



Heart to Heart

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OUR SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS TO S.S.N.D. 2014 JUBILARIANS: Sr. Elise Diemert, who celebrates a remarkable 80 years in Religious life this year, to Sr. Mary Albert Bartsch, who celebrates her 75th Anniversary, to Sr. Petra Klotz and Sr. Thomasine Ryan, who celebrate 70 years, to Sr. Sharon Kroetsch, Sr. Carla Marie McCarville, Sr. Teresa Prohammer, and Sr. Anne Rektor, who celebrate 60 years, and to Sr. Patricia Carson, who celebrates her 50th Anniversary with the community. Thank you for your witness to fidelity and service. May God bless you richly! Thank you to Sr. Kathleen Cornell, Provincial Leader, for providing the list of names of the Canadian Jubilarians!

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY IN PARIS HOLDS THE ANNUAL MASS this Saturday, May 24th, at 11 a.m., to remember deceased relatives and friends buried there. It is one of the many Cemetery Masses that are held in cemeteries throughout the Diocese managed by our Catholic Cemeteries. Specific thanks to Mr. John Foster, Director of Catholic Cemeteries, and to “the Cemetery Guys” for the organization and preparation that go into each event. Thanks also to Mr. Bill Templeton, District Cemeterian at Holy Cross Cemetery for his always warm and friendly welcome!

OVER 450 COUPLES, REPRESENTING 19,531 YEARS OF MARRIAGE, will gather at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Sunday afternoon to pray in thanksgiving for the blessing of married life and love. The annual Anniversary Mass is one of the exciting liturgical events of the pastoral year. Couples who celebrate 25, 40, 50 and 60(+) years of marriage receive flowers and certificates – and high praise for their joyful witness! Thanks to Teresa Hartnett and Lena Settimi from our Office for Family Ministry for the preparation that goes into making the celebration a success!

THE ANNUAL RETREATS FOR PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE TAKE PLACE this week and next. Father Bill Burke, Pastor of St. Marguerite Bourgeois Parish in Sydney, NS, was the retreat leader for the retreat that wound up yesterday. Bishop Gary Gordon, Bishop of Whitehorse, Yukon Territories, will preach the retreat next week. The retreats take place at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls. All the arrangements are made by Monsignor Earl Talbot, Vicar for Priests. Please keep the retreatants in your prayers!

THE GOOD LEADERS, GOOD SHEPHERDS PROGRAM FOR PRIESTS holds another module at Nottawasaga Conference Centre in Alliston, Ontario, next week. The three-day session is the second module in the 20-month program. Over 40 Priests from the Diocese participate in the formation program.

A REMINDER FROM OUR DIOCESAN LITURGY OFFICE THAT JUNE 1st is the *Early Bird Registration Deadline* for the **Summer School for Liturgical Musicians**. This session is sponsored by the Ontario Liturgical Conference and the Diocese of Hamilton and will take place at The Chancery in Hamilton, July 27th – 30th. If you hope to develop some fresh liturgical insights and skills, be sure you are registered for this session.

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SLOVENIAN PARISH IN HAMILTON celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation at their Sunday morning Mass this weekend. Only 20 celebrations of the Sacrament remain for this pastoral year – the last being on June 14th, 2014. Profound thanks to Bishop Anthony Tonnos and Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki for their great generosity in assisting Bishop Daniel Miehm and me in this important ministry. We pray for the young people who have been confirmed this year – may they “renew the face of the earth”!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI