



## *Heart to Heart*

*April 21, 2011 (#23)*

**THE CHRISM MASS LAST MONDAY EVENING** was a remarkable gathering of the Church of Hamilton Diocese. The presence of so many priests (over 200), deacons (permanent and transitional), women and men in consecrated life, our seminarians, and the lay faithful who filled the Cathedral to overflowing, was an outstanding expression of the vitality of our Diocese! It was particularly moving to welcome so many catechumens. Thanks to all who worked hard to assure that the event was so well prepared in every way.

**BISHOP ANTHONY TONNOS WILL BE AWARDED A DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY** degree, *honoris causa*, at a Convocation Mass on June 16, 2011 at St. Jerome's University. The honour is conferred in recognition of his leadership of the Diocese of Hamilton for 27 years, and his dedication to Catholic education and to the University. We offer our congratulations to Bishop Tonnos on this well-deserved honour!

**AND WE EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS TO MONSIGNOR HARVEY ROACH**, on his appointment by Pope Benedict XVI as Protonotary Apostolic; to Monsignor Edward Sheridan, V.G. who was appointed Prelate of Honour, and Monsignor Edward House, who was appointed Chaplain of His Holiness. All three priests of our Diocese are very worthy recipients. The investiture will take place at the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, May 14, at the Cathedral of Christ the King.

**THE GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION** remains the ordinary and indispensable means of promoting the life of Christians in The Holy Land. This collection is usually taken up during the Good Friday Service and assists the Order of Franciscan Friars Minor who are entrusted with the Custody of the Holy Land. The Franciscans' specific mission it is to keep alive the liturgy in places of worship, to take care of pilgrims, to enhance apostolic works, and to support the Christian community. Please encourage parishioners to be generous!

**EARLIER THIS WEEK I SENT *EASTER GREETINGS*** to be published in your parish bulletins or to be communicated in some way to parishioners. My letter is also posted on our Diocesan website. Thank you for assuring its distribution.

**THE CHANCERY OFFICE STAFF GATHERS FOR A SPECIAL LUNCHEON** this afternoon (Thursday) prior to the break for the Triduum and Easter Monday. The offices are closed after 1 p.m. and remain closed until Tuesday morning of Easter week.

**ON EASTER MONDAY AND TUESDAY I WILL BE AT THE BISHOP'S COTTAGE** for the first time. As you will all readily understand, I am looking forward to the break. I will be bringing my bathing suit and hope to give Lake Erie a try!!!

**MAY YOUR PRAYERFUL COMMEMORATION OF THESE HOLIEST OF DAYS** be a blessing for you and for parishioners throughout the Diocese.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde,

+ *Douglas*, OMI