



Heart to Heart

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THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA WAS LIT UP IN GREEN this week to mark *Mental Health Week*. Other parishes in Hamilton did the same.

PLEASE PRAY FOR FATHER LEONARD STROHMEYER WHO UNDERWENT SURGERY earlier this week and received a triple by-pass. There were serious complications requiring extra care. Please remember him in your prayers.

FATHER TED HUGHES WAS DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER OF THE PROSTATE this week. He will undergo further tests in the coming days, followed by chemotherapy and radiation therapy. Because there are difficult days ahead, please keep him in your prayers too.

FATHER NEIL HAIGHT, OMI, HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO ST. JOSEPH'S VILLA, 5TH FLOOR, for a time of convalescence following a fall when he broke his shoulder. He is delighted with the move and looks forward to getting back home as soon as possible.

FATHER ROBERT HETU, PASTOR OF ST. JOSEPH PATRON OF CANADA PARISH IN ACTON, has been chosen as the recipient of the OAPCE 2016 Monseigneur Harrigan Award. He will receive the prestigious honour at the Gala Awards Dinner tomorrow evening at the Montecassino Hotel in Toronto. We offer our congratulations and good wishes!

FELICIAN SISTER MARY CELESTE GOULET, WAS HONOURED with the St. Joseph Award by Catholic Missions in Canada, in recognition of her 37 year ministry for the First Nation people of Tulita in Canada's Northwest Territories! She hales from Guelph – and so is a daughter of the Diocese. The award was presented last week at the CMIC annual *Tastes of Heaven Gala Dinner*. We add our congratulations to Sister Mary Celeste, and we offer our thanks to Catholic Missions In Canada for their great work of supporting the missions in Canada's North.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH IN KITCHENER IS HOLDING ITS ANNUAL PENTECOST VIGIL on May 14th. Like the Apostles, participants will gather in a darkened room and pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Salvation history is revealed in selected passages from Sacred Scripture. The Eucharist will be celebrated. The event is scheduled from 7-8:30 p.m., followed by a social time in the parish hall. It is a unique way to celebrate Pentecost!

THE 2016 L.A.R.C. (LUTHERAN, ANGLICAN, ROMAN CATHOLIC) DAY OF RENEWAL for clergy and Pastoral Workers of the Anglican Diocese of Niagara, the Anglican Diocese of Huron, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, Eastern Synod, and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton, is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, May 25th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Great Hall at St. John Anglican Church, Ancaster (272 Wilson Street East). Bishop Mark Harris, Bishop Terrance Dance, and our own Father Tim Hingston, will speak on *2017 – Commemorating 500 Years of Reformation; What does this mean for Lutherans, for Anglicans, for Roman Catholics?* Contact Father Hingston at St. Pius X Parish, Brantford before May 18th for more information and to register. Cost \$25.00 for lunch and parking.

THIS YEAR THE DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM will serve over 1200 people who are preparing for marriage! The program includes both marriage preparation and Catholic Engaged Encounter. This number does not include couples who take marriage preparation programs through their parishes! We pray for men and women who are preparing for their “big day”, that God will bless their married life!

FATHER WOJCIECH KUZMA, Diocesan Vocation and Formation Director is preaching a retreat for the four men who will be ordained on June 4th to the Permanent Diaconate. The retreat will be held at the Queen of Apostles Retreat House in Mississauga. We pray for him and for the Deacon candidates and their wives as the ordination day approaches.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI