

Heart to Heart

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FOUR SEMINARIANS WILL BE ORDAINED DEACONS TONIGHT by Bishop Daniel Miehm at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown. We offer our congratulations and our gratitude to Paul Jamroz, Ross Campbell, David Avila and Kevin D'Souza, on this important step in their formation toward the Priesthood. Both David Avila and Ross Campbell spent their Pastoral Internship Year at the Parish, making it an appropriate location for the Ordinations. All are welcome to participate!

2016 WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMS WILL GATHER at Resurrection College in Waterloo for their final preparation day before they leave for Krakow on July 20th. The 85 pilgrims from across the Diocese will be given identifying t-shirts and Diocesan pins for the journey. They will return home on August 3rd. We pray for safe travel for all!

CHANCERY STAFF CELEBRATE THE ARRIVAL OF FOUR BABIES THIS YEAR! Already Sarah Lintott (Kevin) and their two daughters have welcomed a little boy, Michael. Francis Doyle (Janine) is awaiting the birth of their third child in early July. Christina Mines (Robert) is expecting their second child in early September. And Nicole Laczko (Peter) is expecting their first child in early November. This new life is a wonderful blessing for us all!

THE SUMMER SCHOOL FOR LITURGICAL MUSICIANS sponsored by the Ontario Liturgical Conference continues to welcome registrations. The 4-day event begins on July 17th with a stirring keynote presentation by Jerry Galipeau at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in the evening. Pastors might want to encourage parishioners who have an interest in the sacred liturgy, or who are already involved in liturgical ministry, to nurture and inform their interest by participating.

SPEAKING OF LITURGY, OUR LITURGY OFFICE HAS PRODUCED 11,762 liturgical booklets for 30 Diocesan events since last September! In addition, they published the sought after Year of Mercy Pilgrim Guide. During the year, the Office sponsored ten formation days and retreats for over 650 participants from Parishes, Missions and Schools throughout the Diocese. Busy indeed – producing well informed parishioners for liturgical ministries in our Parishes and Schools!

THE YEAR OF MERCY JUBILEE FOR CATECHISTS is being celebrated in the Diocese of Hamilton on September 25th. Pastors will be invited to bless catechists in their Parishes. A special blessing is printed in the liturgical resource entitled, *Celebrations of Installation and Recognition*. At a preparatory event on September 17th, Bishop Daniel Miehm will be speaking on *Announcing the Mercy of God*. Information on the event will be sent to Pastors from our Office for Catechesis.

THE DIOCESAN OFFICE FOR REFUGEES HAS RECEIVED THEIR ALLOCATION from the Ministry for 2016. We have been allotted 77 refugees. We are assured by our office that there are already sufficient sponsors to receive the allotted number. Several of our Parishes have welcomed newcomers in recent days, and several more are anxiously awaiting people who have already been assigned. Thanks to Erin Pease and Michael Tesfamariam for life-saving work well done!

FATHER JOZO GRUBISIC, O.F.M., a member of the Croatian Franciscan Custody of the Holy Family, has been presented by Father Joe Grbes, O.F.M., the Custos/Superior of the community, for appointment as Associate Pastor of Queen of Peace Croatian Franciscan Centre in Norval, effective August 15, 2016. We welcome him among us and wish him well in his ministry!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + Douglas, OMI