



**REVEREND MR. DAVID WALTER WILL BE ORDAINED A PRIEST TOMORROW** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King for service in the Diocese of Hamilton. A young man from Chepstow, Ontario, Deacon Walter has completed many years of study and preparation for the Priesthood. He was recently appointed to serve as Associate Pastor at St. Matthew Parish in Oakville, where he will assist the Pastor, Father Mark Gatto, in priestly ministry. Those Priests who are planning to participate in the Ordination Mass are asked to bring an alb. A stole and chasuble will be provided. Please note that vesting takes place in the Cathedral Basilica Auditorium prior to the Ordination. We pray in gratitude for the new Priest and for the ministry he will provide in a life totally given to Christ and the Church!

**PILGRIMS FROM AROUND THE WORLD GATHERED AT ST. PETER'S BASILICA** in Vatican City last weekend for the canonizations of St. John XXIII and St. John Paul II. Overflowing joy was expressed in song and dance, smiles and innumerable acts of kindness. Banners and flags from many nations showed universal solidarity with the sacred events taking place before the immense assembly. Joy abounded! It was a privilege to be one of the concelebrants with Pope Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI at the historic event, dubbed by some "*the Sunday of the four Popes*" (two in heaven, two on earth)! I prayed for the parishioners of the Diocese of Hamilton, for the Priests, Deacons, Religious women and men, for our Seminarians, for family and friends, that we would continue to be blessed as we make our pilgrim way through life – and that we might be led safely home. The extraordinary and historical event was an experience of grace and peace for the Church and for the world!

**THE SERRA CLUB OF HAMILTON SPONSORED THE 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DINNER** celebrating Priesthood and Religious Life last Tuesday evening. Over 500 people gathered at Liuna Station for the joyous event including those celebrating 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Anniversaries – Sister Carla Marie Contestabile, CSJ, Sister Lucille Godfrey, CSJ, Sister Anne Karges, CSJ, Sister Patricia Valeriote, CSJ; those who are preparing to make Final Profession as Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate – Sister Mary Benedicta, and Sister Teresa Joseph Romero; and Deacon David Walter, our soon-to-be-ordained Priest. Several Jubilarians who were unable to be present were also honoured. Thanks to the Serrans, to Father Ian Duffy, their Chaplain, who served as Master of Ceremonies, and to Father Wojciech Kuzma, Diocesan Vocation Director, who delivered a stirring reflection on the importance of service in the Church for the proclamation of the Good News!

**PRIESTS WHO SERVE PARISHES IN THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON** are reminded of the next **CONVOCATION** which is scheduled to take place at Holy Family Parish Centre in Kitchener on June 18! Ms. Kerry Robinson, the Executive Director of the National Leadership Roundtable on Church Management, will give a presentation on fundraising principles and possibilities – a topic recommended by Priests at one of our earlier Convocations. Please note the date. It is helpful to know if you will be present for dinner – to ensure that a meal is prepared for you.

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK IS CELEBRATED NEXT WEEK** throughout the Diocese and across the Province of Ontario. We have provided resource material that will assist Parishes and schools to mark the week in an effective way. We give thanks to God for the blessings of Catholic education – which helps to assure the proclamation of the Good News! A special word of thanks to everyone who serves the goals of Catholic Education; parents, School Boards, teachers, Chaplaincy Leaders, support personnel, and the students themselves!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI