



## Heart to Heart

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**THE TRAGIC DEATH OF CORPORAL NATHAN CIRILLO** has shaken the City of Hamilton, indeed the entire country. We offer sympathy and assurance of prayers to his family and to the Argyll and Southerland Highlanders Regiment. Pastors are encouraged to include a prayer for him at Masses on Sunday.

**FATHER MERVIN PERERA** was hospitalized last week. He remains in the Oakville Trafalgar Hospital where he continues to undergo tests. Please keep him in your prayers.

**FATHER JERZY TOMON HAS BEEN FOLLOWING COURSES FOR A FEW YEARS** and written a dissertation, leading to the reception of a *Licentiate in Sacred Theology* with specialization in *Mariology (Summa cum laude)* from the Faculty of Theology of Cardinal Stephan Wyszynski University in Warsaw, Poland. The degree was granted and his dissertation published earlier this year. We doff our caps with respect at your accomplishment, all the while pastoring a very active parish. Well done indeed!

**THE RECIPIENTS FOR THE 2014 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS** to Catholic Education were announced by Patricia Amos, Director of Education for the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board. The Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton; Jacqueline Bajus, Retired Superintendent of Education; Luisa Conti, Founding Member of Joint Educational Parent Advisory Group and Member of Catholic Parent Involvement Committee; and Dorothy Spence, Retired Principal; will be honoured at an *Awards Liturgy and Presentation*, and reception on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Bishop Anthony Tonnos will preside.

**THE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY OF HAMILTON (CCASH)** honours those who celebrate significant anniversaries of Foster Parenting through the organization. The Recognition Dinner takes place tonight at Liuna Station in Hamilton. It is always a deeply moving event because Foster Parents are usually accompanied by children (and young adults) who have experienced their loving and life-saving care. Congratulations and thank you!

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IS BEING CELEBRATED AGAIN** in parishes throughout the Diocese. This year's "Confirmation season" began last Friday evening when Bishop Daniel Miehm celebrated the Sacrament at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Freelton. Tomorrow I celebrate at Sacred Heart Parish in Teeswater and at Immaculate Conception Parish in Formosa. Thanks once again this year to Bishop Anthony Tonnos and Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki for accepting to assist with Confirmation celebrations for so many deserving young people.

**THE NEW CASAVANT PIPE ORGAN AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH** in Waterloo, is being dedicated on Sunday evening. The project began earlier this year. Parishioners will hear the organ for the first time at the special liturgy. May the roof be raised by the music! Congratulations to Monsignor Edward Sheridan for undertaking the project and to Father Ted Hughes for seeing it through to completion.

**EVERYTHING IS READY FOR THE ANNUAL PRIESTS' SEMINAR** which begins next *WEDNESDAY* evening (5:00 p.m.) at the Holiday Inn in Burlington. Thanks to Father Mark Morley, Chair, and the entire Planning Committee for the good work of attending to the details. May our fraternity and our service be enhanced by this year's event!

**FATHER CZESLAW KOLASA, WILL BE FORMALLY INSTALLED AS PASTOR** of St. Anthony's Parish in Oakville on Sunday. We pray for God's blessing on him, on the Parish, and on his ministry there.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI