



Heart to Heart

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16th IS PILGRIMAGE SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA. Pilgrims from St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo, Holy Rosary Parish, Burlington, St. Clement Parish, Cambridge, St. Teresa Parish, Kitchener, and St. Mary Parish, Hamilton will enter through the Doors of Mercy. Other pilgrims are warmly welcome – the Doors open at 2:00 p.m. Note that the [*Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima*](#) will be brought to the Cathedral by the Portuguese community from St. Mary Parish, who will lead the public recitation of the Rosary. At 3:00 p.m. the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed followed by Mass at 4:00 p.m. St. Ann Parish, Ancaster will go through the Doors of Mercy next Tuesday. Plan to do so before the year concludes next month, November 20th. Pastors can call Father Wynen to confirm a time for their Parish Pilgrimage.

TRUSTEES FROM THE SEVEN CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARDS serving Hamilton Diocese are gathering for a retreat in Guelph tonight and tomorrow. The event is inspired by the Jubilee Year of Mercy, and reflections will relate to that underlying theme. We are grateful for our Catholic schools and for the people who assure their good work. May the gathering be richly blessed.

BLESSED ALFONSO FUSCO, a Diocesan Priest of Salerno Archdiocese in Italy, will be canonized on Sunday. The saintly Priest founded the *Sisters of St. John the Baptist (Baptistines)* whose charism includes the care and education of children and adolescents. The Sisters serve in the Diocese of Hamilton and we rejoice with them as their founder is canonized. St. Alfonso Fusco, pray for us!

THE SISTERS OF THE FRATERNITY OF THE POOR OF JESUS CHRIST will renew their vows on Saturday evening at the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Louis Parish, Waterloo. They will also celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the foundation of their Brazil-based community. Sister Joana of Jesus and Mary, Sister Caritas of the One and Triune Heart, and Sister Immolatia in Corde Perforato Iesu moved to the Diocese earlier this year and are already having an impact in the area. We pray for them and for God's blessing on their ministry.

THE PILGRIMAGE MASS of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board takes place at Cathedral High School in Hamilton this Sunday. Following the celebration of Mass, over a thousand students, teachers, and administration will trek to and climb the escarpment to the pilgrimage site. It is a strong sign of unity and faith! May the weather be favourable and God's blessings be abundant!

SISTER MARGO RITCHIE, C.S.J., takes the reins of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada at a ceremony at St. Joseph Convent in Dundas tomorrow. We offer our thanks to Sr. Veronica O'Reilly and the Leadership Team who served with her during these first years of the "blended" community. We look forward to working with Sr. Margo and her new Leadership Team. St. Joseph, pray for us!

THE JUBILEE FOR FAMILIES, scheduled to take place tomorrow, was cancelled earlier this week due to poor registration. Our apologies to those who did register and made plans to attend. Thanks to organizers for the work done in preparation. These things happen from time to time!

PASTORS HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM CCODP about a [*special collection for Haiti*](#) to assist in recovery from the recent devastation by Hurricane Matthew. Materials are available from Development and Peace Offices. A special collection may be held between now and the end of November at the discretion of the Pastor – proceeds to be sent to the Chancery and will be forwarded to CCODP. Please be generous!

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Clergy Appreciation Night sponsored by the Councils in Hamilton takes place next Thursday night at their Hall at 222 Queenston Road. Priests in the Diocese are warmly welcome.

Our Lady of the Annunciation pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI