



Heart to Heart

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NEXT WEEK IS CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO. Catholic Schools and Parishes throughout the Diocese have received materials that will help promote the week-long celebration. Special Masses, dinners, and awards events are held to promote the importance of Catholic education. The Office of Catechesis and our Communication Office have collaborated to produce a [video greeting for the occasion](#). Thank God for the many blessings of Catholic education in our Diocese!

BISHOP ANTHONY TONNOS HAS BEEN HONOURED BY FESTITALIA with *The Community Award of Distinction* for his work with the Italian community since his installation as Bishop and continuing beyond his retirement. The honour will be presented at the 5th Annual Italian Heritage Awards of Distinction Celebration on June 2nd, at Michelangelo Banquet Centre. We offer our congratulations to Bishop Tonnos.

THE SERRA CLUB OF HAMILTON 13th ANNUAL DINNER celebrating Priesthood and Religious Life, was held at Liuna Station last Tuesday evening. Jubilarians were honoured, in particular those marking 50th Anniversaries: Fathers Anthony Ciavarro, James Curtin, Michael Isabelle, Leonard Strohmeier, Frank Wagner, CSC, Jim Wahl, CR, Bill Clarke, S.J., Joseph Kelly, CSSp, and Sister Susan Kerrigan, CSJ. Two new Priests were also celebrated: Father Scott Whitfield, who was ordained last December, and Deacon David Reitzel, who will be ordained on May 7th. A stellar night!

FATHER LEONARD STROHMEYER went to hospital last week for tests. He was unable to celebrate his 50 years of Priesthood at the Serra Dinner. We offer our prayers for a proper diagnosis and rapid recovery.

THE PRIESTLY ORDINATION OF DEACON DAVID REITZEL IS NEXT SATURDAY, MAY 7TH, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. The Mass begins at 11:00 a.m. Prior to the Ordination, the Vocation Office is hosting a breakfast for seminarians and for those who are discerning a vocation to the Priesthood. Pastors are asked to extend an invitation to young men from their Parishes who might be interested in attending. We pray in thanksgiving for this joyful day in the Diocese!

2016-2017 PASTORAL INTERNSHIP YEAR ASSIGNMENTS FOR SEMINARIANS have been made. *Matthew Gunnarson* will serve at St. Ann Parish, Ancaster, with Father Ian Duffy. *Gregory Merkley* will serve at St. Matthew Parish, Oakville, with Father Mark Gatto. *Michael Piersanti* will serve at St. Andrew Parish in Oakville, with Father Cornelius O'Mahony. *John Schnurr* will serve at St. Michael Parish, Oakville, with Father Jason Kuntz. *Vivek Trindade* will serve at St. Margaret Mary Parish, Hamilton, with Father Jeff Bergsma; and *Chris Woodward* will serve in St. Pius X Parish, Brantford, with Father Tim Hingston. Thanks to the Pastors who welcome the seminarians. Thanks to Father Wojciech Kuzma, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation. We pray for all of you!

THE LITURGY OFFICE is offering a day of reflection for Lectors and a day for Ministers of Holy Communion. *Proclaiming a Year of Mercy: The Lector and the Word*, will be given on May 14th, at St. Anne Parish in Kitchener. *Vessels of Mercy: The Minister of Communion in the Body of Christ*, will be given on May 28th, at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. Dr. Glenn Byer will lead both days of reflection. All ministers are encouraged to attend. Contact the Liturgy Office for details and to register.

OVER 430 COUPLES HAVE REGISTERED FOR THE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS to date. Couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, and 60+ years are invited to gather at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on May 29th. Registration assures that we will have flowers and certificates – and a place for you in the Cathedral. Contact our Office for Family Ministry or [register on-line](#)!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI