



## Heart to Heart

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**ARCHBISHOP PAUL-ANDRÉ DUROCHER FROM GATINEAU** was elected President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops earlier this week at the Plenary Assembly in Ste-Adele, Quebec. I was elected Vice-President. Bishop Lionel Gendron (St-Jean-Longueuil) and Archbishop Anthony Mancini (Halifax-Yarmouth) were elected Co-Treasurers. The Plenary Assembly concludes at noon today. Please pray for the new CCCB Executive and for their service to the Church in Canada.

**ARCHBISHOP PEDRO LOPEZ QUINTANA, APOSTOLIC NUNCIO** to Canada was feted during the CCCB Plenary Assembly on Monday evening. Pope Francis has called him to Rome following four years of service as Nuncio. He leaves tomorrow. Monsignor Maurizio Bravi, Counsellor at the Nunciature, will be the principal contact person there until a new Nuncio is named.

**CONTRIBUTIONS APPROACHING \$160,000** from parishioners in the Diocese of Hamilton, supported the special collection sponsored by the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace to assist refugees from Syria. To date over \$800,000 has been collected. The Federal Government has provided over \$5 million to the important work. Thanks to all who contributed!

**BEING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART**, by our own David Dayler, was published recently by Novalis. The book outlines the spiritual journey of 15 men from Old Testament times to the present. It provides insights into the spiritual life and encourages the reader to open himself to the presence and work of the Holy Spirit. Pastors are encouraged to inform parishioners about the availability of the book and suggest, perhaps, that it would be an excellent Christmas gift! Congratulations, David; good work!

**FR. PIERRE-PHILIPPE JEAN-PIERRE**, now resident in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, sent greetings to us earlier this week. *"I am still adapting myself to a difficult reality but it is an opportunity to serve those most in need, especially a desperate youth. God bless you all!"* We pray for Fr. Philippe and for the entire Church in Haiti, that in the midst of their trials they may experience the consolation of God in the support of brothers and sisters in our Diocese and elsewhere!

**ALL SOULS PARISH IN HAMILTON** is honouring Mrs. Rosa Odisho, Parish Secretary for the past 25 years of service. We join our congratulations and thanks to those of the Priests and parishioners for her faithful commitment. Thanks also to Father Peter Ciallella, c.s., for alerting us to this event!

**JOHN ALLEN, AUTHOR AND JOURNALIST**, will speak in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on October 21<sup>st</sup>. His topic is *The New Evangelization and What It Means to You*. This is another *Year of Faith* opportunity for parishioners throughout the Diocese. The talk will be preceded by Evening Prayer beginning at 7pm. Mark your calendar now!

**THE NORTH ZONE OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** hold their annual Bishop's Dinner in Maryhill this year. The funds raised are contributed to the Bishop's Charities account and assist good works that benefit the needy in our Diocese. The event also serves to bring together parishioners from our "northern" Parishes – at a time of year when winter storms are not a threat!

**ST. JEROME'S FEAST** takes place this evening at St. Jerome's University. As part of this year's event, Frank Clifford Sr., is being honoured with the 2013 Chancellor John Sweeney Award for Catholic Leadership. We congratulate him on this well-deserved honour and are happy to participate in this event which celebrates all the good work that is being done at St. Jerome's University.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI