



## *Heart to Heart*

September 11, 2015 (#213)

**ST. ANN'S PARISH IN ANCASTER WELCOMES A REFUGEE FAMILY** next Monday. Barb Dollak, outgoing Director of our Refugee and Immigration Office, assisted the parishioners as they carefully negotiated the government requirements. Congratulations to Father Ian Duffy and the Parish Committee for this generous act of welcome. If your Parish wants to support a refugee (family), call the office!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ANNE JAMIESON, DIRECTOR OF OUR CATECHESIS OFFICE**, who successfully defended her doctoral thesis this week. She now holds her Doctor of Ministry (DMin) from Regis College at the University of Toronto. The title of her thesis: *Exploring the Ecclesial Identity of the Catechist through the Hermeneutic of 'Full, Conscious and Active Participation'*. Well done indeed!

**ERIN PEASE, NEW DIRECTOR OF OUR REFUGEE AND IMMIGRATION OFFICE**, begins work on Monday. We warmly welcome her. She will carry on the good work of Barb Dollak; in fact, Barb will be working closely with her in these early days to ensure the smoothest possible transition. Recent world events show just how important the work is!

**SARAH GUINTA HAS ACCEPTED THE POSITION OF COORDINATOR** of the Justice and Peace Office. She began her work earlier this week. She is beginning to familiarize herself with the documents of the former Social Awareness Office and getting to know others with similar interests who serve the Church. We are grateful for her interest and her service!

**THE ANNUAL RED MASS WAS CELEBRATED AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA ON WEDNESDAY**, sponsored by the St. Thomas More Lawyers Guild. Members of the Judiciary, lawyers, those who serve the legal profession, the Chief of Police and members of the Hamilton Police Services, and students from St. Thomas More High School gathered to pray that the important work of rendering justice be guided by the Spirit of truth, compassion and love. Justice Peter Lauwers, of the Court of Appeal for Ontario spoke at a brunch that followed the Mass.

**THE CHIEF'S GALA**, an event that occurs every two years, had the CYO as principle beneficiary this year. At last evening's dinner, to the delight of 600 diners, Hamilton Police Chief Glenn De Caire presented CYO Executive Director John Spatazzo with a cheque for \$50,000.00! Sincere thanks to the Chief for such generous support for an important organization!

**KOJO DAMPTEY, REGIONAL ANIMATOR FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE** is presenting education workshops throughout the Diocese to launch the 2015 Fall Action Campaign: *Create a Climate of Change*. The meetings begin at 7 p.m.: September 24<sup>th</sup> – St. John's Parish, Kitchener; September 28<sup>th</sup> – St. Michael's Parish, Oakville; September 29<sup>th</sup> – Blessed Sacrament Parish, Hamilton; September 30<sup>th</sup> – Holy Rosary Parish, Guelph.

**OVER 50 SECRETARIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS HAVE REGISTERED** for a day of retreat and renewal on September 16<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral Basilica. The theme for the day is "BE OPEN!" It gives us the opportunity to acknowledge the good work of these front line staff members!

**GRANDPARENTS TAKE NOTE!** The Pastoral Offices are sponsoring a Day of Reflection for Grandparents at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. TOMORROW, September 12<sup>th</sup>. No registration required!

**BISHOP USTRZYCKI HAS MISPLACED HIS CROZIER.** If anyone knows where it is, please contact Bishop Ustrzycki.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI