponsored by the Association for Canadian Catholic Adult Formation which is holding its annual convention in Hamilton this year. The talk should be very interesting given the excitement that has surrounded the election of Pope Francis earlier in the year. Join us.

**THE LAST CONFERENCE FOR THE YEAR OF FAITH** takes place on November 9<sup>th</sup> at the Holy Family Croatian Parish Hall in Kitchener (180 Schweitzer Street) from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The theme of the day is *The Faith We Share*. Beginning with our baptism, we are called to evangelize – to proclaim Good News. Catherine Ecker is the main presenter for the day, which will be particularly helpful for Pastors and parishioners involved in adult faith formation and Christian Initiation. Come-all-ye! Call Lena Settimi at the Chancery Office to register.

**THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY IN GUELPH MARKED A MILESTONE LAST NIGHT.** It was dedicated by Bishop Dowling on October 10, 1888! With all the care and attention to its exterior over the past few years, the church looks as beautiful now as it probably have looked back then! It is a landmark in Guelph. I look forward to celebrating with the community NEXT weekend, October 19-20.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI