



Heart to Heart

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THE ANNUAL BISHOP'S CHARITIES DINNER DANCE, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus in the Hamilton area, takes place tomorrow evening at Carmen's. Well over 900 people have purchased tickets for the event which is always a joyful pre-Lenten gathering. The proceeds are used to support a variety of good works that benefit the needy in the Hamilton area. Thanks to the many individuals and groups who have supported the fundraiser; thanks to the Knights of Columbus for their ongoing enthusiasm and hard work in putting it all together; and thanks to everyone who will join us for the joy-filled event!

OUR SYMPATHIES TO FATHER PETER CIALLELLA, C.S., and the entire Ciallella family on the death of his father, Antonio this week. Visitation takes place at Friscolanti Funeral Home on Sunday, and the funeral is at St. Anthony's Parish, Hamilton, on Monday morning. May God welcome Mr. Ciallella home and give consolation to Father Peter and the family!

THE LENTEN SEASON BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2014. It is a time to renew the commitment to our faith by evermore intense pray, fasting and almsgiving. The official national launch of the Share Lent Campaign of the *Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace* will take place at our Chancery Office on Wednesday morning. Masses and prayer services are celebrated at churches, Catholic schools, and other venues throughout the Diocese, where our foreheads are marked with ashes in the Sign of the Cross. This ritual calls us to reflect on how we choose to live, aware we will all die one day. May this Lent be a time for each one and all to encounter Jesus Christ!

CONVERSATIONS AT ARDREE TOOK PLACE LAST WEEK AND THIS with Chaplaincy Leaders from our Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools and with Youth Ministers in the Diocese. It is clear that a large number of young people benefit from the committed witness and service of these "missionaries" among us. The new evangelization is already a reality in many of our schools and youth groups. The Diocese is blessed to have such a fine group of leaders proclaiming the Gospel!

BOTH FATHER TED HUGHES AND FATHER PETER TUYEN NGUYEN are well settled at Oblate College in San Antonio, Texas, for a 4 month sabbatical which began last month. 13 women Religious and 12 Priests and Brothers from Africa, Australia, India, Ireland, England, Belgium, Haiti, Argentina, the USA, and 4 Canadians (plus our two Priests), began a program of study, rest and renewal. The first weeks focused on transition, grief, loss, health and nutrition, stress management, moral theology, faith sharing, personal giftedness, etc. Sounds like a full and balanced program!

LIVING EVERY DAY WITH PASSION AND PURPOSE is a four-hour program offered at St. Alfred's Catholic Church in St. Catharines, Ontario, on May 31, 2014. Matthew Kelly, author of the popular book, *Rediscover Catholicism*, is the facilitator for the event. Tickets are \$39. For more information, check out www.DynamicCatholic.com

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI