



Heart to Heart

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ONE HUMAN FAMILY – FOOD FOR ALL is the theme for the Share Lent Campaign for the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. The National Launch for the campaign took place at our Chancery Office on Ash Wednesday. Mr. Patrick Kennedy, Chair of the National Council, Mr. Michael Casey, Executive Director, and Mr. Kojo Dampney, Regional Facilitator, for Development and Peace, were present for the launch which was hosted by the Hamilton Diocesan Council for Development and Peace. The theme was first coined by *Caritas Internationalis*, whose fundraising campaign was launched by Pope Francis at the Vatican in December. Development and Peace represents Canada on *Caritas Internationalis*. A special guest at the launch was Father Hagos Hayesh, General Secretary of the Ethiopian Bishops' Conference and Secretary General of Caritas Ethiopia. His informative presentation emphasized the importance of the campaign for the people of the drought-ridden country!

THE RITE OF ELECTION WILL BE CELEBRATED THIS SUNDAY, at both the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 p.m. and St. Michael's Church in Waterloo at 1:00 p.m. This Rite welcomes Catechumens: those who will be Baptized, Confirmed and receive Eucharist for the first time at Easter Vigil services held in Parishes throughout the Diocese. The Rite, which is NOT a Sunday Mass, is an opportunity for the Bishop to welcome these new members to the Catholic Church as their preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation intensifies during the Lenten season.

AS PART OF OUR LENTEN SPIRITUAL JOURNEY, CHANCERY PERSONNEL will reflect on Matthew Kelly's book, Rediscover Catholicism. We will gather for an hour on the Friday's of Lent to discuss insights on our life of faith from the book. Thanks to David Dayler and other members of our Pastoral Offices for initiating and helping with this spiritual initiative.

A TWO-YEAR LENTEN SERIES ON VATICAN II is being sponsored in the Waterloo Deanery at St. Francis of Assisi and St. Michael Parishes. The series continues, beginning on Thursday, March 20th with a presentation on the Decree on the Apostolate of Lay People by Dr. Christina Vanin. Morning sessions are at St. Francis Parish; evening sessions are at St. Michael Parish. Check out our [Diocesan Website](#) for information about the sessions. This is a fine initiative as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Council.

A BOOK ON THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF FR. WILLIAM LLOYD RYAN, a Priest of Hamilton Diocese, has just been published by Deacon John Perdue. The book gives a brief historical outline of Father Ryan's life and ministry, but is primarily about his dedication to fostering Priestly and Religious vocations. Within the span of his 64 years of priestly ministry, Fr. Ryan played an influential role in fostering the vocations of many Priests, at least two Bishops, and one Cardinal! As well, he co-founded the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate in Cambridge. Copies can be obtained at wwwcreatespace.com/4606214. Thanks to Deacon John Perdue for this interesting and encouraging book.

YOUNG PEOPLE FROM UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC STUDENTS' GROUPS will join me this afternoon and evening for *Conversations at Ardree*. The time of the session accommodates the particular challenges the students have because of class times and other demands. I look forward to a lively and interesting sharing.

PRIESTS ARE REMINDED OF THE PRIESTS' LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER: at the Cathedral Basilica in Hamilton beginning at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 11th and at Our Lady of Lourdes in Waterloo, beginning at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 12th. Bishop Daniel Miehm will lead the reflections.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI