



Feast of the Annunciation

March 25, 2011 (#19)

Heart to Heart

FATHER SAM RESTIVO, C.R. PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR, visited the office recently, providing opportunity for a review of the many good works of the Congregation of the Resurrection in our Diocese. The community first came here in 1857, and have made a major contribution to the Church in these parts. I will be presiding at the diaconal ordination of Michal Kruszewski, for the CR community on May 20th. We are deeply grateful for their ongoing presence and vital ministry in the Diocese.

A FIRST-CLASS RELIC OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA IS VISITING the Franciscan Friars at St. Raphael Parish (4072 New Street), Burlington, tomorrow. The visit begins with veneration of the relic from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and concludes with a celebration of the Eucharist at 5:00 p.m. You might want to encourage parishioners to “make a visit”. I’ll be there first thing on Saturday morning, just prior to heading to St. Margaret Mary Parish in Hamilton, for the celebration of Confirmation at 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

MY BROTHER CHRIS, HIS WIFE DEBBIE, AND THEIR DAUGHTER, RACHEL, will be over-nighting at the residence on Saturday evening. He is participating in the “*Around the Bay Road Race*” which takes place in Hamilton this Sunday. My nephew, Scott Kemp and his wife, are coming down from Kitchener for the same reason. Perhaps I’ll join them in the run – next year!!!

THANK YOU TO FATHER DAVID LEWIS for accepting to serve as the Bishop’s appointee on The Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region. The group was formed several years ago and provides funding for projects of religious formation in the Kitchener-Waterloo area. Thank you also to Father Phil Sherlock who leaves the committee after almost 12 years of dedicated service! Job well done.

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN CONSULTORS took place yesterday afternoon at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse (to facilitate the participation of Father Roger Formosi who is convalescing there). Since it was the first meeting of the group, we reviewed their canonical responsibilities and decided a few issues. My thanks again to the priests who accepted the appointment as Diocesan Consultors.

OVER 70 MEN PARTICIPATED IN A LENTEN REFLECTION FOR MEN at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Hamilton on Tuesday evening. The evening was sponsored by the Men’s Group from St. John the Baptist Parish, Burlington. The evening included the celebration of Mass, a wonderful meal, a talk by “yours truly”, and vibrant group discussion and sharing. Congratulations to Mr. Joe Sinisac, who served as MC for the event – and who was the prime mover for this year’s gathering.

MR. ROBIN CASLICK BEGAN HIS INTERVIEWS THIS WEEK leading to recommendations regarding the re-visioning of our Diocesan Pastoral Offices. His professional experience and human resources background will assure that we build the new organizational structure on a firm foundation!

THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC BROADCASTING COUNCIL sponsors the National Catholic Mission 2011 on VisionTV. Program 1 of “The Heart of the Matter” will be broadcast on Monday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Program 2 will be broadcast on Tuesday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Please promote the Mission in your parish bulletin.

On this Great Feast, Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI