



Heart to Heart

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BISHOP DANIEL MIEHM IS IN THE THROES OF MOVING to his Aberdeen Avenue Residence. The final touches should be complete today or Monday and he will be moved in early next week. This will be his fourth move in a year and he is looking forward to finally settling in for a long stay!

THE SISTERS OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE ARE HOLDING THEIR CHAPTER at the Convent of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Hamilton this week. The session began on Wednesday with the election of their leadership for the next six years. Mother Dorothy Nzekwe was re-elected Superior General for her second term. The First Counsellor and Assistant General is Sister Elizabeth Cormier. Sisters Bernadette Caron, Mary Catherine Perdue and Maria Fautina Collette were elected as Counsellors. Appointed by Mother General with the approval of the delegates was the General Treasurer, Sister Michael Daniel Dumais and the General Secretary, Sister Bernadette Caron. During the coming week the Delegates will discuss and decide matters that will affect the community over the next six years. We pray that God will bless them.

THE ONTARIO PROVINCIAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CONVENTION took place last weekend. Diocesan Spiritual Advisor Father David Wilhelm sent in the results of the election for leadership at the Provincial level. Betty Colaneri from St. Catharine's Diocese assumes the Presidency. Roseanne Sogan, outgoing Hamilton Diocesan President, and Mary Jane Yaeger from Hamilton Diocese were elected Committee Chairs. (The President determines which committees they will chair.). So we are well represented at the Provincial level. Congratulations to Mrs. Colaneri and to the entire Provincial Council!

YESTERDAY WAS "DAY AT SUMMER CAMP" for both Bishop Miehm and me. Director of the Hamilton CYO, John Spatazzo met us at Ardree after lunch and brought us to Camp Brebeuf for the annual "experience" of the camp. Because of the inordinately hot weather this week, many of the activities were water-related. The campers spent a good time in the pool or canoeing in the lake. We tried our hand at archery – failed! Mass in the outdoor "Pine Cathedral" was the high point of the day for us – a beautiful experience of God's care for us all! Pizza, juice and ice cream bars brought an end to the day for us – but the campers headed off for a final evening of fun together before their return home later today. We visit Camp Marydale later in the summer – something to which we both look forward.

OUR SEMINARIANS GATHER IN THE SUMMER to get to know one another better and to celebrate the summer months. They will gather on July 22 at St. Matthew's Parish, with Father Mark Gatto and Father Jeff Oehring for a casual day of community. On August 4, they will be present at the 11 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. At the end of Mass they will receive a special blessing and join me at Ardree for lunch. From August 19 to 23 those who want will spend a week at the Reitzel family cottage at the invitation of Seminarian David Reitzel.

THE MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL HAS BEEN RELOCATED into their freshly painted offices near the entrance area of the Chancery. The Liturgy Offices are under the painters' care now, to be followed by the Office for Catechesis and Office for Discipleship before the end of the summer. By the end of August it is hoped that all the moves will be made and the offices will be in good order for another year of service of the Diocese.

Our Lady of the Annunciation pray for us.

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI