



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOUR MEN WHO WILL BE ORDAINED DEACONS TOMORROW. They are the first group to have completed a four year program of formation sponsored by the Diocese IN the Diocese. Special thanks to Father Mark Gatto, Director of the Diaconate Formation Program, and Deacon Peter Gittens, Associate Director, for the excellence of the program. We pray for Taek-Jong Han, Edward MacIntosh, Rene Marechal, and John Moss. We also pray for Frank Berardi, who will be ordained for the Diocese of St. Catharines. Bishop Daniel Miehm will ordain four more Deacons NEXT Friday evening at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown. The Diocese is blessed!

FATHER PIOTR GOLINSKI WAS FORMALLY INCARDINATED as a Priest of the Diocese of Hamilton last week. We welcome him warmly to the Presbyterate and thank him for his generous and gentle service with us!

THE YEAR OF MERCY JUBILEE FOR PRIESTS IS CELEBRATED TODAY AT THE VATICAN. Father Wayne Lobsinger, Pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown, is participating in the special events. Already in Italy leading a pilgrimage, he stayed on a few extra days for the Jubilee for Priests, planned for today's Feast of the Sacred Heart. On Wednesday, he passed through the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica and participated in a retreat at St. Mary Major Basilica, during which Pope Francis gave three presentations on mercy in the life of the Priest. We look forward to Father Lobsinger's return to hear the stories! It is good know the Diocese of Hamilton was represented there!

FATHER JOSEPH P. NGUYEN WAS NAMED BISHOP OF KAMLOOPS EARLIER THIS WEEK. He has served, most recently, as the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Brother of Father Peter Tuyen Nguyen, Bishop-elect Joseph Nguyen is the first Vietnamese Priest to be appointed Ordinary of a Canadian Diocese. We congratulate him – his brother, Father Peter, and other members of his family including his nephew, Seminarian John Ha.

SEMINARIAN PATRICK OHL was the recipient of the Board of Directors Gold Medal for the student graduating with the highest average in the final year of a three-year program from King's College in London. The medal will be presented at the Graduation Ceremony on June 14th. We offer congratulations and good wishes as he continues his studies at St. Peter's Seminary!

THE FEDERATION OF SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH IN CANADA and Faith Connections from Toronto are sponsoring a *Pilgrimage Retreat for Young Adults* (18-39 years). The Year of Mercy theme is *Living Mercy – in Prayer, Practice, Passion and Promise*. The retreat takes place at St. Joseph's Convent in Dundas, August 26th, 4:30 p.m. to August 28th, 1:30 p.m. Contact Vanessa Nicholas-Schmidt at faithconnections@csj-to.ca if interested.

ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY SPONSORS ITS ANNUAL BISHOP'S BBQ at noon on June 22nd. Priests of the Diocese are welcome. It is a perfect opportunity to see the new buildings up close (a tour follows lunch for those interested), and celebrate the arrival of summer with faculty, staff and students of the venerable institution. Come-all-ye!

A REMINDER TO DIOCESAN PRIESTS ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF CURA PASTORUM. It is the name for the newly incorporated *pension plan* for Priests of the Diocese. This is the occasion for the approval of the audited 2015 financial report, election of officers, and approval of other motions. The meeting begins at 10:30 a.m. on June 17th in McNally Hall of the Cathedral Basilica and is followed by lunch. As a courtesy, please notify the Cathedral office of your intention to attend – to ensure there is sufficient food.

FRED MISCIO DIED PEACEFULLY EARLY MONDAY MORNING, MAY 30th. A proud Knight of Columbus, for the past 30 years he oversaw the organization of, and was official Master of Ceremony for, the annual dinner/dance fundraiser for the Bishop's charities. The event has raised over 2 million and benefitted many important projects and ministries. Over many years, he supported many charitable works. Bishop Anthony Tonnos will preside at the Mass of Christian Burial at St. Lawrence Parish, tomorrow morning at 11 a.m. May the Lord welcome him into paradise!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI