

Heart to Heart

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BISHOP DANIEL MIEHM AND MR. JOHN O'BRIEN RETURNED SAFELY last Tuesday following an interesting visit to Haiti. They spent most of their time in the area around Port-au-Prince, but travelled with Monsignor Pierre-Philippe Jean-Pierre to his Parish in the mountains. The days were full, meeting Priests and parishioners of the Archdiocese, and being shown the developments since the devastating and destructive earthquake there. Father Philippe sends his regards to those he knows in Hamilton!

THE PRIESTS' SEMINAR CONCLUDED AT NOON TODAY at the Holiday Inn Conference Centre in Burlington. The presenters, Father Denis Robinson, OSB, President – Rector of St. Meinrad's Seminary, and Father J. Ronald Knott, from the Archdiocese of Louisville, were both well received. Their presentations were direct and challenging – and their good humour was particularly helpful. Thanks to Father Mark Morley and the Priests' Seminar Committee for organizing the event.

THE ANNUAL MASS AND DINNER TO HONOUR JUBILIARIANS was held at St. Patrick's Parish in Burlington last evening. Sincere thanks to Monsignor Raymond Modeski for his always gracious hospitality. Bishop Daniel Miehm, Father Fulbert Jonas Ahouansou, and Father Henryk Krajewski, CR, were honoured for 25 years of priestly service. Father Robert Liddy, CR, and Father Terence McGuire, CR, were honoured (*in absentia*) for 50 years of priestly service. Father Stephen Sardo was honoured (*in absentia*) for his 60th anniversary. Father Angelico (Ange) Valeriote was honoured (*in absentia*) for 65 years of priestly service! And Father Francis (Frank) Reitzel, CR, was honoured for 65 years of priestly service! Thanks to all of them for a lifetime of generosity and goodness!

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DIOCESAN PRESBYTERAL COUNCIL were announced today at the conclusion of the Priests' Seminar in Burlington. The following Deanery representatives were elected by brother Priests in their Deanery: Brant Deanery – Father Mariusz Durbajlo; Bruce-Grey Deanery – Father Franjo Sprajc; Halton Deanery – Father Jason Kuntz; Hamilton Deanery – Father Malcolm Katzenberger; Waterloo Deanery – Father Michael King; Wellington Deanery – Father Brendan McGrath; Religious – Father Michael Kruszewski, CR. The next meeting of the Council takes place in the Bishops' Board Room at the Chancery beginning at noon, next Tuesday, November 4th. Thank you to these Priests for your additional service to the Diocese!

INFORMATION REGARDING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE DIOCESE at the *World Meeting of Families (September 22-27, 2015) in Philadelphia* was presented at the Priests' Seminar by Bishop Daniel Miehm and Mrs. Teresa Hartnett, Director of the Office for Family Ministry. Packets containing promotional material were also made available. Our pilgrimage will leave Hamilton on September 22nd and return on September 28th. More information can be found on http://www.worldmeeting2015.org/, and on our own website.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 INFORMATION WAS ALSO MADE AVAILABLE to the Priests at the Seminar by David Dayler, Director of our Discipleship and Parish Life Office. Packets outlining information about the Diocese's pilgrimage were distributed. The Diocesan Pilgrimage will interest young people throughout the Diocese. More information can be found on <u>our website</u>.

HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY IN BURLINGTON will host the Mass for All Souls this Sunday, November 2nd, at 2 p.m. All are welcome to pray for their deceased loved ones at this special Mass. May they rest in peace!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, + Douglas, OMI