



Heart to Heart

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THE 2016 CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION (CYO) CELEBRITY DINNER takes place next Thursday evening (February 25th) at the Hamilton Convention Centre. It is a time to celebrate and support the good work of the organization throughout the year, but especially during the summer months. The special focus of the evening is the “one-on-one” program offered at Camp Marydale for children with special needs. The highlight of the evening is always the presentation of the Honorary Camper. Congratulations to the CYO – may the evening be a smashing success!

ALL PRIESTS ARE REMINDED OF THE CONVOCATION SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 2, 2016. It will be held at St. Anthony Daniel Parish Life Centre in Kitchener beginning at 1 p.m. Father Joseph Gatto, Rector of Christ the King Seminary in Buffalo, New York, is the guest speaker. The topic of the Convocation is “Tips for Confessors”. Our own Missionaries of Mercy will also share reflections on their recent commissioning by Pope Francis in Rome and provide some insight into their duties during this Year of Mercy. Please make sure that you have registered to assist in planning for the event.

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH, BURLINGTON AND HOLY TRINITY PARISH, OAKVILLE celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. Thank you to the Pastors, pastoral teams, and teachers who have carefully prepared the candidates. We pray for all the young people who will celebrate the sacrament during this pastoral year!

A RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 11-13, 2016. It is a perfect way to bring mercy to a troubled marriage and rekindle love that may feel lost. Pope Francis has called all people to experience this Year of Mercy in a special way, including married couples. Plan to attend this helpful weekend, or talk about it with a couple who may need support for their marriage. For more information, call the Family Ministry Office!

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH IN STONEY CREEK is sponsoring a Parish Mission from March 13-17, beginning at 7 p.m. each evening. Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, a well-known speaker who has appeared often on EWTN is the Mission Preacher. All are welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RIGHT REVEREND LINDA NICHOLLS, recently elected Coadjutor Bishop of Huron. She will succeed Bishop Robert Bennett as Anglican Bishop of Huron in April. We pray for her and for the Diocese.

THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETS FOR ITS THIRD MEETING OF THE YEAR this afternoon. The committee is responsible to advise the Bishop about pastoral personnel changes for 2016. It is hoped and expected that the appointments will be announced by the end of March. Please pray for those who are accepting new appointments.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS hosts a meeting of the Executive Committees of the Canadian, United States (USCCB) and Latin American (CELAM) Bishops’ Conferences next week. The Inter-American session takes place at Bethany Renewal Centre located just outside of Tampa Florida. Among other agenda items, it will be interesting to hear the reflections of the Bishops from Mexico on the recent visit of Pope Francis. We pray for safe travel for all – and good weather!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI