

Heart to Heart

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PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR FATHER GUS SMITH. He is not rallying as well as might be hoped following his recent stroke. While he has been moved to a rehab unit at Hamilton General Hospital, he is still receiving critical care. Thanks to Father Ted Slaman, who is attending to him regularly and keeping a close eye on developments.

BEING THE SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS, today we also observe the World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests – an opportunity for Priests to rekindle an awareness of the great gift they have received from the Lord. May our prayer today inspire the life and mission of the Priests in the Diocese of Hamilton and throughout Canada!

WEDNESDAY (AT NOON!) WAS MOVING DAY FOR PRIESTS who received new pastoral assignments earlier this year. It is always a difficult time when Priests, after many years of generous service, leave parishioners who have become like family. May the new appointments be an experience of blessing and joy for the Priests who have moved this year!

OUR ECUMENICAL/INTERFAITH OFFICER, FATHER TIM HINGSTON reminds us that Ramadan begins on Saturday evening and runs until July 28th. This 30-day fast is an important part of the Muslim year and is essential for those who practice the Islamic faith.

FATHER SAM RESTIVO, C.R., AND FATHER MURRAY MCDERMOTT, C.R., were dinner guests at Ardree earlier this week, along with Bishop Daniel Miehm and Monsignor Murray Kroetsch. Prior to dinner we reviewed the remarkable service provided throughout the Diocese by the Resurrectionist community. It was an opportunity to thank Father Restivo for his leadership as Provincial Superior over the past six years and to formally welcome Father McDermott and wish him well. The transition takes place on Tuesday, Canada Day.

OUR FOUR NEW MONSIGNORI WILL BE FORMALLY INVESTED ON SUNDAY at the 4 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. A large number of Priests from the Diocese have indicated their intention to attend the event. Once again we offer congratulations to Monsignor Earl Talbot, Monsignor Roger Formosi, Monsignor Raymond Modeski and Monsignor Dan Hinsperger. Join us on Sunday for the "doings"!

THE 2014 ONTARIO LITURGICAL CONFERENCE SUMMER SCHOOL for Liturgical Musicians is being sponsored by the Diocese of Hamilton this summer. The proceedings begin on July 27th and continue through July 30th at the Chancery Office. We are expecting a large turn-out of participants for the event. Early registration has been extended to June 30th.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN OWEN SOUND WILL HONOUR Fr. Joseph Clovis Cadot by unveiling a monument in his memory at Cape Croker on July 19th. Fr. Joseph Clovis Cadot was one of the early missionaries in the area. Thanks to the Knights for this gesture!

HEART TO HEART WILL BE PUBLISHED ONLY OCCASIONALLY during the summer months. This is the last "weekly" edition. We will return to the regular schedule in September – after Labour Day. May the summer months be restful and restorative!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI