



## *Heart to Heart*

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**SISTER DOROTHY GOETZ, SSND**, died on June 11<sup>th</sup>, at Notre Dame Convent in Waterdown. She was 63. She gave her entire life to healthcare in Ontario, in Saskatchewan and as a missionary in Bolivia. She was passionate about social justice and initiated the SSND Stop Human Trafficking Committee. Her funeral will be celebrated on Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Waterdown. We offer our sympathy and assurance of prayers to Sr. Kathleen Cornell, Provincial Superior, and to the SSND Community.

**JOHN PERROTTA HAS BEEN APPOINTED MANAGER, SALES AND FAMILY SERVICES**, for the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton. The announcement was made this week by Mr. John Foster, Director of Catholic Cemeteries. The appointment follows a process in which the position was defined and candidates interviewed. We offer our congratulations and good wishes to Mr. Perrotta as he assumes this new responsibility.

**FATHER BRADLEY MARKUS HAS BEEN APPOINTED ADMINISTRATOR** (pro tempore) of St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Elmira, effective June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Father Jim Valk, CR, will be responsible for liturgical celebrations until June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Father David Lewis has been granted a personal leave for the summer months. Thank you to Father Markus for his willingness to take on this responsibility in addition to his duties as Associate Pastor at St. Anthony Daniel Parish in Kitchener.

**ELEVEN MEN HAVE APPLIED TO THE SEMINARY FOR THIS FALL** to prepare for service as Priests for Hamilton Diocese. We will have over 30 seminarians in formation during the coming year. Of the new applicants, three are from Waterloo Deanery, three from Halton Deanery, two from Hamilton Deanery, one from Bruce-Grey Deanery and two from outside our Diocese. Thanks to Father Wojciech Kuzma, Diocesan Vocation/Formation Director, for his leadership and service.

**THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF PRIESTS** takes place on June 27<sup>th</sup>, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is an opportunity for Priests to rekindle an awareness of the greatness of the gift they have received – a good day for Priests to pray in thanksgiving for the call to serve the Church. Parishioners are invited to pray for the Priests who serve their Parishes. We pray to the Lord!

**RESURRECTION CEMETERY IN ANCASTER CELEBRATES THE ANNUAL MASS** for deceased relatives and friends tomorrow morning at 11 a.m. The weather promises to cooperate. Sincere thanks to the “Cemetery Guys” who work hard to prepare for these Masses, providing the opportunity for people to pray for their loved ones who have gone ahead.

**THE YEAR-END GENERAL PRINCIPALS’ MASS IS CELEBRATED TODAY** at St. Eugene’s Parish in Hamilton for Principals of the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board. Newly-appointed Principals are commissioned and blessed during this Mass. The Halton Catholic District School Board celebrates its 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Board Staff Recognition Mass and Dinner during which staff who are completing their service to Catholic Education are honoured and thanked. Along with Graduations, these are fine ways to end another school year!

**JANE LONCKE, INTERIM PRESIDENT OF ST. JOSEPH’S HOME CARE**, informed us that they achieved *Accreditation with Exemplary Standing* with Accreditation Canada. It means the organization exceeded the most rigorous requirements of the accreditation program. The process gives St. Joseph’s Home Care the opportunity to examine everything they do, assuring consistent quality client-centered care. Well done indeed! We are not surprised!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI