



Heart to Heart

Feast of the Chair of Peter, *February 22, 2013 (#108)*

THE APPOINTMENT OF BISHOP-ELECT DANIEL MIEHM AS AUXILIARY BISHOP of Hamilton was received with joy throughout the Diocese and beyond. He was warmly welcomed by Chancery personnel on Wednesday afternoon, following the formal announcement. The Episcopal Ordination has been set for 2 p.m. on May 7, 2013, at the Cathedral of Christ the King, followed by a reception for the faithful in the Cathedral Auditorium. His Excellency expects to remain at St. Benedict's Parish until the end of April. May God bless him in a special way during these intervening months! Please note that mention of the name of the Auxiliary Bishop in the Eucharistic Prayer occurs after his ordination.

FATHER TED HUGHES WAS THE GUEST SPEAKER at the Priests' Day of Prayer at the Cathedral on Tuesday and at Our Lady of Lourdes, Waterloo, on Wednesday. His sister, Kathryn Mary Stewart, died on Monday. She was the mother of four daughters, several grandchildren and great grandchildren. She will be buried this morning at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Burlington. We offer our sincerest sympathy to Father Ted and the family – and we thank him for fulfilling his commitment to preach at the two Days of Prayer!

THOMAS CARDINAL COLLINS LEAVES THIS WEEKEND for Rome and the exciting events that await him, the entire Church, and the world. We are told that he has purchased a return ticket! We hold him in our prayer in a special way, while we pray at the same time for Pope Benedict XVI during these final days of his Pontificate.

FATHER FRANK FREITAS HAS WRITTEN A BOOK entitled *ARE WE THERE YET?* It is filled with personal reflections and helpful stories that invite the reader into an ever deeper relationship with the Lord. Reading it is like going on a personal retreat. It is a perfect read for Lent. The forward is by Father Tom Rosica. The book is published by *Novalis*. Congratulations Father Freitas; well done!

PARTNERS IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION WITH HAMILTON DIOCESE include the seven school boards with elementary and high schools in the Diocese and St. Jerome's, the Catholic University in Waterloo. Two groups of about 20 have gathered this week and two will meet next week for *Conversations at Ardee* to talk about the blessings and challenges of Catholic education, past, present and future. The sessions are being facilitated by Sister Margaret Kane, CSJ. This is one way the Diocese can participate and support Catholic Education from pre-kindergarten to post university.

FATHER PAUL CHANUIT NGAMWONG RETURNS TO HIS HOME IN THAILAND next Friday, having successfully completed his study of Canon Law. He expresses his gratitude to the Priests of the Diocese of Hamilton for the welcome he received during his occasional stay here over the past two years. Thanks especially to Msgr. Ed Sheridan and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish for the kindnesses extended to him. Godspeed, Father Paul. We pray for safe travel and blessed ministry!

CONFIRMATION AT ST. PATRICK'S PARISH, CAMBRIDGE was postponed on January 25th due to the winter storm that closed the roads and most businesses. The long-awaited ceremony will be celebrated this Saturday evening. On Sunday morning, I will be at St. John's Parish in Guelph for the formal installation of Father Jerzy Tomon as Pastor, and in the afternoon I will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation there. It will be a busy and joy-filled weekend!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI