



Heart to Heart

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A GIFT OF \$80,000 WAS PRESENTED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS in the Hamilton area for the Bishop's Charities. The proceeds from the Bishop's Charities Dinner Dance, which was held in February, were presented by Mr. Fred Miscio, dinner organizer, at a special event held in the Cathedral Basilica Auditorium last evening. I am told that the Dinner Dance is the second largest fundraiser worldwide for the Knights, second only to one held in Los Angeles for St. Jude's Hospital. The gift will benefit people young and old in Hamilton. Thank you sincerely!

NEW CATHOLICS FROM PARISHES ACROSS THE DIOCESE will join us at the 4 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral Basilica on Sunday afternoon. This will be an opportunity to welcome them and celebrate their initiation into the Catholic Church. What a blessing they are for their Parishes and for us all!

WELCOME TO FATHER GIAMPIETRO LAZZARATO, CS, who will serve as temporary replacement for Father Peter Ciallella at All Souls Parish. Father Lazzarato begins his service in the parish today. We pray for a blessed ministry in our Diocese!

THE YEAR OF FAITH BUTTONS WHICH WERE DISTRIBUTED AT OUR PARISHES following the Easter Masses last weekend are being worn proudly by parishioners across the Diocese this week. The buttons carry the Diocesan logo for the Year of Faith, and remind us of the Cross of Christ and the waters of Baptism, central symbols of our faith. When asked what the buttons represent, we have an opportunity to witness proudly to our faith!

THE BISHOP FARRELL LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES IS NEARING COMPLETION! The cleaners will be in the building this weekend and final touches will be completed next week. The furniture should be moved in shortly after that. Then the BIG move takes place. We expect to be settled in completely by the end of May.

MR. FRANK VALERIOTE, M.P. FOR GUELPH, delivered a statement in the House of Commons on Tuesday, March 19, recognizing the election of Pope Francis. In part he said: *"Together with Roman Catholics across the country and members of this place, I congratulate Pope Francis on his new calling and pray for his reign as the Vicar of Christ."* His entire statement is recorded in the House of Commons Hansard Report, #224.

OUR DEACON CANDIDATES HAVE THEIR NEXT FORMATION SESSION at the Chancery Office on Saturday. They will be studying the Creation and Covenant themes in the Old Testament. We wish them well on their journey!

THOMAS CARDINAL COLLINS IS THE GUEST OF ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY on April 12 (7:30 p.m.) as part of their Vatican II series. His topic is *Educating the Whole Person: Our Hopes for Catholic Education*. The Cardinal is a graduate of the University.

THE SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME ARE SPONSORING a *Stop Human Trafficking Workshop* at their Snake Road Convent (Notre Dame) on April 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This session is part of the commitment of the Sisters to educate and raise public awareness about this crime. Their focus this year is on what is happening in Ontario. All are welcome.

Our Lady of the Annunciation pray for us.

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI