



**BISHOP DANIEL MIEHM HAS BEEN IN ROME FOR THE PAST WEEKS** on a study program for “new” Bishops. We received the following message from him yesterday: *“With about 100 other new Bishops from around the world, I met Pope Francis today. He spoke to us as a group and then we each had a brief chance to meet him personally. Just as one detects from his public appearances, he is a man who exudes holiness, calm and joy! He very clearly asked us to convey his greetings to the Priests and people of our respective Diocese, and so I am doing that. It was a true privilege to be able to meet the Holy Father, an event that capped off a very moving week here.”* Next week Bishop Miehm will have the opportunity to meet the other Bishops in Canada, at the Plenary of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops which takes place in St. Adele, Quebec.

**SEMINARIAN IAN SALIBA SENT GREETINGS FROM ST. PETER’S SEMINARY** in London, Ontario. *“My first three weeks at St. Peter’s Seminary have been outstanding. The group of us who are entering our foundational year were required to complete a two week propaedeutic program as the first part of our spiritual program here at the seminary. It was an outstanding experience, and not only helped me to transition into life in a major seminary, but also provided an excellent opportunity to develop a strong community here. I found the conferences were instrumental to deepening my relationship with the Lord, and also provided all of us with some very practical tools for discernment.”* We are truly blessed that fourteen men began study for the Priesthood for the Diocese of Hamilton this year, joining the thirteen who continue their studies. Please pray for our 27 seminarians!

**HAMILTON’S VERSION OF THE COURTYARD OF THE GENTILES** takes place tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Nicholas Mancini Centre behind the Chancery Office. The excellent initiative comes from Father Mark Morley and the Communio Circle of the Diocese of Hamilton. It is facilitated by volunteers from the McMaster Catholic Students Association. Music is provided by the Diocesan Choir under the direction of Sharon Fazari. Panelists are David Cayley, Father Scott Lewis, S.J., and Sr. Bernadette Caron, S.O.L.I.. Consider participating! Another *Year of Faith* opportunity.

**THE BISHOP FARRELL LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES RECEIVED HIGH PRAISE** recently from Professor Robert Berard, Professor of Education at Mount St. Vincent University in Halifax. *“I can give the Bishop Farrell Library and Archives my highest recommendation. You have set a great standard for all Diocesan Archives, and I look forward to returning again to work there.”* Thanks to Dominy Williams, our Diocesan Archivist, and her team for making the place so welcoming! The blessing and dedication will take place on September 30, beginning at 11 a.m. A luncheon reception will follow.

**PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATES AND THEIR WIVES** gather at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King tomorrow evening for Mass and a meal at the invitation of Father David Wynen, Rector. Several of our candidates are beginning their final year of preparation and look forward to ordination next June. Pray for them all!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS** and their Plenary Assembly which begins on Monday morning and continues to Friday noon next week.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI