



Heart to Heart

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OVER 800 MISSIONARIES OF MERCY WILL BE COMMISSIONED BY POPE FRANCIS on Ash Wednesday to carry the Good News of God's mercy and forgiveness throughout the world. Three Priests from the Diocese of Hamilton are among the 800. Father Michael King, Father Bill Trusz, and Father Ted Hughes have been approved by the Vatican to provide this service during this Year of Mercy. They will travel to Rome early in February to learn from Pope Francis what his expectations are and to be sent out on this special mission. We offer our thanks, our congratulations, and our prayers.

ELENA LUNA HAS BEEN APPOINTED ANIMATOR FOR THE SOUTHERN ONTARIO REGION by the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (D & P). She replaces Mr. Kojo Dampsey who recently returned to school to complete his Master's Degree. A parishioner from Milton, she is dedicated to the Organization which supports programs in developing countries. Development and Peace recently unveiled their new logo, which now includes reference to the international Catholic network known as *Caritas* which they represent here in Canada.

MONSIGNOR PIERRE PHILIPPE JEAN PIERRE, former pastor of Notre Dame Parish in Hamilton has announced that his current Parish in Orangers, Haiti, has recently completed construction of a new church after two years of hard work. Ste. Genevieve Church will be dedicated by Bishop Glandas at the Sunday morning Mass, January 17th. Eight days later, the Parish will celebrate their patronal feast, welcoming people from the mountainous countryside. We congratulate him for this major accomplishment and pray for blessings on the Parish!

THE JESUITS AT LOYOLA HOUSE IN GUELPH HAVE WELCOMED 26 JESUIT NOVICES from across North America for a 30-day Ignatian Retreat. As is customary, the retreat itself is preceded by a few days of preparatory reflection and concludes with a few days of debriefing. We are pleased to welcome the seminarians to Hamilton Diocese, and we pray that the retreat will be an experience of God's mercy!

THE SISTERS OF THE FRATERNITY THE POOR OF JESUS CHRIST have chosen to open a Religious house in the Diocese of Hamilton. The first of four Sisters will arrive in early February and will reside at St. Louis Convent in Waterloo. The Convent is being reconditioned. The community of about 600 Priests, Sisters and Brothers, was founded in Brazil and has established communities throughout North and South America. This foundation is their first in Canada. We welcome them warmly, and pray for God's blessing on their service.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BISHOP JOHN (JACK) SHERLOCK, Emeritus Bishop of London, who celebrates his 90th birthday on January 20th. His health is good and his spirits are high! We wish him many happy and healthy years ahead! *Ad multos annos!*

THE MISSIONARY OBLATES OF MARY IMMACULATE celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the foundation of their community on January 25th. The Provincial Superior of Assumption (Polish) Province, Father Marian Gil, OMI, is organizing a Mass at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Mississauga, presided over by Cardinal Collins, on Monday, January 18th. A dinner will be held on Thursday, January 21st. Presently, six Oblates serve in Hamilton Diocese, including yours truly. A seventh, Brother Krystof Janca, OMI, is here studying English, preparing to serve in the Diocese of Churchill-Hudson Bay. We offer our good wishes to the Oblates.

WE HAVE RECEIVED WORD THAT ARCHBISHOP DANIEL BOHAN, OF REGINA, died this morning following several months of illness with lung cancer. We pray that God will give him the reward due a faithful servant and we offer our condolences to his family and to the Archdiocese of Regina.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI