



**THE 2013 BISHOP'S CHARITIES DINNER DANCE** takes place next Saturday evening, February 9, at Carmen's Banquet Centre in Hamilton. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus in the Hamilton area, the event supports many good works in the Hamilton area. Tickets are sold out – and the evening is always a joyful celebration. Thank you in a special way to Mr. Fred Miscio and his team for the huge organizational effort. And thank you to all who contribute to make the event a huge success every year! See you there.

**SIXTEEN BUSINESS LEADERS GATHERED AT ARDREE** on Tuesday to reflect on the recent document published by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace entitled *The Vocation of the Business Leader*. The lively discussion was facilitated by Father Bill Ryan, S.J., of the Jesuit Forum. The commitment of business people to the faith is impressive – something that can be celebrated during this Year of Faith!

**ON FEBRUARY 16 WE WELCOME ARCHBISHOP BARRETO** from Peru to the Hamilton Diocese. His visit is sponsored by the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. He will be the guest homilist at the 5 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral of Christ the King and he will speak following a pot-luck dinner in the parish hall following the Mass. The Archbishop was recently appointed to the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. Please join us!

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AT ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH** in Oakville takes place this weekend and next. We celebrate tonight, tomorrow morning and afternoon and next Saturday morning. The Parish will be a busy place for these events – which attract relatives and friends of the Confirmandi and fill the church to overflowing! Pray for the young people!

**THE 24<sup>th</sup> BIOETHICS WORKSHOP FOR BISHOPS** takes place in Dallas, Texas, next week. The annual event is sponsored by the National Catholic Bioethics Center and the Knights of Columbus. This year's theme is *Bioethics Through The Eyes of Faith – Serving Christ in the Sick and Vulnerable*. Archbishop Gerhard Muller, Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith is the keynote speaker on Tuesday evening. It promises to be an interesting gathering!

**SISTER KATHLEEN CORNELL, PROVINCIAL FOR THE NEW SSND PROVINCE** will be visiting the Chancery on February 12<sup>th</sup>. In addition to meeting the Bishop and Chancellor, she will participate in the winter meeting of the Council of Catholic Service Organizations later in the day. We welcome her and pray for God's blessing on her ministry.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI