



Heart to Heart

September 9, 2016 (#253)

THE DE MAZENOD DOOR WAS FORMALLY OPENED AT ST. PATRICK SCHOOL in Hamilton today! The partnership between St. Patrick Parish and St. Patrick School provides meals to those who come to the door each day. The *Door* was declared a *Holy Door* for the remainder of the Year of Mercy. The new space in the school will relieve some of the pressure on the front door of the rectory which has been providing assistance to up to 300 people every day! We pray for God's blessing on this initiative, which is already a blessing for those who come knocking!

OUR OFFICE FOR REFUGEES WELCOMED 19 NEW FAMILIES (37 PERSONS) in July and August! Four of these families were sponsored by Parishes under the BVOR Program. In September, St. Mark Parish, Kitchener is looking forward to welcoming an Iraqi family of 5 from Turkey and Holy Rosary Parish, Guelph will be welcoming a Syrian family of 6 from Syria. Very exciting! The Office for Refugees has a combined total of 101 sponsorship applications in process overseas, pending arrival.

THE FOLLOWING PRIESTS AND BROTHERS ARE ARRIVING IN THE DIOCESE to take up new ministries. Others have been reassigned on recommendation of their Religious Communities. We welcome those who are newly arrived and pray for God's blessings on the ministry of each and of all!

- **Father Stephen Costello, LC**, Legionaries of Christ, Oakville
- **Father Lourdy Dorismond, OMI**, Administrator, Paroisse Sts. Martyrs Canadiens, Cambridge
- **Father Heiter Antunes**, Pastor, St. Mary's Parish, Hamilton
- **Father Joseph Okoko, i.v.dei** – in residence, St. Charles Parish, Hamilton (studies, St. Joseph's Hospital)
- **Father Michal Kruszewski, C.R.**, Administrator, St. Stanislaus Parish, Hamilton
- **Father Felix Nwatu**, Associate Pastor, St. Andrew Parish, Oakville
- **Father Anthony O'Dell, OMI**, Pastor, St. Patrick Parish, Hamilton
- **Father Heinner Paucar, OMI**, Pastor, St. Lawrence Parish, Hamilton
- **Father Jarek Pachocki, OMI**, Director of the Oblate Mission Centre, Hamilton
- **Brother Daniel Dionne, OMI**, Oblate Mission Team, Hamilton

OUR FALL CONVOCATIONS ARE COMING UP SOON! All Priests have been invited to participate in one of three sessions being offered on Spiritual Healing Ministry. Presenters will be Father Bill Trusz and Dr. Eldon Tunks. Convocations will be held on Tuesday, September 20th at St. Michael Church, Waterloo; on Thursday, September 22nd at St. Ann Church, Ancaster; and on Thursday, September 29th at Holy Rosary Church, Milton. All sessions begin at 1 p.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. Priests are reminded to indicate before September 15th which session they will attend. Please respond to the invitation that was sent to you from the Communications Office.

THE FORMATION PROGRAM FOR PERMANENT DEACONS BEGINS AGAIN TOMORROW! Year One will focus on Prayer and Liturgy of the Hours, under the direction of Ms. Christina Ronzio, Director of our Liturgy Office. Year Three will welcome Dr. John Dool, Dean of Studies at St. Peter's Seminary, who will speak on the Trinity. Mass is celebrated at noon in the Annunciation Chapel of the Chancery. Please pray for the Deacon candidates and their wives who make the commitment to follow the four year formation program!

JOIN US AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA TO WELCOME THE ST. JOHN'S BIBLE (Heritage Edition) - The Gospels and Acts. Evening Prayer begins at 7 p.m. followed by a talk by Mr. Jim Triggs, on the story of the St. John's Bible! Don't miss it. **NEXT THURSDAY**, September 15th.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI