



Heart to Heart

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THE RED MASS WAS CELEBRATED AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA of Christ the King on Tuesday past by Bishop Daniel Miehm. Traditionally, it marks the beginning of the Fall sitting of the Courts. During this Mass, we pray that truth and justice will reign supreme in our country. The role of judges and the legal system in assuring that truth and justice is primary!

BARB DOLLAK, DIRECTOR OF OUR REFUGEE AND IMMIGRATION OFFICE, reports that we have received our sponsorship quota for next year from the Government of Canada. We have 42 sponsorship and 50 places for Syrians who may be in refugee camps in Lebanon or Jordan. Given the horrors we have seen in Iraq over the past month, Parishes are invited to consider sponsoring refugees, giving them an opportunity to live peacefully in Canada. Contact our office if you are interested.

THE DIOCESAN CHOIR IS SEEKING BASS AND TENOR SINGERS as they prepare for another Pastoral Year. Interested? Contact Christina Ronzio, Director of our Liturgy Office. She will give you the information you need and set you up for an audition.

MR. ROGER LAWLOR HAS BEEN APPOINTED GENERAL SECRETARY for the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario. He succeeds Lou Piovesan who has held the position for the past six years. Mr. Lawlor's service began on September 1, 2014. Mr. Piovesan will assist with the preparation for the upcoming Plenary Meeting of the ACBO next month. We offer our thanks to Mr. Piovesan and our congratulations to Mr. Lawlor. Both are from the Diocese of Hamilton!

MRS. JANE O'BRIEN, mother of John O'Brien, suffered a serious fall early this past week. She has had surgery and will require a long period of rehabilitation. We ask your prayers for her recovery.

THE WOMEN'S CRISIS SERVICES OF WATERLOO REGION launched its building campaign this week for Hope Haven in Cambridge, which will provide confidential, safe emergency shelter to women, with and without children, who are experiencing violence and abuse. Msgr. Kroetsch and Jim Long were on hand for the launch and to present a generous donation from the Diocese of Hamilton, which will certainly save lives.

PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS AS THE NEW PASTORAL YEAR BEGINS:

Fr. Andrew Czarnyj, is appointed Associate Pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Brantford.

Fr. John Voytek, OFM Conv., is appointed Administrator of St. Raphael Parish in Burlington.

Fr. Peter Knappen, OFM Conv., currently Administrator of St. Raphael Parish in Burlington, has been transferred by his Provincial Superior to St. Bonaventure Parish, Toronto. **Fr. Reto Davatz, OFM Conv.**, has been transferred to Campus Ministry at Blessed Trinity High School in Atlanta, Georgia.

We offer our thanks to the two Priests who are leaving the Diocese, and our prayers for blessed ministry to the two Priests who have accepted to serve here.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SHARI GUINTA, who was recently elected as Secretary-Treasurer on the National Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada. The election took place during the Annual National Convention which was in Fredericton, New Brunswick this year. Shari has served as President of the Provincial Council of the League and most recently chaired the Resolutions Sub-Committee on the National Council. Shari also serves on our Diocesan Finance Council. We wish her well!

THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is offering a movie and membership meeting at the Chancery TONIGHT, September 12th, from 7 to 9 p.m. All members are invited and encouraged to bring a new member. The meeting is open for all who are interested in the good work of Development and Peace.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI