



Heart to Heart

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“IN THE WAKE OF THE TERRIBLE BOMBINGS THAT OCCURRED during the Boston Marathon, I express on behalf of the Bishops and faithful of Canada our heartfelt sorrow at the loss of life and serious injury caused by this senseless act. Please be assured of our fraternal support as you reach out with your clergy and pastoral workers to care for those impacted by this horror.” An excerpt from a letter from Archbishop Richard Smith, President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, to Sean Patrick Cardinal O’Malley, O.F.M. Cap., Archbishop of Boston.

FR. JIM MALONE, PASTOR OF HOLY FAMILY PARISH in New Hamburg, had a knee replacement on Tuesday. The surgery went well and he expects to be discharged today. He will recuperate at Lanark Place (44 Lanark Pl, Kitchener, ON N2N 2Z8).

THE DIOCESAN YEAR OF FAITH CONFERENCE WAS A BLESSED OPPORTUNITY for Priests and parishioners from across the Diocese to gather, to pray and to celebrate together. The day was well organized. The response from participants was enthusiastic. In every way it can be considered a success. Congratulations and thank you to the organizers!

WELCOME TO JOHN HA, NEPHEW OF FATHER PETER TUYEN NGUYEN, who has come to begin studies toward the Priesthood as a seminarian for Hamilton Diocese. He has already begun studying English. He will live with Father Peter at Holy Rosary Parish in Milton until seminary studies begin in late August. May this new chapter in his life be a blessing for him and for us!

WE ALSO WELCOME SISTER ANDREW AND SISTER THOMAS of the Institute of Kkottongnae Sisters of Jesus to Hamilton Diocese. The Sisters arrived at the beginning of April and will be operating a retreat centre at 6096 Second Line in Erin, Ontario. The Congregation of Kkottongnae Brothers and Sisters of Jesus was established in 1986 with the approval of Cardinal Nicholas Cheong of Korea. The community, founded by Fr. Oh Woong Jin, is intended to be a community of love for the poor and abandoned. We welcome them in our Diocese and pray for success in their ministry, particularly among the members of our Korean community!

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF DIOCESAN PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR 2013 should be sent out next week. My thanks to the Priests of the Diocese for their generous response to proposed pastoral changes. Thank you also to the Personnel Committee for their advice and assistance in proposing changes, taking into account both the gifts and abilities of the Priests and the needs of the Parishes.

SHELVING FOR THE BISHOP FARRELL LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES is being installed this week and should be completed today. The Library materials are scheduled to be moved on May 2nd and the Archives are scheduled to be moved May 13th. Please note that the Library and Archives will be closed from May 1st until May 21st.

THE RECENT APPOINTMENT OF CHRIS ADAMCZYK to our Communications Office is meant to increase the capacity of the office to fulfill its ever increasing workload. Chris will work closely with Pam Aleman to ensure that our Communications Office becomes the best in the country!

BROTHER RICHARD MACPHEE, BGS, WAS GIVEN THE T.A. SWEET AWARD for 2013. The award is presented annually to an individual who has made a major contribution to the understanding of mental illness and its impact on individuals in society. Brother Richard is strongly committed to the Hamilton community and to making it a better place for all to live, work and play. We offer our hearty congratulations!

Our Lady of the Annunciation pray for us.

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI