



THE PRIEST PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS FOR 2013 WERE ANNOUNCED earlier this week and published on our Diocesan website yesterday. To those who are retiring after many years of dedicated service, I express my sincere gratitude and pray for God's blessing for the coming years. A most profound thank you to the Priests who have accepted new assignments; your commitment and service to God's people in the Diocese of Hamilton is sincerely appreciated. Check out our website for a complete listing of the changes.

BISHOP-ELECT DANIEL MIEHM CELEBRATED HIS FINAL MASS AS PASTOR of St. Benedict Parish, Milton, earlier this week. He moved to *Ardree* (the Bishop's Residence), where he will stay while his home is being painted and prepared for occupancy. The Bishop will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation tomorrow at St. Benedict Parish – a final gift to the Parish. Next week he prepares spiritually for the May 7 Ordination by making a retreat. We hold him in prayer in a special way throughout the week. *If you have not yet responded to the invitation, please do so immediately by e-mail to bishopoffice@hamiltondiocese.com.*

DEACON ALLEN VARLAKI WILL BE ORDAINED A PRIEST NEXT SATURDAY, May 4, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. He recently completed his studies for the Priesthood at St. Peter's Seminary in London. He plans to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 5, at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Waterloo. His first appointment is to Holy Rosary Parish in Milton, where he will serve as Associate Pastor with Father Peter Tuyen Nguyen. Please pray for the young Priest as he makes this important commitment in his life.

THOMAS CARDINAL COLLINS HAS WRITTEN A PASTORAL LETTER to the people of the Archdiocese of Toronto in which he expresses concern about gambling and the possible establishment of casinos in the city. Because the issue is being hotly debated in Hamilton, Kitchener-Waterloo, and elsewhere in the Diocese, it would be helpful to read and reflect on the Cardinal's teaching. His letter also suggests that Catholic Parishes and organizations reflect on current fund-raising practices that might be considered gambling with possible similar negative consequences. The letter can be found on our website. [Click here to view.](#)

THE HAMILTON SERRA CLUB SPONSORS THEIR ANNUAL DINNER next Wednesday evening, May 1, at Liuna Station in Hamilton. During the dinner, members honour the Priests and Religious who are celebrating special Jubilee Anniversaries, and they offer good wishes to the Ordinandi. The support of Serra International in the Diocese of Hamilton is important for the promotion of vocations and for the encouragement of those who have made the commitment to serve God and the Church in the Diocese.

THE JESUIT FORUM FOR SOCIAL FAITH AND JUSTICE and the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace are sponsoring an evening conference entitled *FROM VATICAN II TO POPE FRANCIS: Understanding our rich traditions and Catholic Social Teaching*. The event will take place at St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Burlington, next Tuesday, April 30, and begins with Mass at 7 p.m., celebrated by Father Ed Henhoeffler, Pastor. The presentations by Father Bill Ryan, SJ, and Ms. Anne-Marie Jackson begin at 7:30. Well worth an evening out!

FATHER ANTHONY CIAVARRO RETURNED HOME EARLIER THIS WEEK after a near-miraculous recovery at the Hamilton General Hospital. He is extolling the medical attention he received while there. We are grateful for your prayers – which we have no doubt helped his recovery!

Our Lady of the Annunciation pray for us.

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI