



## *Heart to Heart*

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO LENA SETTIMI WHO CELEBRATES HER 25<sup>TH</sup>** Anniversary of service to the Diocese of Hamilton! She currently serves as the Administrative Assistant to Teresa Hartnett in the Office of Family Ministry. Her long service is exemplary and we are grateful that she is so competent in her work. Thank you, Lena!

**114 MUSICIANS WILL GATHER AT ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH IN OAKVILLE** tomorrow for the annual Liturgical Musicians' Retreat sponsored by the Diocesan Liturgy Office. This year's presenter is Mr. Christopher Walker, well-known liturgical musician from Los Angeles, California. His presentation will focus on the Spirituality of Music Ministers. May they "raise the roof" in song and praise!!!

**DOMINY WILLIAMS, OUR DIOCESAN ARCHIVIST AND LIBRARIAN**, begins her maternity leave on April 10<sup>th</sup> – in anticipation of the birth of her second child. We pray for a safe delivery and a healthy baby, and we assure her that she will be missed. The Bishop Farrell Library and Archives will be under the capable care of Anne Lamanes and Maxine Whitehead during her absence.

**THE SALE OF THE FORMER HOLY CROSS CHURCH IN GEORGETOWN** closed this week. Thank you to the Diocesan Property Committee under the capable direction of its Chairman, Father David Wynen, for carefully guiding the process through to its completion. The proceeds of the sale will assist the Parish in paying down the debt on its new church. Well done.

**PRAYER CARDS MARKING THE CANONIZATIONS OF THE TWO POPES**, Blessed Pope John XXIII and Blessed Pope John Paul II, are available through the CCCB Publications Service. To assure "on time" delivery, Parishes are encouraged to order the cards soon. More specific information will be sent to our Parishes by Pam Aleman, from our Communication Office. It is an historic moment in the life of the Church – well worth a small memento.

**DEACON ROB THOMAS, WHO SERVES CURRENTLY AT ST. PAUL'S PARISH** in Burlington, has been appointed Chaplain of the Burlington Fire Department. Ordained a Deacon on June 14, 2008, Deacon Thomas is one of two Deacons at the large Burlington Parish. As Chaplain, he will visit all of the Fire Stations and platoons, and assist members of the Fire Department by providing a variety of services. Burlington Fire Chief, Tony Bavota, announced the appointment last week. Congratulations Deacon Thomas!

**INVITATIONS TO THE 2014 CHRISM MASS AND DINNER HAVE BEEN SENT** to Priests, Deacons (and Bishops) who serve or reside in the Diocese of Hamilton. Invitees are asked to respond to their e-mail invitation as soon as possible. This will provide the necessary information so that the planning committee at the Cathedral Basilica can ensure a meal is prepared for you.

**A WARM WELCOME TO FATHER WARREN BROWN, OMI**, who is the Councillor General responsible for Canada and United States on the Oblate General Council based in Rome. He is visiting Hamilton tomorrow and will join me at Ardree for a meal tomorrow evening. A Priest from Texas, Father Brown is attentive to the life of the Oblate community and visits the region regularly. We wish him God's blessing on his good work and pray for God's blessing on the service of the Oblates throughout the world!

**270 COUPLES HAVE REGISTERED ALREADY FOR THE ANNIVERSARY MASS** which will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on May 25, 2014. This is a major liturgical celebration each year. Please encourage parishioners who may be celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, or 60<sup>th</sup> (and higher) Anniversary to make this Mass a key event as they mark the milestone.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI