



Heart to Heart

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BY THE BULL OF INDICTION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY, Pope Francis officially convoked the Holy Year last Saturday evening, the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday. *Misericordiae Vultus*, outlines the spirit in which the year was convoked and indicates the main ways in which the Holy Year will unfold. A copy of the 21-page document has been sent by e-mail to the Priests of the Diocese. The letter begins: “Jesus Christ is the face of the Father’s mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him.” The Jubilee Year will begin on December 8, 2015, when Pope Francis will open the Holy Door of St. Peter’s Basilica to welcome pilgrims who will pass through it until it is closed again on the Feast of Christ the King, 2016.

FATHER WALTER SCHNARR, CR, DIED LAST SUNDAY, APRIL 12th. He was 103 years old, the oldest among the Priests who serve in the Diocese of Hamilton, and possibly the oldest Priest in Canada. He was buried at Mount Hope Cemetery in Kitchener yesterday, following a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Eugene’s Chapel at Resurrection College in Waterloo. We join our prayers with those of the Congregation of the Resurrection that God might welcome him home. We express our thanks to the Congregation for long and effective priestly service in the Diocese.

NEW APPOINTMENTS:

Father Jacek Kryn, SAC, has been appointed Associate Pastor at St. Gabriel Parish in Burlington. His appointment is effective, June 24, 2015. **Father Paul Szymanowski, CR**, has been appointed Associate Pastor at St. Mary Parish in Kitchener. The appointment is effective May 18, 2015. May the Lord bless the ministry of both men!

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. DAVID WORMALD, NEW PRESIDENT of St. Joseph’s Health Centre in Guelph and President of Elder Care, for St. Joseph’s Health System, effective May 11, 2015. Dr. Kevin Smith, President and CEO for St. Joseph’s Health System, announced the long-awaited appointments earlier this month. Mr. Wormald is deeply committed to the mission, vision and values of the St. Joseph’s Health System. We add our congratulations and good wishes to him.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ERSILIA DINARDO AND SERA FILICE-ARMENIO on being honoured with the Festitalia Community Award of Distinction! They are among eight individuals and eight businesses or clubs from the Italian community so honoured this year. The awards will be given at their annual Awards Dinner, held this year on June 4th. Worthy recipients indeed!

THE GOOD SHEPHERD SPRING FOOD DRIVE IS UNDERWAY in Hamilton and area. Parishioners are asked to be generous to the annual food collection which assists the excellent work of the Good Shepherd Emergency Food Service, which helped over 50,000 people last year! Call 905-927-9485, ext. 210 for more information or assistance to make a donation.

THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH IN HAMILTON HAVE ACCEPTED TWO REFUGEE Sponsorships in celebration of the Year of Consecrated Life. The first is a family of three from Myanmar, who come via Thailand, and the second is a young woman coming from Eritrea via Egypt. Providing them with a fresh start at life is a fine way to celebrate the special year! Thank you!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI