



Heart to Heart

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IT IS CLERGY APPRECIATION NIGHT IN HAMILTON! The annual event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Councils in Hamilton. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, next to St. Eugene's Parish in Hamilton. Priests in Hamilton and area are welcome! Thanks to the Knights for yet one more sign of your fraternal support!

PRIESTS SERVING IN THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON are reminded of the Priests' Seminar scheduled to take place October 29th, 30th and 31st, at the Holiday Inn Conference Centre in Burlington. This year's theme is *You Have Called Us*, and the sessions will be facilitated by Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB and Fr. Ronald Knott. It is still not too late to register. Participants are reminded that the Seminar begins on WEDNESDAY rather than the normal Tuesday start day. We will be honouring this year's Jubilarians at a Mass and meal at St. Patrick's Parish, Burlington, on Thursday evening.

LOVE IS OUR MISSION: THE FAMILY FULLY ALIVE is the theme of the World Meeting of Families that will take place in Philadelphia, September 22nd-27th, next year. Full information about the participation of the Diocese of Hamilton in the event will be provided by Bishop Daniel Miehm and Teresa Hartnett at the conclusion of the Priests' Seminar. Unconfirmed reports have it that Pope Francis will visit the session to celebrate Mass at its conclusion. It promises to be an historic event!

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS MAGNETS ARE AVAILABLE AGAIN THIS YEAR, along with a new **HE HAS RISEN** Easter magnet. Rudy Alisaukas is the sole Canadian supplier for the magnets. The popular magnet (over 6000 were sold last year!) is a great fundraiser for Parishes or Parish organizations and an easy way to demonstrate your faith. Contact Rudy at www.kofcmagnets.com to order a case of either (or both) magnets.

THE NEW RESIDENT HOME AREA OF ST. JOSEPH'S VILLA will be blessed and dedicated next Thursday at 3 p.m. The recently renovated area used to be the "Priests' Wing". It will provide 12 new beds for residents requiring additional nursing care. Father Mike Sullivan and Father Gus Smith are residents at the Villa now, and experience the exceptional care offered there!

CONGRATULATIONS TO CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH IN HAMILTON as it celebrates its 65th Anniversary. A special Mass at 10 a.m. on Sunday morning will mark the occasion. The Parish has been generous in welcoming students from McMaster University to a noon Mass every Sunday, giving it the experience of the energy and enthusiasm that young people bring to their faith!

MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ASKING ABOUT MY EYE. I am well into the 11th week of a palsied ocular nerve (right side). Happily, the eye is getting stronger and most of my double vision has gone. I fully expect that the medical prognosis of a 12 week affliction will be correct. Thank you for your concern and your prayers. May it never recur!!!

POPE PAUL VI WILL BE BEATIFIED AT ST. PETER'S BASILICA on Sunday, October 19th. The sacred event will also mark the conclusion of the III Extraordinary Synod of Bishops (on the Family).

Blessed Pope Paul, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI