

Heart to Heart

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IN HIS PARISH PUBLICATION *SURSUM CORDA*, **FATHER FRANK FREITAS** has explained to parishioners why he was hospitalized earlier this week. What he thought was a lingering bad cold was, in fact, Viral Muscular Myocarditis – a weakening of the heart muscle caused by a severe viral infection. Fortunately his doctor recognized the symptoms and St. Mary's Hospital Cardiac Care Centre provided the necessary help. He was released from hospital yesterday in time for the Triduum celebrations. Please pray for a complete recovery!

SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOUR NEW MONSIGNORS whose appointments by Pope Francis as *Chaplains of His Holiness* were announced at the Mass of Chrism on Monday evening. Monsignors Earl Talbot, Daniel Hinsperger, Raymond Modeski, and Roger Formosi, will receive their official parchments at a celebration at the Cathedral Basilica at the **4 p.m. Sunday afternoon Mass on June 29th, Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul**. Mark your calendar now if you want to attend. It will surely be a joyous event, honouring four exemplary Priests! The entire Presbyterium of the Diocese of Hamilton is honoured by this significant recognition. When one is honoured, all are honoured!

NEXT WEEK MILLIONS OF PILGRIMS WILL TRAVEL TO ROME to participate in the Canonization of Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II. It will be a truly historic event in the life of the universal Church. I will be among them, leaving next Wednesday evening and returning the following Monday afternoon. The ceremonies take place at St. Peter's Basilica on Divine Mercy Sunday (Second Sunday of Easter), April 27th. We pray in thanksgiving for this unique moment of grace for the entire Church.

FATHER TIM HINGSTON, OUR ECUMENICAL AND INTER-FAITH OFFICER reminds us that beginning on Saturday, April 26th at sundown, the Jewish Community begins *Yom Hashoah* (Holocaust Remembrance Day). We pray with them and for them!

IN A RECENT PUBLICATION FROM *DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE (CCODP)*, it was announced that the Typhoon Haiyan Emergency Campaign co-sponsored by CCODP and the CCCB, raised a total of \$11,991,932.00 as of March 31st. In a diocese-by-diocese breakdown, the Diocese of Hamilton is reported to have donated \$845,824.65, the third largest contributor following Toronto and Vancouver. A sincere thank you to everyone who gave to this campaign which has already provided significant assistance to those who suffered from the devastating storm!

HOW TO MAKE CATHOLIC PREACHING BETTER is a conference in Homiletics offered as a Centennial Anniversary event by *St. Augustine's Seminary*. The conference begins on July 7th and continues till noon on July 10th. Priests and Deacons are encouraged to participate in the conference which features presentations by renowned speakers and homilists! Call 416-261-7207, ext. 223, for more information.

"LOVE IS THE MOTIVATION. LOVE IS THE WAY. GOD'S LOVE ALWAYS LEADS TO LIFE!" An Easter message was sent to Pastors and parishioners and published on our <u>website</u> earlier this week. In it, I offer my wishes for "50 days of blessed joy"! Thank you to all who have sent greetings this way. Your thoughtfulness and kindness is deeply appreciated. **Happy Easter!**

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + Douglas, OMI