



## *Heart to Heart*

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** Father Leonard Strohmeier, who continues to recuperate at the Hamilton General Hospital following heart surgery; Father Ted Hughes, who has begun a chemotherapy program in Waterloo; Father Neil Haight, OMI, who is convalescing at St. Joseph's Villa, Dundas, and Father Phil Sherlock, who is recovering following a fall at home. Lord, hear our prayers.

**THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP** is sponsoring a two-year *Catholic Leadership Program*, which began last evening at St. Jerome's University. Cathy Horgan, former Director of Education for the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board is the Director of the Program. The thirty participants come from school boards, and Catholic organizations within the Diocese. We thank the first participants for their interest and enthusiasm and we pray for the success of the program.

**THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON LITURGY OFFICE RECEIVED A GRANT OF \$1000 USD** from the Forum Legacy Grant Program for use at the Summer School for Liturgical Musicians and Parish Initiation Leaders that will take place here from July 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>. The review committee was impressed with the scope of the Summer School program. Well done, Christina! Music ministers and those serving as leaders for initiation for our Parishes are encouraged to upgrade and update their knowledge of current liturgical music principles and best practices. Discount registration ends on May 31<sup>st</sup>! Contact the Diocesan Liturgy Office.

**THE YEAR OF MERCY YOUTH RALLY**, co-sponsored by the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office and CYO was as good as we could have imagined. The weather cooperated (no rain!), the key-note speakers were inspiring, the workshop presenters were informative, the food was tasty, and the spirit was over the top! Thanks to Parish Ministers from across the Diocese who encouraged our young people to participate. It helped ensure that the Year of Mercy was well-celebrated by those who came! Well done indeed!

**THE FOLLOW-UP MEETING TO THE ISARC SOCIAL AUDIT** that took place in Hamilton for three days in March occurs on Monday at the Chancery Office. This is the opportunity for those of us who "listened deeply" to the stories of those on some form of social assistance to share our reflections and insights. These will form part of written documentation which will be provided to politicians and assistance providers with the hope that the system will be improved to further benefit recipients. Thanks to Sarah Guinta from our Office of Justice and Peace for her participation in this important process.

**BISHOP-ELECT SCOTT McCAIG, CC, WILL BE ORDAINED** at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica in Ottawa, next Tuesday. I will participate in the event. The new Bishop is a member of the Companions of the Cross and will be the Ordinary for the Military Ordinariate which is based in Ottawa. We pray for him and for God's blessing on his ministry.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADUATIONS BEGIN!** St. Mary's Catholic High School celebrates graduation at the Cathedral Basilica on Wednesday evening, and Cathedral Catholic High School celebrates on Thursday evening. This is an important moment in the life of the young graduates, the beginning of a new stage in life. We pray that they will be richly blessed, having received the best education possible!

**REMEMBER THAT ORDINATIONS OF FOUR MEN TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE** takes place *NEXT* Saturday at the Cathedral Basilica at 11 a.m. All are welcome!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI