



## *Heart to Heart*

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**OUR PRAYERS AND GOOD WISHES GO TO THE NEW CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP** Circle for the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada. Sr. Margo Ritchie was elected Congregational Leader; Sister Joyce Murray was elected Assistant; Sisters Anne Karges, Sheila Fortune, and Nancy Sullivan complete the Circle. They will begin their ministry during a visit to St. Joseph's Convent in Hamilton in October. Blessings!

**“AFTER BEING HERE FOR THREE WEEKS,** I thought I would write to thank you for sending me here to Pope Saint John XXIII Seminary and to let you know how I'm get on. ... It's been a hectic three weeks, with orientation classes, tours of the seminary and Boston, and adjusting to community life. ... We've all settled into the day to day routine of communal life, private and community prayer, study, exercise and assigned seminary duties.” From Seminarian Francisco Sordo. Please pray for all our seminarians, and for those discerning the call.

**THE JUBILEE FOR CATECHISTS DURING THIS YEAR OF MERCY IS THIS SUNDAY,** September 25<sup>th</sup>. Pastors are encouraged to use the occasion to acknowledge the catechists in their Parishes for their important contribution toward sharing our faith. There is a simple blessing available on the [CCCB website](#).

**THE CARMELITE NUNS AT ST. AGATHA INVITE YOU TO A HOLY HOUR** followed by Mass in honour of St. Therese of Lisieux on September 30<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6 p.m. The event is organized by local Catholic youth and Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki will preside and preach at the Mass. A reception will follow. Always worth a drive to the Carmel of St. Joseph!

**THE 9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS CELEBRATING CATHOLIC EDUCATION** took place last evening at the Notre Dame Chapel of St. Jerome's University. It was an opportunity for students, teachers and administration from the seven Catholic District School Boards in Hamilton Diocese to see up close the impressive and beautiful results of the new construction at the University. The Saint John's Bible – Gospels and Acts, was also on display for the interest of participants!

**AND SPEAKING OF ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY, THE GRAND OPENING** of the new facilities will take place NEXT Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, at 3 p.m., followed by Mass and the annual St. Jerome's Feast. One of the residences has been named after Bishop Joseph F. Ryan (Ryan Hall) and one after Father Cornelius Siegfried, C.R., (Siegfried Hall). Both were instrumental in obtaining university status for the school!

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN ROCKWOOD WAS BLESSED** earlier this week. The community was out in full force to celebrate the joyful event. Sunday Mass will be celebrated in the school gymnasium beginning this Sunday. The Church will still be used for some Masses, but the Sunday assembly has outgrown the Church. A good problem to have – and a good interim solution!

**THE GARDEN OF GRACE AT THE BASILICA OF OUR LADY IN GUELPH** is to be a beautiful place of reflection, reconciliation and healing for families whose babies die before birth. The garden is being prepared now and should be completed by the end of October. There will be a central gazebo and six benches along a weaving flagstone walkway around the garden areas which are designed in the shape of two hearts. An official opening is planned for late Fall. It will be a gentle way of remembering children who died before birth.

**THE ANNUAL PLENARY MEETING OF THE CCCB** begins next Monday morning at the NavCanada Centre in Cornwall, Ontario. Portions of the meeting are live streamed on Salt and Light Television. Pray for the Bishops who meet for one week to pray about and discuss matters of mutual concern. The agenda is full!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI