



## Heart to Heart

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**THE APOSTOLIC LETTER OF POPE FRANCIS TO ALL CONSECRATED PEOPLE** on the occasion of the **Year of Consecrated Life** was published on November 21, 2014, just as the special “year” began. In the letter, the Holy Father outlines the aims of the year: *to look to the past with gratitude, to live the present with passion, and to embrace the future with hope!* “Where there are Religious,” he writes, “there is joy.” There are 26 Religious communities of women and men in the Diocese of Hamilton, and one Consecrated virgin – spreading the joy of the Gospel! We thank them for their presence and ministry and pray for God’s blessing on them and their communities!

**FATHER PETER COUGHLIN RECENTLY SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION** as Pastor of St. Andrew’s Parish in Oakville in order to attend more assiduously to serious and persistent health concerns. We are grateful for the many years of happy and faithful ministry Father has provided to the Parish, and we pray that his health will stabilize somewhat in the coming weeks and months. Our thanks also to Monsignor Edward Sheridan who has graciously accepted to serve as Parish Administrator until a new Pastor is appointed, probably early in the new year. Thanks also to the Legionaries of Christ who provide such helpful service to the Parish.

**ALSO PLEASE PRAY FOR MONSIGNOR HARVEY ROACH** and Father Mervin Perera, both of whom are ill. Monsignor Roach is undergoing tests at the Oakville Trafalgar Hospital, and Father Mervin is recovering at St. Andrew’s Parish rectory. As well, Father Charles Scheffer has been moved to Freeport Hospital in Kitchener for rehabilitation after a fall.

**FATHER STEVEN CROWLEY HAS REQUESTED AND RECEIVED TIME** for personal leave. We wish him well and support him in prayer during the coming few months. Father Bradley Markus has been appointed Parish Administrator at St. John’s Parish and Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Kitchener while he is away. As well, the Legionaries of Christ will assist with the Spanish-speaking liturgies. Again, thank you for your assistance and service!

**FATHER ANGELICO VALERIOTE CELEBRATES HIS 90<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY** on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Family and friends will gather to mark the day. We add our congratulations and good wishes. The celebration will give Father Ange another opportunity to share his winning smile and good nature with us all! *Ad multos annos!*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO REVEREND MR. TOM VERT** who serves as Permanent Deacon at Corpus Christi Parish in Hamilton. He was recently appointed Vice President of Manufacturing for ArcelorMittal Dofasco in Hamilton. He obviously serves there as diligently as he serves as Deacon! Well done!

**A NOTE RECEIVED FROM FATHER ADRIAN LEE ON DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>:** *When we met over lunch in Rome, you said that you would be interested in hearing news about my Italian test at the Gregorian University. Today I learned that I passed!* Good news indeed – the result of much rigorous study. Congratulations!

**ST. EDMUND’S SODALITY IS THE ANGLICAN-USE COMMUNITY** which has been gathering at St. Patrick’s Parish in Cambridge for 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass for the past few years. Father Jason Catania, a member of the Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter, arrives this weekend. He will reside at St. Mary’s Parish in Kitchener and celebrate Sunday Mass for the small community there. Additionally, he will provide some assistance at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Kitchener. Welcome, Father Catania; may your ministry be blessed.

**MY MOTHER ARRIVES TOMORROW FOR A MONTH-LONG STAY** during which we will enjoy the Advent and Christmas celebrations. This Sunday we are looking forward to the *Advent Hymn Festival for Peace* at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King beginning at 7 p.m. – a perfect way *to prepare for the coming of the Prince of Peace!*

Our Lady Immaculate, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI