



**GERALD CYPRIEN CARDINAL LACROIX ARRIVES TOMORROW MORNING** for an enjoyable weekend in the Diocese of Hamilton. The highlight will be the Sunday morning Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on its Patronal Feast. During the Mass the Cardinal will present Papal Honours to 15 parishioners of the Diocese conferred late last month by Pope Francis. The event will be a vivid reminder that the Gospel is proclaimed by the lives and ministry of all of us, whether Cardinal or lay faithful alike. Thanks be to God for the blessing of a lively community of faith where our own faith is nurtured and deepened!

**SEMINARIAN TIM THERIAULT REPORTS THAT HE HAS SURVIVED** the devastating snowfall that was dumped on Buffalo earlier this week. He is studying at Christ the King Seminary there. The snow began on Monday night and lasted all day and night Tuesday – including lightning and thunder! Six hours of snow shovelling by the seminarians on Wednesday cleared the parking lot of 4 to 5 feet of snow. Thursday morning saw another 2 feet of fresh snow! He still hopes to make it to the celebration at the Cathedral Basilica on Sunday – a respite from the manual labour of the past week!

**FATHER ADRIAN LEE AND I ENJOYED A HAMBURGER AND ITALIAN FRIES** at a restaurant near the Canadian College in Rome last Sunday! No one will be surprised to learn that he has been working hard since his appointment last summer to study Canon Law at the Gregorian University in Rome. His first task was to learn Italian. He started last July in Toronto and once his visa was issued, he studied for two months in Siena. He has done remarkably well. He enjoys the Canon Law studies and has met priests from across North and South America who are studying there as well. Pray for him, that he will meet the challenges with his usual calm and friendly demeanor!

**THE YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE WILL BE FORMALLY INAUGURATED** at a Prayer Vigil in the Papal Basilica of St. Mary Major next Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. A Mass will be celebrated at the Papal Basilica of St. Peter next Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. The theme for the year, as presented by the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life is *GOSPEL, PROPHECY, HOPE: consecrated life in the church today*. Watch for the program for the year-long celebration in the Diocese of Hamilton on our Diocesan Website.

**THE GRAND ULTREYA FOR THE ENGLISH CURSILLO MOVEMENT** in the Diocese of Hamilton takes place next Saturday at St. Agnes Church in Waterloo at 10 a.m. This is a great opportunity to bring together Cursillistas past and present! Join us for the Mass; renew your friendships; deepen your faith! Thanks to Marg Weber and her team for organizing the event.

**PRIESTS IN THE DIOCESE ARE REMINDED OF THE ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER** scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, and at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Waterloo on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is an opportunity for our Priests to prepare to enter the Advent season with a renewed spiritual perspective. May it be a time of grace for us all!

**A REMINDER ONCE AGAIN ABOUT THE DEDICATION OF THE ALTAR** at the Church of Our Lady in Guelph following an extensive renovation that will conclude this week. The special Mass will be celebrated at 7 p.m. on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Patronal Feast of the Parish – a wonderful moment of thanksgiving.

Our Lady Immaculate, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI