



## *Heart to Heart*

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**BISHOP WILLIAM MCGRATTAN HAS BEEN APPOINTED BISHOP OF CALGARY**, the Vatican announced on Wednesday at noon. He will be installed on February 27, 2017. Bishop McGrattan serves currently as the Bishop of Peterborough. Born in Brantford, Ontario, he was baptized at St. Basil's Parish – so the Diocese of Hamilton has a legitimate claim on him. We pray for blessings in his new ministry! Bishop McGrattan has already assured us that he will still preach the Retreat for Priest's in May!

**EFFECTIVE TODAY, FATHER OCTAVIO CIDADAO IS APPOINTED ADMINISTRATOR** of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Cambridge, and Father Jose Moreira, his Associate. Together, they continue to maintain responsibility for Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Kitchener. The Priests are appointed following the retirement of Father Antonio Cunha last weekend following his service to the Parish that spanned 56 years! We pray for God's blessing on each of them.

**MR. ANTHONY DE FEO**, began service as Administrative Assistant for the Liturgy Office this week. He is already working closely with Christina Ronzio, Director, in the preparation of liturgies to welcome the third volume of The Saint John's Bible, for the Rite of Election of RCIA candidates, and for the Chrism Mass. We welcome him and wish them both well in their good work.

**PERMANENT DEACON FORMATION CONTINUES THIS SATURDAY.** Year One candidates will follow a course called Introduction to Scripture lead by Deacon Peter Gittens. Year Three candidates will learn more about Liturgy and Sacraments (Sacraments of Initiation and RCIA) from Monsignor Murray Kroetsch. Deacon Stephane Zara will speak to both groups about prison ministry. We pray for the Deacon candidates and the presenters.

**FATHER TOM ROSICA, CSB, IS SPEAKING AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH** in Kitchener on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. The topic: *Laudato Si' is a call to conversion*. It will be an evening spent exploring Pope Francis' Encyclical on the Environment and Human Ecology. Not to be missed!

**THE SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD ARE ON THE HUNT FOR AN ORGAN** to replace theirs which died recently! If you have an organ that you are not using, that might be adequate for their Chapel, please contact the Superior, Sister Gisele Goguen, R.P.B., at 905-527-3745. You will be blessed!

**ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY SPONSORS SR. PRISCILLA SOLOMON, CSJ**, a Sister of St. Joseph of Sault Ste. Marie, and an Ojibway of the Anishinabek Nation, to speak about Integration, Transformation and Reconciliation: *Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action And Laudato Si'!* The presentation takes place at The Vanstone Lecture Theatre at the new Academic Centre of the University, on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:30- 9:30 p.m.

**THE SERRA CLUBS OF HAMILTON AND HALTON MEET NEXT MONDAY EVENING** for the celebration of Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, followed by a meal in McNally Hall. I look forward to sharing a reflection with the Serrans at the meal and welcoming new members to the organization. Their support of vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life in the Diocese of Hamilton is highly valued!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL WHO READ HEART TO HEART!** May the year 2017 be one of rich blessings for each one and for all!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI