



THE RECENTLY RE-OPENED NEWMAN CENTRE IN GUELPH made headlines in *The Ontario*, the University of Guelph's Independent Student Newspaper. The [article](#) featured photos of the Centre outside and Father Mark Morley, Ania Krysciak and a few students. A successful open house, earlier in the month, attracted students and members of the "Catholic community" at the University. We pray for blessings on the initiatives of the Chaplaincy at the University of Guelph!

MOTHER CATHERINE OF OUR LADY was elected Prioress of the Carmel in Edmonton, on December 13, 2016, following the death of Mother Theresa who had been ill for some time. Mother Catherine visited the Carmel several times during her illness, and when asked, the Sisters in the Carmel voted that she be their Superior. It is a loss for the Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha, but her election assures the stability of the Edmonton Carmel. We pray for both communities.

THE ANNUAL RETREAT FOR 1st AND 3rd YEAR CANDIDATES for the Permanent Diaconate takes place this weekend at the Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls. Ms. Christina Ronzio will offer reflections on the theme: *Created in Jesus the Christ*. As part of the retreat Bishop Daniel Miehm will celebrate Mass during which Aspirants will be formally admitted as Candidates, and Acolytes will be instituted. We continue to pray for all who are preparing for ordination to the Order of Deacon.

THE CAMPAIGN GUIDE AND LITURGICAL RESOURCES for the 2017 Share Lent Campaign arrived in parish mail recently. The theme for this year's campaign is *Women at the Heart of Change*. This year Lent begins on March 1st. There is still time to assure that there is sufficient resource material to help parishioners make a spiritual and practical Lenten penance.

ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH SYSTEM PRESIDENTS at St. Mary's, Kitchener and St. Joseph's, Hamilton, announced recently that Mr. Gary Payne was appointed *Manager for Spiritual Care* for the St. Joseph's Health System, with operational responsibility for the hospitals in Kitchener and Hamilton. He moves to a permanent position from the interim service he has been providing. We wish him well and offer our prayers for a blessed ministry.

THE MISSIONARY OBLATES OF MARY IMMACULATE close their 200th Anniversary celebrations on Sunday evening with a Mass presided by Cardinal Thomas Collins. The Mass will be celebrated at St. Eugene de Mazenod Church in Brampton. We offer a *Te Deum* for the blessings of the Triennium!

FATHER BILL FOOTE AND PARISHIONERS AT ST. PATRICK PARISH IN CAMBRIDGE celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation tonight. We pray that God will fill the young people with all good gifts of the Spirit, and be a guard and a guide for them, now and throughout their lives. Thanks to the Pastors, Catechists and Teachers who prepare the young people for the Sacrament – and to the young people for presenting themselves for the Sacrament!

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) meets next week to begin the long process of preparation for the Plenary meeting which takes place in September. It is also an opportunity to discuss agenda items that have arisen over the past several weeks. Your prayers are appreciated.

DURING THIS WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY, we pray as Jesus himself prayed in his high priestly prayer: *"that they may all be one as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me."* (Jn. 17.21)

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI