



THE CHANCERY PERSONNEL GATHERS TODAY to express thanks and bid farewell to Bishop Daniel Miehm, Bishop-designate of Peterborough. The reception takes place in McNally Hall at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Bishop Miehm has served for many years at the Chancery on several committees. As Auxiliary Bishop he cared for Permanent Deacons and the Pastoral Offices. He will be welcomed by the Priests and parishioners of the Diocese of Peterborough on April 19th, just days before he heads to Rome with the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario for their *Ad Limina* visit.

DAVID DAYLER, Director of the Office for Discipleship and Parish Life, suffered a stroke earlier this week and is being cared for at St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton. We hold him in our prayers – may his recovery be rapid and complete!

OVER 230 PRIESTS, DEACONS AND SEMINARIANS have indicated their intention to attend the 2017 Chrism Mass Dinner! This is the largest such gathering in years! The Chrism Mass draws together Priests who reside and serve in the Diocese of Hamilton. During the Mass they renew their priestly promises, committing themselves to live and proclaim the Gospel and to serve the Diocese faithfully with the Bishop. Oils will be blessed and consecrated for use in Sacramental celebrations for the coming year.

PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR 2017 will be published on Monday, April 10th. The appointments are being finalized these days. Thanks to the Priests who have accepted new appointments – may God bless your service!

CARDINAL LEONARDO SANDRI, Prefect for the Dicastery for Eastern Churches, has written to the Diocese encouraging a generous contribution from parishioners to the Good Friday collection. The *Collection for the Holy Land* assures the care and maintenance of the holy sites in the Middle East. “*The small Christian presence in the Middle East has great need of the support and attention of the entire Church.*” Please encourage parishioners to be especially generous this year!

THE COUNCIL FOR CATHOLIC SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS meets next Tuesday, April 11th. Representatives from several Catholic organizations that provide social services in the City of Hamilton meet four times a year to reflect on current issues and to learn about the good works of each organization. It is always uplifting to learn about the works that benefit so many people – Corporal Works of Mercy!

THE ASSEMBLY OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF ONTARIO is completing plans for their *Ad Limina* visit to Rome, scheduled for April 24-29, 2017. Following the official part of the visit, they will travel to Assisi for a retreat, guided by Father Paul Murray, O.P. The return to Canada is scheduled for May 4th. Please pray for safe travel. Priests and parishioners in the Diocese of Hamilton will be front and center in my prayers during the visit – especially at the Mass celebrated at the tomb of St. Peter!

FATHER MICHAEL KING, DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONS, is finalizing the placement of seminarians for the summer months and for the Pastoral Internship Year. We are blessed to have excellent seminarians who are diligent in their study for the Priesthood. Four will be ordained to the Priesthood and three will be ordained Deacons this year. We pray for our seminarians and for those who are considering a life of service in the Diocese!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI