



Heart to Heart

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YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

... **Symphorien Tshiaba Ntumba**, 62, brother of Father Ambroise Tshiaba Ntumba, who died earlier this week in Kananga, Congo, and was buried today;

... **Father Zygmunt Baranowski**, who suffered a mild stroke last weekend – he is recovering in the Grand River Hospital in Kitchener;

... **Monsignor Edward House**, who is undergoing a surgical procedure at St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton on Monday;

... **Mr. Michael Black**, 48, father of seminarian Bradley Black and 9 other children, who suffered an aneurysm last week and is now recovering from brain surgery at University Hospital in London.

We pray to the Lord!

THANKS TO FATHER FRANK FREITAS AND PAM ALEMAN who have produced the annual Diocesan Directory (2013-2014). It was made available to the Priests who attended the Priests' Seminar this week. Copies that were not picked up there will be sent in the mail. If there are omissions or corrections, please contact Pam at the Chancery Office.

FATHER TIM HINGSTON IS APPOINTED ECUMENICAL/INTERFAITH OFFICER for the Diocese of Hamilton. His interest and long-standing involvement in the L.A.R.C. (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic) Dialogue inspired the appointment. He will be responsible for ensuring that we are all informed about ecumenical/interfaith initiatives in our Diocese.

FATHER PIERRE-PHILIPPE JEAN-PIERRE WILL BE AT THE AIRPORT in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to welcome Mr. Jim Long and me for a brief visit to the Archdiocese this weekend. We look forward to meeting Archbishop Poulard and members of his Episcopal Board to discuss ways that the Diocese of Hamilton can work with and support the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince in their noble efforts to recover from the earthquake that devastated the place. Pray for safe travel!

CONGRATULATIONS TO BISHOP RICHARD GAGNON (VICTORIA) who was appointed Archbishop of Winnipeg earlier this week. He has already made his first visit to the Archdiocese to meet Archbishop Weisgerber, whose resignation was officially accepted at the time of Bishop Gagnon's appointment.

THE CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE sent us an update report on the emergency collection for Syria which took place during the summer months. To date the collection from Canadian Dioceses totalled \$1,827,751.24. The amount from Hamilton Diocese equalled \$144,586.17. If any Parishes have not yet forwarded their collection to the Chancery, please do so now. It is never too late to support this important cause.

THERE WILL BE A BIT OF A MESS AT THE CHANCERY for the coming weeks. Some of the carpets are being replaced following years of service. The work should be completed before the end of November. Sorry for the inconvenience!

REMEMBER TO "FALL BACK" WHEN YOU GO TO BED TOMORROW NIGHT! We return to Eastern Standard Time early Sunday morning (at 2 a.m.), which requires that we turn our clocks back an hour.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI