



Heart to Heart

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217 PRIESTS, DEACONS AND SEMINARIANS HAVE CONFIRMED their attendance at the Chrism Mass and dinner on Monday evening. The dinner begins with a reception in the Cathedral Auditorium at 4:00 p.m. (dinner at 4:30 p.m.) followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m. Priests and Deacons are reminded to bring their own alb and a white stole. In addition to preparing the Sacred Oils for use in the celebration of Sacraments on Holy Saturday and throughout the coming year, the Mass of Chrism celebrates the Ministerial Priesthood – for which we are deeply grateful.

A LARGE NUMBER OF SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH FROM HAMILTON left on a bus early Tuesday morning (March 19 – Feast of St. Joseph), to travel to Peterborough with CSJ Sisters from London. The Installation Ritual and Mass celebrating their new Congregational Leadership Circle took place at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains. Outgoing council members from the Pembroke, Peterborough, London and Hamilton Congregations were thanked. Sister Veronica O'Reilly, Congregational Leader, with her team, Sisters Loretta Manzara, Anne Karges, Jean Perry and Joan Atkinson, were welcomed enthusiastically by a large number of Sisters who make up the **Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada**. It was an historic moment for the community and for the Dioceses where they live and serve!

CONGRATULATIONS TO SR. MARIA ROCHA, S.J.C. who celebrated her 50th Anniversary of Religious Profession as a Sister of St. Joseph of Cluny last Saturday in the Chapel of the Bishop Tonnos Apartments at Good Shepherd Square in Hamilton. Bishop-elect Daniel Miehm presided at the Mass; Sister Luke Parker, Provincial Superior of the Province of USA and Canada was present for the celebration. We thank Sister Maria for her ministry in the Diocese of Hamilton. Many happy years ahead!

MOTHER MARY OF THE ANGELS, O.C.D., Founder of the Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha, will celebrate her 90th birthday on Easter Sunday. She is a woman of great faith and joy – still full of enthusiasm for the life of prayer and intercession in which she has spent her life. We wish her blessings of continued health and happiness!

MOTHER CLAIRE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, O.C.D., who left the Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha, in 1991, to begin a new foundation in Armstrong, B.C. (Kamloops Diocese), died peacefully on March 14. We pray for her repose and the consolation of the Carmelite community here and in Armstrong.

A FEW FAMILY VISITS THIS WEEKEND. My brother Chris and his wife, Debbie, and two of their three daughters are participating once again in the annual Around the Bay Road Race which takes place on Sunday morning. They will be surprised to find that Mother arrived ahead of them and will be at the front door to welcome them! She is here for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter. It will be pleasant to welcome them all!

PARISH PRIESTS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT MY EASTER MESSAGE has been sent to them for inclusion in their Parish Bulletins. Several of our cultural Parishes may wish to translate the message, hence its early release. It will be published on the Diocesan website on Wednesday evening in time for the beginning of the Easter Triduum.

NEXT WEEK, HEART TO HEART WILL BE PUBLISHED ON HOLY THURSDAY. The Chancery Office will be closed on Good Friday.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI