



Heart to Heart

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PLEASE NOTE: THE NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR THE PHILIPPINES, which was initiated by Archbishop Paul Andre Durocher, President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, and is being sponsored through the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (D&P) is authorized to take place in the Parishes and missions of the Diocese of Hamilton. The Government of Canada has announced that funds sent to recognized charities before December 9, 2013, to assist the Philippines will be matched “dollar for dollar”. D&P is one of those recognized charities. Parishioners are invited to contribute through their Parish special collection (receipts can be given from the Parish if you note your envelope number with your contribution). Monies collected in the Parishes are to be forwarded *in their entirety* to the Chancery no later than December 3. The funds will be forwarded *in their entirety* to D&P offices from the Diocese no later than December 6 to ensure that the government matching grant will apply. *Alternatively*, parishioners may wish to make their contribution directly to D&P. D&P has “Emergency” envelopes but a notation that the offering is for the Philippines should be written on the envelope. Call 905-528-0770 for envelopes. In this instance, receipts for the contribution will come directly from D&P. In addition to our financial support, we add our prayers for those who are suffering in the midst of this disaster!

THE EVENING OF SONG WITH THE PRIESTS FROM NORTHERN IRELAND at Hamilton Place on Wednesday evening had a personal touch. They knew and remembered Monsignor Vincent Kerr, our former Diocesan Chancellor, who came to the Diocese of Hamilton from the Diocese of Down and Connor (Belfast), Ireland. Before leaving Hamilton yesterday morning, *The Priests* stopped at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Burlington to visit his grave and offer prayers. We are grateful for the thoughtful remembrance and we are thankful to John O’Brien and Dwayne Cahill of the Catholic Cemeteries for organizing a relaxing and enjoyable evening of music and song with these extremely talented men!

SISTER TERESITA MCINALLY, CSJ, COMPLETED HER TOTAL COMMITMENT to Catholic Health Care when she finished her final term on St. Mary’s Hospital Board, Kitchener, last June. To mark her commitment, the Board dedicated the Boardroom in her honour. We offer our congratulations and add our thanks for a lifetime given to the service of others! Your witness inspires us Sister Teresita – thank you sincerely!

ST. MATTHEW’S PARISH IN OAKVILLE CELEBRATES ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY this weekend. Founding Pastor, Father Leonard Strohmeyer, and his successor, Father David Wynen, will join Bishop Anthony Tonnos and Bishop Matthew Ustrzyski as the guests of honour at a banquet on Saturday. I have the joy of presiding and preaching at the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. Pastor, Mark Gatto and Associate Pastor, Jeff Oehring, promise a happy parish experience! Congratulations on 25 great years!

“COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS” is a helpful and timely session for people who may not be looking forward to the Christmas season because of the death of a loved one. Christina Walton, Grief Counselor, will facilitate the event which takes place at the Diocesan Chancery Office on November 30, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. To reserve a place, please call the Diocesan Office for Family Ministry at 905-528-7988 (ext. 2249) and ask for Lena. But you don’t have to reserve a place if you don’t want to – just come!

NEXT SUNDAY, MASSES MARKING THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR OF FAITH (November 24), take place at Immaculate Conception Church in Formosa at 3 p.m., at Church of our Lady in Guelph at 3 p.m., and at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 4 p.m. Please join us!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI