



Heart to Heart

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THE EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF BISHOP DANIEL MIEHM was a joyous event for the Diocese of Hamilton. Thanks to the planning committee, under the competent direction of Teresa Hartnett, for attending to every detail. Nothing was overlooked – even the weather was perfect! Thank you also to Christina Ronzio who worked diligently to ensure that the liturgy was well-prepared, and to Father Wojciech Kuzma who served as Master of Ceremonies. The music by the Diocesan Choir, directed by Sharon Fazari, was uplifting. It was an historic day to remember – thanks to all who prayed with us for the new Bishop.

THE CONGREGATION OF THE RESURRECTION mourns the death of Father Raymond Hofmann, who died on May 9. Father Hofmann served parishes in Hamilton Diocese for twenty years. We pray for the repose of the soul of Father Hofmann and for consolation for his community.

WITH THE RETIREMENT OF FATHER CHRIS BUDA FROM ST. LOUIS PARISH, Waterloo, Father Sutherland (Sudie) MacDonald has been appointed Administrator, effective June 1, 2013. Father Philip Reilly, CR, has already been appointed Associate Pastor, effective June 26. Until Father MacDonald's arrival, Father Ray Reitzel will serve as Acting Administrator. Thank you to Father Sam Restivo, CR, Provincial Superior, and to the Congregation of the Resurrection for your ongoing pastoral care of the Parish.

ST. MARY OF THE PURIFICATION PARISH IN MOUNT FOREST will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving this Sunday to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the establishment of their Parish. Father Murray Farwell has arranged for the Relics of St. Andre Bessette to visit the Parish, providing opportunity for veneration by parishioners as one of the 150th Anniversary activities. We rejoice with the Parish on this remarkable anniversary and pray for God's blessing on them! The relics of the sainted Brother will be at the Cathedral Basilica NEXT Sunday.

THE NATIONAL WEEK FOR LIFE AND FAMILY (MAY 12-19) runs from Ascension Sunday (and Mother's Day) through Pentecost Sunday. This special week is sponsored by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Our Family Ministry Office has made available to the Parishes some preparatory materials, including inserts for this Sunday's bulletins. Among other activities, our Jubilee Anniversary Mass celebrating 25, 40, 50, and 60 and more, years of married life, will mark this special time in our Diocese. The Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on June 2 at the Cathedral Basilica. If you have not yet registered for the event, please do so now – ensuring that we are prepared to welcome you!

THE SERRA CLUB OF HAMILTON HONOURS ALTAR SERVERS in the Hamilton area by presenting the annual Altar Servers Awards next Tuesday evening at the Cathedral Basilica. It is an important way to thank the servers who serve so faithfully throughout the year – sometimes for many, many years! Piety, generosity and responsibility are a few of the qualities nurtured in the servers who assist at the altar. Thanks to the Serra Club for sponsoring this annual event.

THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH IN PETERBOROUGH HAVE INVITED ME to direct their annual retreat from May 20 through 24 in Peterborough. Three members of the community came to serve in Labrador City when I was a young Priest there. It was at that time that I got to know the community well. This service, then, is a small way to express my gratitude for their many kindnesses way back then.

WELCOME TO BISHOP FERENC CSERHATI, Auxiliary Bishop of Esztergom-Budapest. He is the delegate of the Hungarian Conference of Catholic Bishops for the Apostolate to Hungarian-speaking people abroad. He will be leading a conference for Hungarian-speaking clergy from May 13-15, at Mount Mary Retreat Centre in Ancaster. May your visit in Hamilton Diocese be a time of blessing for you!

Our Lady of the Annunciation pray for us.

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI