

Heart to Heart

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THE ST. JOHN VIANNEY RESIDENCE AT THE VILLA WAS OFFICIALLY BLESSED yesterday. Sr. Anne Anderson, CSJ, and Dr. Kevin Smith from St. Joseph's Health System, St. Joseph's Villa administrators, Derrick Bernardo and David Bakker, and Foundation Chair, Dave Weber, and Maureen Ellis were on hand, as were many friends and generous supporters of the Villa. Priests from the Diocese were also present, including Father Michael McHugh, Catholic Chaplain there. Profound thanks to Sr. Maria Szucs, President of the St. Elizabeth Home Society, and the Society's chief administrator, Mr. Robert Wappel, for the incredible generosity which made the initiative possible! The rooms are spacious and bright, the Chapel is welcoming, the solarium is relaxing. It will be a comfortable home for retired Priests!

FR. WOJCIECH KUZMA REPORTS THAT SIX MEN WILL BE JOINING THE 28 SEMINARIANS who are studying to be Priests for the Diocese of Hamilton. This is good news for us. Four of the six will be studying at St. Peter's Seminary, London, one will be at Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, New York, and one will be at Saint John XXIII Seminary, Boston. We pray for all our seminarians – and we thank Father Kuzma for his dedication to the Vocation Ministry for the past four years. He will be moving to Owen Sound next week to take up his new responsibility as Pastor of St. Mary's and the Missions! We wish him well.

A NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR THE SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME: Atlantic-Midwest Province will be installed on July 9, 2016. We offer prayers of support for Sister Charmaine Krohe, Provincial Leader, Sister Celeste Reinhart, Provincial Councilor and Vicar, and the five other Provincial Councilors. Our gratitude to Sister Kathleen Cornell, outgoing Provincial, and her team for their dedication to the community and participation in many Diocesan events over the past four years! During their mandate the SSND's in Canada were incorporated into the new Province – it was a delicate job very well done!

A NEW GROUP OF YEAR 1 CANDIDATES seeking to be ordained Permanent Deacons will begin studies in September. Joseph Gigliotti (wife Nadia), from Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Stoney Creek, Paul Mulligan (wife Cindy), from St. Mary Parish in Elora, and Robert O'Brien (wife Bonnie-Sue), from St. Matthew Parish in Oakville, will begin the four year program. Thomas Dillon (wife Denise), from the Diocese of St. Catharines will join them. We pray for all of them – a blessing for our Diocese.

THREE MEN FROM THE ONTARIO-KENTUCKY PROVINCE of the Congregation of the Resurrection will represent the Province at the upcoming General Chapter of the Congregation in Rome. Fathers Joseph de Viveiros, Paul Voisin, and Jim Donohue, are the chosen Priests. We pray for God's blessing on the Chapter (July 11th – July 25th). It is always a time for vital decision-making for a Religious community.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29th IS MOVING DAY FOR PRIESTS who have been given new appointments. Most of the appointments are effective at noon on that day. Priests usually warn parishioners to stay off the highways on that day! We are grateful for the generous response of so many Priests to new Pastoral appointments. May God bless you all!

THE CHANCERY STAFF IS ENJOYING OUR START OF SUMMER EVENT at the newly renovated Rock Garden of Hamilton's Royal Botanical Gardens today. The office will be closed early. Today also marks the start of summer hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

THIS IS THE FINAL ISSUE OF *HEART TO HEART* **FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS.** We will publish an issue or two during the summer if there is a need. Look for *Heart to Heart* again in September, after Labour Day. Best wishes for a restorative summer vacation for all!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + Douglas, OMI