



Heart to Heart

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CARDINAL GERALD LACROIX READ A MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS at the *March for Life* on Parliament Hill in Ottawa yesterday. The entire message is available on the [website of the Archdiocese of Quebec](#). The message reads in part: “*Pope Francis is pleased to greet everyone taking part in the seventeenth National March for Life in Ottawa, and he assures them of his spiritual closeness as they give witness to the God-given dignity, beauty and value of human life.*” Busloads of marchers from the Diocese of Hamilton travelled to Ottawa for the demonstration – an overwhelming show of support for the value of every human life!

WELCOME TO BISHOP GERALD WIESNER, OMI, BISHOP EMERITUS of Prince George (British Columbia). He is preaching the retreat for the Precious Blood Sisters in Hamilton this week. He will return mid-summer as a keynote speaker at the Summer School for Liturgical Musicians sponsored by the Ontario Liturgical Conference. You are welcome among us, Bishop Gerry. May your time in the Diocese be blessed!

FATHER SAM RESTIVO HAS NOTIFIED US THAT FATHER JIM DONOHUE has been elected the *Vicar Provincial of the Congregation of the Resurrection* for the coming three years. He will assist Father Murray McDermott who was elected Provincial earlier this year. The new Provincial Administration will take office on July 1, 2014. We congratulate Father Donohue on his new position and wish the community leaders rich blessings as they begin their new mandate!

CONGRATULATIONS TO SISTER OF ST. JOSEPH JUBILARIANS who celebrate their anniversaries at St. Joseph’s Convent tomorrow. Sister Katherine Godfrey and Sister Mary Albert Bartsch celebrate a remarkable 75 years of Religious commitment! Sister Lucy Godfrey, Sister Carla Marie Contestabile, Sister Anne Karges, and Sister Pat Valeriotte celebrate 50 years. We offer our thanks for their service to the Church and our congratulations on this joyful occasion.

THE BLESSING OF ST. ANNE’S CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL in Burlington took place this week, one of many Catholic Education Week events that occurred throughout the Diocese. The new school is a sign of the continued blessing of fully funded Catholic education in the Halton Catholic District School Board and throughout the Diocese. Congratulations to the Board, Administration, Teachers, and students of St. Anne’s School!

ARTHUR SUSKI, S.J., A JESUIT SEMINARIAN WILL RECOUNT HIS EXPERIENCE of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti at the Annual General Meeting of the Diocesan of Hamilton unit of the *Canadian Catholic Organization of Development and Peace*. The meeting takes place on May 22nd at Duff’s Presbyterian Church, 319 Brock Road (near the 401), Guelph, beginning at 7 p.m.

FATHER IAN DUFFY, DEAN FOR THE HAMILTON DEANERY, informed the members of the Council of Catholic Service Organizations in Hamilton at their recent meeting, that on any given Sunday Holy Mass is celebrated in *17 different languages* in the City! This remarkable statistic is never more evident than at the celebration of the Multicultural Mass in the Autumn. We are blessed with many Priests who speak several languages and who offer their service to the Diocese for the spiritual well-being of parishioners from around the world!

I HAVE BEEN INVITED TO PREACH THE ANNUAL RETREAT TO PRIESTS of the Diocese of Antigonish next week. The retreat begins on Saturday evening and continues through to Friday at noon. Pray for them! Pray for me!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI