



**ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTHCARE WEST 5<sup>TH</sup> CAMPUS WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED** and blessed yesterday. Premier Kathleen Wynne and Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Deborah Matthews were among the distinguished guests. The West 5<sup>th</sup> Campus has been given the name Margaret and Charles Juravinski Centre for Integrated Healthcare because of a \$10M donation from the generous couple! While the Centre will provide support and care for people suffering from mental disorders, it will also provide professional care for people with diabetes and other medical problems. Congratulations to the St. Joseph's Health System for this remarkable new centre!

**THE POSTERS FOR THE MAY 25, 2014, ANNIVERSARY MASS** have been sent to the Parishes. Already parishioners celebrating 25, 40, 50 and 60 or more years of marriage have begun registering. It is always one of the more joyful celebrations at the Cathedral Basilica. It is a great way to mark such significant milestones and to offer thanksgiving to God for the blessing of married life!

**OUR DIOCESAN OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEES WELCOMED 34** people to Canada in 2013! Barb Dollak, Director of the Office, is waiting for our allocation for 2014 which is given each year by the Ministry of Immigration in Ottawa. It is already late in coming. She works closely with other Catholic Diocesan Offices in Ontario and across Canada. Thanks to Parishes in the Diocese that enthusiastically sponsor refugees and immigrants. For many it is lifesaving!

**INFORMATION ABOUT THE 2014 RITE OF ELECTION** has been sent to Pastors by our Liturgy Office. The Rite (which is not a Mass), which has taken place in the Parishes in previous years, will take place in two venues in the Diocese on March 9, 2014: at St. Michael's Parish in Waterloo at 1 p.m., and at the Cathedral Basilica in Hamilton at 1:30 p.m. Pastors are asked to assure that names of those who are preparing for Baptism and the other Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation, and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil are registered as soon as possible. Please pray for those who are making such an important life choice.

**THE CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE** will launch their 2014 Share Lent Campaign here in the Diocese of Hamilton on Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. The theme for this year's campaign follows the special theme of the Caritas International promoted by Pope Francis: *One Human Family, Food for All*. Local workshops in preparation for the campaign are scheduled on January 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph's Church in Guelph, January 28<sup>th</sup> at Blessed Sacrament Church in Hamilton, January 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's Church in Waterloo, and February 3<sup>rd</sup>, at St. Michael's Church in Oakville. Please encourage interested parishioners to get on board!

**I WILL BE SPENDING A FULL DAY AT ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY ON SUNDAY**, participating in their Masses and gatherings. I look forward to meeting and praying with this Catholic University community which has had such an illustrious history.

**WE CONTINUE TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION.** I will be at St. Raphael's Parish in Burlington tomorrow. It is always a joyful and encouraging time in the life of the Parish community!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI