



## Heart to Heart

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**L.A.R.C. (LUTHERAN, ANGLICAN, ROMAN CATHOLIC)** is sponsoring a commemoration of the *500 Years of the Reformation – Hopes and Visions for the Future of Christian Unity*, NEXT Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, beginning at 9:30 a.m. through to 4 p.m. Dr. Catherine Clifford, Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology at St. Paul University, Ottawa, is the guest presenter. A prayer service presided by the Bishops of the Dioceses takes place in the Basilica beginning at 7 p.m. This is a major ecumenical event for the Pastoral Year, and Priests and Pastoral Workers from the Diocese are strongly encouraged to attend.

**ROCCO GIZZARELLI**, Executive Director of the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton, is sending notification to the Priests of the Diocese that in compliance with recent Provincial legislation, the clergy will no longer be *MEMBERS* of the Society by virtue of being Priests of the Diocese. It becomes effective at the upcoming Annual General Meeting of the agency. More detailed information will be mailed to you for your full understanding. The CCASH will continue to do its life-saving work in the Diocese, and this change represents an adjustment of administrative procedures.

**JIM LONG AND FRANCIS DOYLE** have spent the week in Churchill, Manitoba, with Bishop Tony Krotki, OMI, Bishop of Churchill-Hudson Bay. Their visit provided an opportunity to offer counsel regarding administrative programs and policies. This is a specific way the Diocese of Hamilton can provide assistance to our northern sister Diocese. We will be undertaking other initiatives as our supportive relationship develops!

**FATHER DAVID WILHELM AND THE REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE** at Our Lady of Assumption Parish, Stoney Creek will be welcoming a mother and son to Canada on May 24, 2017, through the BVOR Program. They are sponsoring a Chinese family out of Thailand. Well done! Congratulations to those Parishes whose sponsorship is concluding following the required year of support for newcomers!

**ALINE ZARA**, from the University of Toronto's Faculty of Information Studies Program, will work as a practicum student at the Bishop Farrell Library and Archives for the summer months. The internship provides hands-on experience, with students receiving a credit for the work. Aline will be processing materials and creating finding aids for the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King collection, which consists of textual materials, photographs, film reels, and architectural drawings. We recently learned that Aline is the daughter of Deacon Stephane Zara and his wife. Welcome Aline!

### PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR

... **DEACON ALBERTO FIGUEREDO**, who serves with Father Jason Kuntz at St. Michael Parish, Oakville, and who is quite ill with fluid on the lungs;

... **GLENN SCHNURR**, father of seminarian John Schnurr, who is recovering well after last week's brain surgery to remove a brain tumor.

**BISHOP WILLIAM MCGRATTAN**, Bishop of Calgary, who directed the first week of the Retreat for Priests, is visiting St. Basil Parish in Brantford, as part of the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. Bishop McGrattan was baptized in the Parish and his parents are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Brantford, making him "a son of the Diocese." Welcome back Bishop McGrattan! **ARCHBISHOP RICHARD SMITH**, Archbishop of Edmonton, directs the second week of the Retreat for Priests, beginning on Monday evening! Welcome back East!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI