



Heart to Heart

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HOLY WEEK BEGINS THIS WEEKEND WITH THE CELEBRATION OF PALM SUNDAY. As is the custom in the Diocese of Hamilton, the Chrism Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Monday evening, beginning at 7 p.m. A dinner for the Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Seminarians begins at 4 p.m. Bishop Wesley Spiewak, C.R., the new Bishop of Hamilton (Bermuda), will be our special guest for the evening. He is currently visiting members of the Congregation of the Resurrection in the Diocese. We warmly welcome him and the over-200 clergy who will be present for the event at which the Priests renew their commitment to the Diocese. See you there!

WELCOME TO FATHER ALESSANDRO TIRELLI, C.R.S.P. (BARNABITE), who joins Father Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P., for service as Associate Pastor at St. James Parish in Oakville. Father Tirelli was ordained recently in his hometown in Bari, Italy. This is his first appointment as a Priest. We welcome him, and express our gratitude to Father Robert Kosek, Provincial Superior of the Barnabites, for assigning him to serve with us. May your ministry be blessed!

AS ANNOUNCED EARLIER THIS YEAR, FATHER DAVID PERRIN is now incardinated in the Diocese of Hamilton. The official documents arrived on March 16th from the Provincial Offices of OMI Lacombe Canada. We offer our thanks to him for his desire to serve as a Diocesan Priest and look forward to his presence and ministry here.

CHRISTINA GALLIMORE, CHAIRPERSON OF CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES announced recently that Cindy Kinnon has been appointed Executive Director of the organization as of March 29, 2016. She succeeds Linda Dayler, who will work closely with her during her first weeks of service. Christina comes with a good education and lots of community service. We wish her God's blessing in this mission!

THE PERMANENT DEACON FORMATION PROGRAM CONTINUES THIS WEEKEND. Father Wojciech Kuzma will present on Spirituality for the Candidates in Year Two and Ms. Christina Ronzio will present on Liturgy and the Sacraments for the Candidates in Year Four. Bishop Daniel Miehm will preside at the Mass celebrated at midday. We continue to pray for these men and their wives who are faithful to the demanding commitment.

WONDERING WHAT TO DO ABOUT EUTHANASIA AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE? Be sure to check out the [website of Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience](#). You are encouraged to write your Member of Parliament indicating your desire to support conscience rights for doctors, all healthcare providers, and for institutions whose mission makes it objectionable to participate in any way with assisted suicide!

YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH IN HAMILTON are holding a 12-hour fast this weekend in solidarity with refugees. They hope to raise funds, and more importantly, to raise awareness of the plight of refugees world-wide. Congratulations to the young people and to Father Peter Ciallella for this great initiative.

“THE GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION REKINDLES HOPE IN THE HOLY LAND. *Christians in the Holy Land care for the places marked by the passage of Jesus Himself, allowing us to touch, as it were, the truth of our faith. ... Indeed, every person who lives and works there deserves our prayers and our concrete assistance, so necessary for the continuation of the work of healing wounds and fostering confidently justice and peace.”* So writes Cardinal Sandri in a letter to Bishops around the world. Please encourage the faithful to be generous in supporting the Holy Land Collection on Good Friday!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI