



Heart to Heart

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BISHOP GERARD BERGIE HAS INFORMED US THAT FATHER LEN STROMEYER was discharged yesterday from Joseph Brant Hospital after a lengthy stay. He will live at St. Joseph's Convent, Dundas, and will receive the capable assistance of the Sisters of St. Joseph and caring staff. During that time, future residential alternatives will be explored. Please continue to hold Father Strohmeier in your prayers.

THE FIRST OF SEVEN VOLUMES - GOSPELS AND ACTS - OF THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE (Heritage Edition) was welcomed in the Diocese last night. Evening Prayer was celebrated. The music of the Diocesan Choir was both prayerful and sublime. Deacons John Moss and Rene Marechal carried the book in the opening procession and laid it carefully on the specially-crafted lectern. As we sang the Magnificat, the book was opened to Luke 24, where the powerful illustration of the Crucifixion of Jesus shone! Mr. Jim Triggs told the story of the creation of the Heritage Edition. Following prayer, people gathered in McNally Hall to have a closer look at the book and to meet Mr. Triggs. You are invited to *Come and See* the acquisition which is on display at the Bishop Farrell Library and Archives. Quite simply, you will be inspired!

THE DIOCESAN JUBILEE FOR CATECHISTS for this Year of Mercy takes place this Saturday at Notre Dame Convent. Bishop Daniel Miehm will speak on the theme: *Announcing the Mercy of God*. Sr. Mary Heather MacKinnon, SSND, will explain what a Jubilee of Mercy is; and Anne Jamieson will lead a "*visio-divina*" with the help of The Saint John's Bible. It will be a day of grace and blessing for catechists!

THE DIOCESAN JUBILEE OF FAMILIES for this Year of Mercy will take place on Saturday, October 15th, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Families, including grandparents, will enjoy a day filled with learning, fun and prayer. The day opens with a keynote address and a chance to experience the newly acquired The Saint John's Bible, continues with workshops for those 14 and up, and special activities for children, including trying their hand at calligraphy! Call the Family Ministry Office, or [register on-line](#).

PRIESTS ORDAINED SIX YEARS OR UNDER are invited to participate in a Symposium sponsored by the Commission for Priests of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario (ACBO) at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls. It will take place from Monday, November 7th to November 11th. Bishop Daniel Miehm will be the keynote speaker on Monday evening. Monsignor Stephen Rossetti, Father Tom Rosica, C.S.B., and Father Thomas Lynch, will be the other presenters. Register before October 7th for early bird fees!

SAINT MARGARET MARY PARISH IN HAMILTON celebrates its 50th Anniversary on Sunday! There will be a special Mass on Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m., followed by a celebratory banquet. Congratulations to Father Jeff Bergsma and parishioners for marking such a joyful event!

THE 9TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION takes place on Thursday, September 22nd at St. Jerome's University, Waterloo. Mass will be celebrated at 5 p.m. in the new Notre Dame Chapel. This celebration is prepared by the Catholic Partnership between the seven Catholic School Boards in our Diocese and St. Jerome's University. We are grateful to St. Jerome's for hosting the celebration this year. A reception will follow in the Atrium of the Academic Centre. See you there!

THE ANNUAL PRIESTS SEMINAR begins on Tuesday, October 25th and continues until Friday, October 28th at the Burlington Holiday Inn. The theme of this year's seminar is *Our Ministry of Mercy*. Registration information was sent to Priests by mail. If you have not yet registered, please do so today! This will assist the committee to finalize plans for our gathering.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!
Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI