



Heart to Heart

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OUR SYMPATHY TO THE CONGREGATION OF THE RESURRECTION on the death of Father Charles Fedy, last Saturday, January 31st. Very Reverend Murray McDermott, Provincial Superior, presided at the Mass of Christian Burial at St. Agatha Parish, St. Agatha, on Wednesday, February 4th. He characterized Father Charlie as the “Rock of Gibraltar” for the Resurrectionist community. May he rest in peace! We offer our prayers for the consolation of the community and all who mourn his loss.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

MONSIGNOR WILLIAM O'BRIEN, who is in the Hamilton General Hospital being treated for a serious bladder infection;

MONSIGNOR ROGER FORMOSI, who received news last week that he has cancer of the pancreas which is also affecting the liver; he awaits further news about treatment.

THANKS TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WHO ASSURED DELIVERY to all of our Parishes of the Pastoral Letter *ECCE QUAM BONUM – HOW GOOD IT IS!* The letter is available to all parishioners in the Parish bulletin this weekend. The Pastoral Letter, written in this Year of Consecrated Life, salutes those in the Diocese who have made the commitment to Consecrated Life – benefitting the Diocese and the entire Church.

FORMATION FOR PERMANENT DEACONS CONTINUES THIS SATURDAY. Father Aleksander Mazur, SAC, Pastor of St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo, presents on Fundamental Theology to Year One candidates, and Teresa Hartnett, Director of our Family Ministry Office, presents the Pastoral Theology of Marriage to Year Three Candidates. We pray for those in formation.

THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF ONTARIO (CPSO) are consulting the public regarding their proposed policy about Professional Obligations and Human Rights. It is a troublesome policy in that it seeks to limit the moral and ethical rights of physicians in matters related to conscience. Check out our website next week which will provide helpful information and encourages response to the consultation. Responses must be submitted before February 20th.

FATHER LAURENCE FREEMAN, OSB, DIRECTOR OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY for Christian Mediation, is visiting the Diocese of Hamilton next week. He will facilitate a session at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown, on Tuesday morning beginning at 10 a.m., and on Friday, February 13th, he will present this year's Waterloo Catholic District School Board lecture entitled, “*Stay Awake: Remembering how central contemplation is to the life of the church and the world*”. The lecture takes place at St. Jerome's University, Siegfried Hall, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Not to be missed! Thanks to Paul Tratnyek for organizing these opportunities!

THE CHRISM MASS FOR 2015 WILL BE CELEBRATED ON MARCH 30th, at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments for clergy and seminarians will be served at 4:00 p.m. with dinner at 4:30 p.m. Invitations will be sent by e-mail in early February. Please mark your calendars now.

THE 2015 SHARE LENT CAMPAIGN MATERIAL from the *Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace* has arrived in our Parishes. The theme for this year's campaign is **SOW MUCH LOVE TO GIVE**. It continues their important focus on “*One Human Family, Food for All*” campaign of *Caritas Internationalis*, launched last year by Pope Francis. The Share Lent Campaign is always an important part of our Lenten journey.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI