



AN EASTERN REDBUD TREE WAS PLANTED IN MEMORY OF DOMINIC SERGI on the grounds of the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Wednesday past. His children and surviving brothers and sister, along with Chancery personnel, were present for the blessing and commemoration. Dominic took care of the grounds for many years, and the tree is a fitting memorial of his dedicated service to the Diocese. At the same time a Red Oak was planted in front of the Chancery to mark the ordination last May of Father Allen Varlaki. Since becoming Bishop of Hamilton three years ago, I have planted four trees to mark the ordination of each new Priest for the Diocese.

THE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY OF HAMILTON celebrates their annual Foster Parent's Recognition Dinner tonight. Foster parents who have provided safe homes for children for five, ten, twenty-five years and longer. This is the work of "saving lives", nothing less. A profound *THANK YOU* to all foster parents, and to all who serve at the CCAS-H! Catholic couples might consider becoming foster parents.

YEAR TWO CANDIDATES FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE gather this Saturday at the Chancery Office for their third formation day in the current formation year. Father Fred Scinto, CR, will be teaching on New Testament writings. Welcome to Bishop Gerard Bergie, Bishop of St. Catharine's, who will preside at the Mass with the candidates and their wives. One of the candidates comes from St. Catharine's Diocese. We continue to pray for the Deacon candidates who are studying both here in Hamilton (Year Two) and at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto (Year Four).

THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE MULTICULTURAL MASS TAKES PLACE at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. It is always a colourful and joyful celebration! People from our "cultural" Parishes, missions and communities gather to pray in thanksgiving in their various languages and according to their cultural expression. Afterwards there is a lively reception in the hall where the singing and dancing continues – and the enjoyment of specially prepared foods. All are welcome!

THE "PRIESTS' SEMINAR" TAKES PLACE NEXT WEEK AT THE HOLIDAY INN in Burlington. This year's theme, The Evangelizing Parish, was chosen to complement the Year of Faith celebrations in the Diocese. Priests and parishioners in the evangelizing parish understand that, from baptism, we are called to evangelize. Catherine Ecker and Father Larry Leger are the main presenters at the gathering. Thanks to the 2013 Seminary Committee Members: Fathers Ian Duffy, Paul Hrynczyszyn, Michael King, Mark Morley (Chair), Maurice Richard, OFM Conv., and Don Sanvido, for their dedication and hard work in assuring an interesting and engaging Seminar for the Priests.

THE JUBILEE ANNIVERSARIES OF PRIESTS SERVING IN HAMILTON DIOCESE will be celebrated at a special Mass and Dinner during the Priests' Seminar. Congratulations to Fathers Anthony Azzopardi, David Mowat, CR, and Clair Girodat, CR, who celebrate their 50th Anniversary, and to Fathers Michael King and Wallace Metcalf who celebrate their 25th Anniversary this year. Father Wayne Lobsinger will present the honourees and a gift will be given to each. *Ad multos annos!*

THE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS (CCSO) is sponsoring Faith in Action Sunday this weekend in the Hamilton Deanery. To find out more about the work of these organizations visit our Diocesan website: <http://hamiltondiocese.com/ccso/>.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI