



Heart to Heart

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FOLLOWING A PRESENTATION BY FATHER SAM RESTIVO, C.R., Provincial Superior, I have made the following Clergy appointments which become effective on November 6, 2013: Father Philip Reilly, CR, Administrator, St. Louis Parish, Waterloo; Fr. Michal Kruszewski, CR, Associate Pastor, St. Louis Parish, Waterloo; Father Christopher Buda, CR, Associate Pastor, St. Joseph's Parish, Hamilton. Thank you to Father Sutherland (Sudie) MacDonald, CR, for serving as Administrator of St. Louis Parish, since June 1, 2013! And thank you to these CRs and all the CRs who serve so faithfully in several Parishes throughout the Diocese!

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO CATHOLIC EDUCATION AWARDS FOR 2013 will be awarded by the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board to the following worthy recipients: Assistant Custodians, Custodians and Maintenance Staff; Sylvia Fletcher, Retired School Secretary; John Irvine, Retired Computer Consultant; Peter Rogers, Retired Secondary School Teacher. Mrs. Patricia Amos, Director of Education, made the happy announcement this week. The Awards will be presented by Bishop Daniel Miehm, following a special liturgical celebration to take place at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on November 26, 2013. We congratulate the recipients and thank them for their outstanding service to Catholic education!

DEACON TERRY MURPHY AND HIS WIFE JOANNE HAVE RETURNED to Saskatchewan to serve three First Nations communities, while residing in Delmas (population 116 + the two of them), three hours west of Prince Albert. They serve Mosquito, Red Pheasant, and Poundmaker Reserves. This begins the fourth year of their service in the Diocese of Prince Albert. We pray for God's blessing on this new and challenging ministry!

THE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS (CCSO) in Hamilton will sponsor *Faith in Action Sunday* NEXT weekend in order to highlight the service provided by these Catholic organizations benefitting so many people in Hamilton and surrounding communities. Posters and brochures will be delivered to Parishes next Wednesday for distribution at Sunday Masses. Congratulations to the CCSO participants for this important initiative and thank you for the good work you do to improve the lives of citizens!

A SYMPOSIUM FOR RECENTLY ORDAINED (2007-2013) PRIESTS takes place November 4 to 8 at the Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls. This is the third such symposium sponsored by the ACBO Commission for Priests. The members of the Ontario Diocesan Vocation Directors' Association are assisting in the organization of the symposium. Recently ordained Priests from Religious Communities are also invited to attend. If you haven't already registered, it is not too late. Contact Father John Lemire at St. Patrick's Parish in Cobalt!

OUR LADY IMMACULATE PARISH CELEBRATES THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY of the Dedication of the Church at all Masses and at a special banquet this weekend. Father Dennis Noon, Pastor, will oversee the events. The "Church on the Hill" is THE outstanding landmark in Guelph and is truly one of the significant jewels of the Diocese of Hamilton! I look forward to joining them for the "doings!"

DIRECTORS OF EDUCATION AND THE PRESIDENT OF ST. JEROME UNIVERSITY gather with Father Con O'Mahony, Episcopal Vicar (Catholic Education), and me at Ardree on Monday. This Conversation at Ardree will give us an opportunity to reflect on and deepen the Partnership Agreement we signed last autumn that has given a new momentum to our commitment to Catholic education from the beginning of life to the end!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI