



Heart to Heart

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TOMORROW'S DIOCESAN YEAR OF MERCY YOUTH RALLY IS ALREADY A SUCCESS! Over 400 young people have registered for the event at Camp Brebeuf; the well-known guest speakers are well-prepared; the Mass will be for Trinity Sunday and the weather promises to be perfect! Congratulations to Christina Mines, Director of our Youth Ministry Office, Parish Youth Ministers and High School Chaplains throughout the Diocese, and everybody who made sure that all is prepared. May it be a blessing for all participants!

THE CANADIAN CATHOLIC BIOETHICS INSTITUTE introduced *Catholic Bioethics Moments* on their website and on YouTube this week. Drs. Moira McQueen and Bridget Campion explain Church teaching about mainstream issues in bioethics. The helpful videos also provide source material for advanced learning. The inaugural series, *End-of-Life Care*, examines Death; Forgoing Treatment, Euthanasia and Physician Assisted Suicide; and the Principle of Double Effect. Timely topics indeed! Visit their website at www.ccbi-utoronto.ca

THE DIOCESAN LITURGY OFFICE has purchased copies of the three new French Lectionaries: Dimanche, Semaine, et Sanctoral et Rituel. These are the ritual books to be used in Canada when celebrating Mass in French beginning on September 4, 2016. Contact the Liturgy Office for a set if you celebrate Masses in French.

FATHER MICHAL KRUSZEWSKI, C.R., succeeds Father Wayne Lobsinger as our Diocesan Representative on the Canadian Federation of Diocesan Presbyteral Councils. The Federation draws together Priests from across Canada to reflect on concerns related to priestly ministry. Their National Assembly this Fall will take place in Hamilton! Thanks to both Priests for their generous service to the Diocese and to the Federation.

THE MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER CAMPAIGN used funds donated from Hamilton Diocese in the following way: \$40,000 for the *Indigenous Student Support Fund* and \$100,000 for *Gathering Place* at the Mohawk Community College; \$45,000 for the Life Long Care project of the Hamilton Regional Indian Centre; \$60,000 for the development of *Firekeepers* (trauma support and suicide prevention) in Maliseet territory, New Brunswick; \$30,000 for Indigenous leadership in identification of and development of appropriate projects and \$25,000 yet to be distributed. This is how our support for the Catholic Entities fundraising campaign was used.

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CATHOLIC HEALTH ALLIANCE OF CANADA approved the application and welcomed St. Joseph's Health System as a Member of the Alliance on May 4th. President Michael Shea announced the good news to Sr. Anne Anderson, CSJ, Chair of the Board of Directors of the SJHS in a recent letter. It is important that Catholic healthcare institutions are closely aligned, especially during the current serious concerns for healthcare providers.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES IN HAMILTON celebrated their 5577 volunteers at a recent dinner. They represent 79,000 hours of service, assuring the high quality of care provided by the Brothers of St. John of God and their faithful supporters. One gentleman was honoured for volunteering at the men's night shelter for 40 years! Corporal works of mercy indeed!

A PROFOUND THANK YOU TO THE SEMINARY OF CHRIST THE KING IN BUFFALO for bestowing a *Doctorate in Humane Letters (honoris causa)* on me at their Commencement Exercises last week. Bishop Richard Malone, President of the Board of Directors, and Father Joseph Gatto, President and Rector of the Seminary made the presentation. It is sincerely appreciated.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI