



Heart to Heart

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ARCHBISHOP PAUL-ANDRE DUROCHER, PRESIDENT OF THE CCCB, and Canada's sole representative at the III Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops (on the Family), was appointed to the Commission that will prepare the pastoral message which is traditionally issued at the end of the event. Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi, President of the Pontifical Council for Culture, serves as the President of the writing Commission. There are seven other members including Archbishop Durocher. While it will mean more work, the appointment will also make the Synod that much more memorable for him. Check out his daily [blog](#) from the Synod.

SIXTY-FIVE PARISH SECRETARIES FROM ACROSS THE DIOCESE gathered on Wednesday to enjoy community, reflection, prayer and to celebrate Mass offered in the Cathedral Basilica by Monsignor Murray Kroetsch. Thanks to David Dayler, Anne Jamieson, Father David Wynen and members of the planning committee for making the retreat day the success it was. And thanks to the secretaries, who do such important work in the Diocese, for your dedication and service!

PARISH NURSING MINISTRY IS THE FOCUS OF AN INFORMATION SESSION sponsored by the Office for Family Ministry to be held NEXT Friday, October 17th from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Diocesan Chancery Office. Maureen O'Rourke from the Diocese of London and Ann Marie Webster from Waterloo will be the main presenters. Both teach the certification course offered at St. Paul University. Please alert interested parishioners about the session – it might just change someone's life.

“THIS WEEK I HAVE BEGUN MY CLASSES IN CANON LAW at the Gregorian University. I am very excited about my courses. I am enjoying living at the Canadian College. I think I am going to make some good friendships here at the College and at the school.” This is an excerpt from a note from Father Adrian Lee, who has spent the past few months studying Italian in Toronto and Siena (Italy) in preparation for his courses. We wish him well. The first year can be a bit daunting!

THE 16th ANNUAL GOOD SHEPHERD HARVEST DINNER takes place on Thursday, October 16th, at Carmen's Banquet Centre. This year's theme is *Breaking Bread, Breaking Barriers*. The annual fundraiser draws together hundreds of people who support the important work of the Brothers of the Good Shepherd in the City of Hamilton. It is still not too late to get a ticket – well worth the expenditure.

ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY SPONSORS THE SPALDING LECTURE on Diversity and Tolerance next Friday evening, October 17th, beginning at 7:30 p.m., at Siegfried Hall. The topic of the lecture is *Encountering Disability: More than a Problem*. Dr. Tanya Titchkosky and Fr. Rod Michalko are the presenters. It is the first in the 2014-2015 series of Lectures in Catholic Experience – *Building a Culture of Encounter*. A great learning opportunity!

THE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY OF HAMILTON is inviting adults (singles or couples – one must be Catholic) to consider being a Foster Parent. Foster children can range in age from infant to 18 years of age. Here is an important and unique way to help a child come through a challenging time in life by providing the safety and security of a welcoming environment. Think about it!

THE CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE continues their Fall Action workshops. The Wellington Deanery Workshop is October 14th, from 7 to 9 p.m., and the Waterloo Deanery Workshop is October 15th, from 7 to 9 p.m. Be informed, be engaged.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI