



4000 WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMS FROM CANADA BEGIN THE JOURNEY TO KRAKOW in the coming days. Two groups are making their way from the Hamilton Diocese. Planning for the pilgrimage began over two years ago. David Dayler, Director of the Office of Discipleship and Parish Life will post daily reports on a blog: [Disciples on a Journey](#). We pray for a safe, joyful and memorable World Youth Day experience!

SISTER MARIA MENDES, SJC, WILL BE BURIED AT GATE OF HEAVEN CEMETERY TODAY following the Funeral Mass at St. Mary Parish, Hamilton, where she served for many years. Sr. Maria died earlier this week following a cancer diagnosis in late May. She will be missed especially by the Portuguese community. May she receive the reward promised to good and faithful servants!

YESTERDAY WAS BISHOP'S DAY AT CAMP BREBEUF – AND A BEAUTIFUL DAY IT WAS! John Spatazzo, Director of the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) that sponsors both Camp Brebeuf and Camp Marydale, initiated and organized the day. The celebration of Mass with the campers in the “Pines Cathedral” is always a highlight for me. Msgr. Murray Kroetsch, Fr. Hanh Van Tran, OMI, and Mr. Jim Long joined me for the day. Fr. Frank Freitas, Chaplain to the summer program at Camp Brebeuf, was among those who welcomed us. Always a happy day!

WELCOME TO PRIESTS WHO HAVE RECENTLY ARRIVED TO SERVE IN THE DIOCESE! Fr. Emmanuel Ogboli will serve as Associate Pastor in St. Mary Parish, Owen Sound. Fr. Joseph Akanbi will serve as Associate Pastor in St. Ann Parish, Ancaster. Fr. Jose Moreira will serve as Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Kitchener, and for the first few months work on perfecting his English. Fr. Jose Callejas, cs, will serve as Associate Pastor at All Souls Parish, Hamilton. Fr. Thomas Manninezhath, CMI, serves as Pastor of St. Anthony Parish, Kincardine and Fr. Ranjan D'Sa, OCD, serves as Pastor of St. Dominic Parish, Oakville. Fr. Brian Quigley, MCCJ, returns to the Diocese as Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Kitchener. Fr. Octavio Cidado also returns to the Diocese and is serving as Administrator of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Kitchener. Fr. Bernard Carroll, SJ, who has served as Pastor of Holy Rosary Parish, Guelph, returns to serve at the Ignatius Retreat Centre there! We welcome all of them and pray that their service to God's people in the Diocese will be an experience of blessing!

FATHER ADRIAN LEE RETURNED FROM ROME to the Diocese for the summer months. He is serving at St. Mary Parish and Missions, Owen Sound. He has successfully completed his second year of a three program of studies in Canon Law. He enjoys these brief months back home, giving him time to visit with family and to assist Father Kuzma, the new Pastor of the Parish, who is one of the World Youth Day pilgrims.

FATHER NEIL HAIGHT, OMI, completes his convalescence at St. Joseph's Villa and will move to The Carlisle on Main in Hamilton on August 2nd, where he will receive the special care he requires. He speaks gratefully of the care he has received at the Villa and looks forward to his new residence.

THE SUMMER SCHOOL SPONSORED BY THE ONTARIO LITURGICAL CONFERENCE and hosted by the Diocese ended on Wednesday with the celebration of Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Congratulations to Christina Ronzio and her planning committee, and thanks to Chancery staff who assured that nourishing meals were served on time and without fuss! Happy participants left with good information, new ideas and fresh energy to serve the liturgy in Parishes throughout the province and across the country.

ERIN PEASE, DIRECTOR OF OUR OFFICE FOR REFUGEES, has been welcoming newcomers throughout the summer. She recounts moving stories of people who are arriving after waiting for years in refugee camps. Several of our Parishes are already sponsoring refugees and many are awaiting the arrival of others – a perfect Year of Mercy activity!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI