

Heart to Heart

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THE MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL FOR FATHER BERNARD HAYES, C.R., takes place tomorrow at 10:00 am at St. Mary's Church, in Kitchener. The well-loved Priest died peacefully this week following a lengthy time of poor health. He was still serving as Chaplain to the Kitchener Police and Kitchener Fire Fighters. Because of his wide circle of friends, the funeral is expected to be a large one. May he receive the reward promised to good and faithful servants! We offer our sympathies once again to the Congregation of the Resurrection who have lost four members in the past few months.

THE FIRST RETREAT FOR PRIESTS IN HAMILTON DIOCESE begins next Monday evening, May 18, at the Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls. The second follows it during the week of May 25. Father Denis Robinson, OSB, is the presenter for the first week and Bishop Brian Dunn is the presenter for the second week. Please remember the retreatants in your prayers. This encounter with the Lord is a renewing and restorative experience for everyone. Thanks to Monsignor Earl Talbot, Vicar for Priests, for making the arrangements for us.

THANKS TO ANNE STEVENS, PAT NOON AND PHYLLIS WAY for their service to the Diocese over many years. Anne Stevens served in many capacities, perhaps longest as Assistant to Monsignor Murray Kroetsch in the Liturgy Office. She begins her retirement in June, following a time of vacation. Both Pat Noon and Phyllis Way have volunteered in the Missionary Co-op Office for many years. They will help coach the new Director as he takes on the work of connecting mission preachers with parishes. Our deep appreciation to all of them, and our thanks for their service!

SOUNDS OF JOY, A REMARKABLE EVENING OF MUSIC AND DANCE takes place at the Hamilton Convention Centre, on Tuesday, May 26, beginning at 6:30 pm. It promises to be an energetic evening of celebration! Young people from the seven Catholic School Boards in Hamilton Diocese are prepared to raise the roof and move your hearts. Tickets are still available at www.hamiltondiocese.com. Pastors are asked to inform parishioners.

436 COUPLES HAVE REGISTERED FOR THE ANNIVERSARY MASS to be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on June 7. This is one of the largest groups ever! The couples will receive boutonnieres and certificates to mark the Anniversary – and will renew their marriage vows within the celebration of Mass. It is always a joyful event. We join in thanksgiving for such blessings!

MANY OF OUR SEMINARIANS WILL BE AT THE 4:00 pm SUNDAY MASS at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King this weekend. It is the first "summer" gathering for those Seminarians who are able to attend. Other young men discerning a "call" to the Priesthood will also attend. The Mass will be followed by a fraternal meal, providing them the opportunity to get to know one another. The Diocese of Hamilton has 30 Seminarians studying in five Seminaries.

THE JESUITS AT THE IGNATIUS JESUIT CENTRE (IJC) IN GUELPH are seeking "skilled, enthusiastic and committed individuals who want to assist and direct IJC in fulfilling its mission and achieving its vision" – people who might be interested in serving on their Board of Directors. The Board meets monthly (except July and August) for about 3-5 hours. If interested, contact officemanager@ignatiusguelph.ca.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + Douglas, OMI