

Heart to Heart

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THE PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION have prepared a series of eight *Pastoral Resources For Living The Jubilee*. These are excellent booklets replete with references and ideas for the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. They are published by Our Sunday Visitor out of Huntington, Indiana. David Dayler, Director of the Office for Discipleship and Parish Life, or his Assistant, Monica Verin, will be able to help you secure a set. Alternatively, they are available at most Religious Book Stores.

SISTER EILEEN SCHULLER, OSU, IS THE MAIN SPEAKER AT AN EVENING OF PRAYER in preparation for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The event, held at the Basilica of our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, begins at 7:00 p.m. on November 15th. We will pray Evening Prayer together and Sr. Eileen will speak to us about the *Biblical Roots of Mercy*. Plan to attend – it will put you in the right spirit for the Jubilee year!

FATHER JOHN MCCARTHY, S.J., IS SPEAKING AT HOLY ROSARY PARISH IN GUELPH. The topic: <u>On</u> <u>Care of Our Common Home: on Pope Francis' Ecology Encyclical Laudato Si'</u>. Mark the date in your calendar: November 18, 2015, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Ignatius Jesuit Centre and co-sponsored by Holy Rosary Parish.

THE PERMANENT DIACONATE FORMATION PROGRAM CONTINUES THIS WEEKEND. The Year Four candidates gather this evening for their Liturgical Practicum on the Rite of Marriage. Both Year Four and Year Two groups will focus on Moral Theology on Saturday. Later in the afternoon they will receive a session on resources available in the Diocese, in the Library and through the Media. We pray for our Permanent Deacon candidates and their wives.

WE RECEIVED THE SAD NEWS FROM THE COMBONI MISSIONARIES that Father Denis Wilkinson, MCCJ, passed away peacefully in Ireland, on October 22, 2015. He was stationed at St. Joseph's Parish in Kitchener from 2007. In September 2014, he returned to his hometown in Ireland to retire. May he rest in peace.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARDS in the Diocese of Hamilton meet with me in the Bishops' Board Room at the Chancery this morning. It is an important opportunity to discuss matters of mutual interest and concern. Following a series of retirements and new hires over the past five years, make me the oldest and longest in office among the group! Given the importance of Catholic Education and the high value that we place on the schools in the Diocese, this meeting is always one of the most informative of the year.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOLD THEIR ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS at St. Eugene's Church in Hamilton tomorrow morning. They remember deceased members of the Order at this Mass and support family members in their grief. November is the time to pray for our beloved dead – praying that God welcome them to the fullness of life with Him.

ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTHCARE HAMILTON FOUNDATION HOLDS THEIR MAJOR FUNDRAISER at Liuna Station tomorrow evening. The hospitals in Hamilton serve thousands of parishioners and citizens every day and are worthy of financial contributions that will make a difference.

DECEMBER 18th IS THE 63rd ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH (1952) of Bishop John NcNally who was the builder of our Cathedral Basilica and the two attached residences. We pray in thanksgiving for his ministry. May he rest in peace.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, + Douglas, OMI