

Heart to Heart



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Holy Thursday

THE EASTER TRIDUUM BEGINS TONIGHT with the Mass of the Lords Supper. Our prayer and reflection on the total gift of the Lord Jesus, and the celebration of His Resurrection from the dead, call us to a generous giving of self in the Lord's service and a joyful proclamation of God's love for all!

EUTHANASIA IN CANADA IS THE TITLE OF A CONFERENCE co-sponsored by the University of St. Michael's College and The Canadian Bioethics Institute. Bishop William McGrattan (Peterborough), CCCB representative to the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada, and Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition of Canada, are the guest speakers for the event. It begins at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30th, at The Coop in Brennan Hall, St. Michael's College, 81 St. Mary Street, Toronto. A very timely and important conference!

WELCOME TO FATHER WARREN BROWN, OMI, the Regional Councillor for Canada and the U.S.A. on the OMI General Council in Rome. He will be spending the holy days in the Diocese. He will be staying with the Oblates at St. Lawrence Parish and joining them in ministry at St. Patrick's Parish. He will join me at Ardree for Easter Dinner. May your visit be blessed!

DR. SCOTT KLINE HAS BEEN APPOINTED Vice President Academic and Dean of St. Jerome's University. The Office of the President of the University made the announcement earlier this week. The four-year appointment begins on July 1, 2016. Dr. Kline has served as Interim Vice President Academic and Dean and under his leadership developed the University's first academic plan. We offer our congratulations and good wishes!

ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY INVITES ALL TO THE FINAL LECTURE in the Anniversary Lecture Series. On April 8th, beginning at 7:30 pm, a panel of distinguished speakers will discuss *First Nations and Canada: Seeking True Reconciliation*. John Borrows, Leah Gazan and Niigaanwewidam James Sinclair will engage the assembly in conversation that will help lead to renewed right relationships.

ST. MARTIN'S MANOR GARDEN TEA PARTY is scheduled for May 1, 2016 at Michelangelo's Banquet Centre. The Tea Party is the major fund raiser for the Centre which supports young mothers, infants and children. It is a celebration of the beauty of life! Tickets are \$40. Mark your calendar!

ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY IS SPONSORING A DROP-IN RECEPTION to bid farewell to Father Greg Carruthers after a remarkable 25 years of service to the seminary. Former students of Father Greg are especially invited to attend on Sunday, April 3rd between 2 and 4 pm at the Seminary.

THE COLLEGE OF CONSULTORS FOR THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON met yesterday. The Consultors meet occasionally to discuss matters related to "extraordinary administration". It means that when an expense passes a certain amount the Consultors must approve the expense (e.g. the purchase of a house). Their advice is required in redefining parish boundaries, and when opening or closing parishes. The meetings are always interesting, the advice is always helpful.

MAY THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION of Jesus Christ be spiritually uplifting, nourishing your commitment to serve those entrusted to your pastoral care.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI