



**POPE FRANCIS HAS REQUESTED FERVENT PRAYER IN CATHOLIC PARISHES** around the world for his historic meeting in Vatican City with Shimon Peres and Mahmoud Abbas. The meeting takes place on Sunday, The Feast of Pentecost. He asks that we pray for peace in the Holy Land – the peace announced to the shepherds by the angels at the birth of Jesus. The Holy Father reminds us that “*if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven*” (Mt 18:19). We unite our prayers to those of Pope Francis and of brothers and sisters the world over!

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

... Father Michael Sullivan, who was recently moved to St. Olga's Lifecare Centre, Hamilton. Father requires more personal care than is offered at St. Elizabeth Village where he has lived happily for several years;

... Father Murray Farwell, who has begun a series of intensive chemotherapy treatments for cancer. We pray that he will respond well to the treatments and experience the care and support of family and friends in Montreal.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FOUR NEW PERMANENT DEACONS** who will be ordained tomorrow during a Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. The four candidates and their wives have completed a four-year program of formation and study offered by St. Augustine Seminary. They have been entrusted with the following ministries: Reverend Mr. Patrick Crowley will serve at St. James Parish in Oakville; Reverend Mr. Brian Dunn will serve at St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Burlington; Reverend Mr. John Fioretti will serve at St. Gregory the Great Parish in Cambridge, and Reverend Mr. Phong Hoang will serve at both St. Aloysius Parish in Kitchener and Vietnamese Martyrs Mission in Waterloo. We pray for God's blessing on their ministry and on their wives Marilyn, Roberta, Vicki, and Jocelyn.

**FATHER VINCENT KIM VAN TOAN, WILL SERVE AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR** at St. James Parish in Oakville, with Father Louis Lenssen, CRSP, Pastor. Because the Parish has been entrusted to the care of the Barnabite community, the appointment has the approval of Father Robert Kosek, CRSP, Provincial Superior. We thank Father Kim for his generosity and service.

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY HAS A NEW RECTOR.** The appointment was announced by Cardinal Thomas Collins in the Seminary's Newsletter. Father Edwin Gonsalves, Pastor of St. Barnabas Parish in Scarborough, succeeds Monsignor Robert Nusca, who has been the Seminary Rector for the past 13 years. We express our gratitude to Monsignor Nusca and we offer our best wishes to Father Gonsalves! The Diocese of Hamilton currently has 11 men studying for the Priesthood at St. Augustine's Seminary.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONIES ARE TAKING PLACE** at various venues throughout the Diocese these days. Bishop Anthony Tonnos presided at a ceremony for St. Mary's High School at the Cathedral Basilica earlier this week. I will preside at the graduation for students from Cathedral High School next week. We are proud of our graduates throughout the Diocese and look forward to the contribution they will make “for the common good” in the coming years!

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION WILL BE CELEBRATED** at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Hamilton tonight and at St. Teresa of Avila Parish in Elmira on Sunday. The CCCB Executive Committee and Permanent Council meet next week in Ottawa. Lots on the agenda!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI