



Heart to Heart

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THE ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL MASS will be celebrated on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Erin Pease and Stephen Kaduuli and the organizing committee have worked hard to ensure that everything is ready and that participants from a variety of cultures will animate various parts of the Mass. The program is a work of art – with the front and back covers drawn from over 60 drawings presented by newcomers from several of our Parishes. This Mass is always special. And afterwards the Vietnamese community offers spring rolls for everyone! See you there!

THE “GIFT COMMITTEE” FOR THE CHANCERY OFFICE serves as a social committee, organizing a variety of social gatherings during the year for the benefit of employees at the Chancery, the Bishop Farrell Library and Archives, the Cathedral Basilica, and Ardree. This year the Gift Committee includes: Anne Gibbs, David Dayler, Jim Long, Monica Verin, Francis Doyle, Connie Cramarossa, Anne Jamieson and Kay Weerasooriya. Thanks for volunteering; you make the workplace an enjoyable experience! The next event is a luncheon on Pancake Tuesday. Can't wait!

575 HOUSEHOLDS HAVE REGISTERED FOR CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSES for this pastoral year. These homes are preparing children for their First Communion or Confirmation, or they are using the program for regular catechesis of their children. Thanks to Anne Jamieson and Monica Verin for organizing it all.

SIX WORKSHOPS FOR SENIOR ADULTS are being offered by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon, SSND, at the Chancery Office. The sessions, which began this week, are held on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The compelling topic: *Embracing the Wisdom of Monks and Mystics*. Interested? Contact Monica at the Chancery.

OUR THIRD VOLUME OF THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE (*LETTERS & REVELATIONS*) will be welcomed on Sunday, February 26th at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Cardinal Thomas Collins, will be the guest speaker following Evening Prayer. Having done his Doctoral Thesis on The Book of Revelation, his talks on the Book are riveting. Not to be missed!

THE 2017 DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY IS IN FULL PLANNING STAGE NOW! Scheduled to take place at Camp Brebeuf on June 3rd, the event is co-sponsored by the Youth Office for the Diocese of Hamilton and the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO). Registration information will be sent to the Parishes in the coming weeks. Registration is limited to 500 young people – so don't get caught, register early!

AND THIS YEAR'S ANNIVERSARY MASS is already accepting applications from couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, and 60 years and over! The Cathedral can accommodate about 450 couples. So don't be disappointed. Look for information in your Parish.

THE TORONTO SISTERS OF LIFE SENT THE FOLLOWING AFFIRMING MESSAGE with their 2016 Christmas greetings: “*All the Sisters agreed that the Jubilee Mercy Door at the Hamilton Cathedral was the most beautiful we saw anywhere all year!*” We are grateful for those kind words. What else can we say except, “We agree!!!”

MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH IN OAKVILLE holds three Confirmation celebrations this weekend: on Friday evening, Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon. We pray for the young people who are presenting themselves for the Sacrament, offer our thanks to Father Van Hees, the catechists and teachers who assure their preparation.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, *+ Douglas*, OMI