



## Heart to Heart

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**THE COMMUNIO CIRCLE OF THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON** and the Hamilton-Niagara Atheists and Humanists are sponsoring *A Conversation Among Friends* tonight at the Art Gallery of Hamilton. The evening's events begin at 6 p.m. and conclude at 10 p.m. A moderated panel discussion between two atheists and two Catholics will be based on questions exchanged beforehand and will include time for audience participation. All are welcome.

**TOMORROW, OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup>, IS A DAY DEDICATED TO PRAY FOR PEACE.** Clergy and parishioners in the Diocese of Hamilton are encouraged to take time, on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, to respond to the invitation of Pope Francis and to pray for peace in the Middle East. We are urged to pray most specially for those who are suffering persecution in Iraq. Many Parishes have organized special events for the day – a Mass for peace, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a Rosary for peace. *Lord, make me an instrument of your peace ...*

**A BIG DAY FOR ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH IN HAMILTON ON SUNDAY!** They celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a special Mass at 2 p.m. followed by an Italian feast at 5 p.m. It is also an opportunity to celebrate the completion of renovations to their parish hall. Congratulations to Father Janusz Roginski, SAC, and to the organizing committee – a joyful and historic event.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. DAVID HANSEN ON HIS RECENT PROMOTION** to Director of Education for the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board. The appointment by the Board of Trustees was announced by Mr. Pat Daly, Board Chair. Mr. Hansen will succeed Mrs. Pat Amos on November 24<sup>th</sup>. We offer our thanks to Mrs. Amos for a lifetime of service to Catholic Education and our good wishes to Mr. Hansen as he takes on the task!

**THE PERMANENT DIACONATE FORMATION PROGRAM CONTINUES** this weekend at the Chancery Office. Year One candidates will study *The Four Dimensions of the Diaconate*, facilitated by Deacon George Newman, Director of the program for St. Catharines Diocese. Year Three candidates will continue their study of *The Trinity*, taught by Dr. John Dool, from St. Peter's Seminary in London. The day begins at 8:15 a.m. and continues through to 7 p.m. – a long and rewarding day!

**THE ASSEMBLY OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF ONTARIO (ACBO)** celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's Decree on Ecumenism, *Unitatis Redintegratio*, at an event on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott Eaton Centre Hotel, Toronto. The event begins at 3 p.m. and includes an Ecumenical Prayer Service, an address by Dr. Catherine Clifford, Professor at St. Paul University, a response from The Venerable Bruce Myers of The Anglican Church of Canada and a reception. All are welcome!

**CONVENING THE CONVERSATION: *The Choices We Make Matter*** is the title of a very interesting workshop offered at the Chancery Office on October 15<sup>th</sup> from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Facilitated by David Dayler, Director of the Office for Discipleship and Parish Life, the workshop will be an ethical reflection based on the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and responsible citizenship. It will raise awareness of issues that impact the vulnerable among us and will assist those who wish to find ways to reduce poverty among us. Come-all-ye! Contact his office to register (ext. 2238).

**THE NEW ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHAPEL AT STS. PETER AND PAUL PARISH** will be blessed tomorrow morning. May it be a place of prayer promoting peace and good will especially in the Middle East!

St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us.

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI