



Heart to Heart

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FATHER ADAM VOISIN AND MONSIGNOR MURRAY KROETSCH were the main presenters at the *Convocation for Priests* which took place yesterday at Holy Family Parish Hall in Kitchener. The session updated Priests on the recently published forms required for Marriage and the documentation required for Annulments. We all benefitted from Father Voisin's recent study in Canon Law. The Marriage Forms and documents for requests for Annulment are now available on-line in the secure area of our Diocesan website. Yesterday's inclement weather did not deter our Priests from participating in the professional development day which also provided a great opportunity for fraternal sharing! Thanks to our Judicial Vicar and our Chancellor for their good work!

BISHOP DANIEL MIEHM will be spending most of the weekend with his family, celebrating his father Jerry's 90th birthday. Mr. Miehm enjoys relatively good health and still manages to live in his own home. He did, however, talk his children out of the Open House they had planned to mark the occasion! Instead, a small family gathering will take place on Saturday evening. We offer Mr. Miehm our prayers and congratulations on reaching this milestone.

THE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS OF HAMILTON met earlier this week and heard Mr. Steve Buist from *The Hamilton Spectator*. His study – *CODE RED* – has provided an important incentive for increased care and attention in Hamilton's downtown core. The CCSO includes many organization whose good work benefits people in Hamilton, especially in the areas of greatest need. It was an important study and an informative presentation.

A THREE-PART WORKSHOP ON THE EXSULTET is being offered by Christina Ronzio, Director of our Diocesan Liturgy Office. The sessions will be held on Saturday, March 1st, 8th, and 15th at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown. The session will help cantors who will be singing the Exsultet at the Easter Vigil in their parishes. Not only will participants study the musical setting, but they will also come to appreciate the theological depth of the proclamation.

THE CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION CURRENTLY SERVES OVER 2300 young athletes on 202 volleyball and basketball teams in schools throughout the Diocese! Next Thursday evening they hold their Annual Celebrity Dinner, a fundraiser which benefits their Marydale Park summer program. It is always a grand evening – a celebration of youth and goodness! Keep up the great work CYO!

BECOME A FOSTER PARENT! THE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY of Hamilton (CCASH) has begun their annual search for Foster Parents who will assist young people who find themselves at a tough moment in their life for a variety of reasons. Foster parents make visible the love of Christ in the day-to-day life of a child! You might be the person to make a positive difference in a child's life – consider being a Foster Parent. Contact the CCAS of Hamilton!

FIVE RESTAURANTS IN HAMILTON AND ANCASTER are supporting St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton over the coming month (February 18-March 19). Dine at the restaurant and 10% of the profit will be given to the Hospital. *The Ancaster Mill, Cavallo Nero Tattoria, Claudio's Ristorante, La Piazza Allegra Italian Restaurant, and radius*, are the participating restaurants. Give them a try – enjoy a meal – support St. Joe's Healthcare!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI