



Heart to Heart

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MOTHER CELESTE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION WAS ELECTED PPIORESS of the Carmel of St. Joseph, St. Agatha, on Wednesday, August 13th. She succeeds Mother Catherine of Our Lady of Providence. A new Council was elected to assist with decision-making for the good order of the Carmel. Mother Celeste assumed office immediately upon election. We pray for her ministry and for all the Nuns at the Carmel.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SISTERS OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE on the occasion of the Final Profession of two Sisters. Sr. Mary Benedicta Orawski and Sr. Teresa Joseph Romero made their profession before Mother Dorothy Nzekwe at a ceremony at St. Clement's Church in Cambridge. We offer our congratulations to the two Sisters and our good wishes to the entire Community.

OUR SINCEREST SYMPATHY TO:

... Bishop Anthony Tonnos, on the death of his sister *Gladys*, on July 30th. The Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Patrick Parish in Port Colborne, Ontario on August 2nd;

... Father Murray McDermott, C.R., on the death of his brother *Kevin* on August 7th. The funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Louis Parish, Waterloo on August 9th;

... the Sisters of the Precious Blood, on the death of *Sister Jeanne Marie Sale*, on August 7th. She had celebrated 75 years of profession as a Religious. The funeral Mass was celebrated on August 12th; and on the death of *Sister Mary Teresa McQuade* on August 9th. She was in her 72nd year of Religious profession. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on August 16th.

FATHER GUS SMITH HAS BEEN MOVED TO ABLE LIVING IN BINBROOK while awaiting space in a long-term care facility. The move takes place two months following his stroke. Father Ted Slaman, who has been attentive to his care, informs us that there has been little change in Father Gus' health and while he seems to understand conversation, his ability to respond is limited to nodding yes or no. We continue to pray for Father Gus and we thank Fr. Slaman for his care and attention – and his occasional updates.

THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE RECENTLY:

... **Father Wayne Lobsinger** is appointed Episcopal Vicar (Consecrated Life), effective September 1, 2014. In this capacity he will also be a member of the Episcopal Board;

... **Father Jerzy Tomon** is appointed Dean of the Wellington Deanery, effective September 24, 2014. As Dean, he becomes a member of the Presbyteral Council;

... **Father John Van Hees** is appointed Dean of the Halton Deanery, effective September 24, 2014. As Dean he becomes a member of the Presbyteral Council;

... **Father Ruffino Ezama, MCCJ**, is appointed Associate Pastor at St. Joseph's Parish, Kitchener, effective September 1, 2014;

My gratitude to these Priests for accepting these appointments, some in addition to parish duties already undertaken.

“JOURNEYING IN COMMUNITY TO THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST” is the title of the conference scheduled for September 12-13 at St. Pius X Parish, Brantford. The conference is sponsored by the Christian Initiation Committee of the Ontario Liturgical Conference. Pastors, Associates, Lay Pastoral Staff, parishioners who serve on preparation teams for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, school teachers involved in preparation of students for Eucharist and Confirmation, and RCIA Teams might be interested to participate in this event! More information is available on our [website under the Liturgy Office](#). Check it out today.

MY RIGHT EYE IS ACTING UP ONCE AGAIN. The ocular nerve is palsied, a condition that rectifies itself in time. In the meantime, I must close my right eye in order to avoid seeing double! No need to “wink” back!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI