

Heart to Heart

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CONGRATULATIONS to Cardinal Thomas Collins and the Archdiocese of Toronto on the 175th Anniversary of the foundation of the Archdiocese. This historic event will be marked at a dinner on Monday evening and the celebration of the Eucharist at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on Tuesday morning. It gives participants another opportunity to experience the beautiful renovation of the Cathedral which was only recently completed. We offer our prayers of gratitude and blessings for the future!

CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO FATHER TOM ROSICA, CSB, and Salt & Light TV on the official opening of their new broadcast centre in Toronto. The new venue, which is already up and running, provides a place for Catholic based broadcasting. Among the guests at the gala event last evening, were Cardinal Thomas Collins (Toronto), Cardinal Gérald Cyprien Lacroix (Quebec City), and Cardinal Donald Wuerl (Washington, D.C.). Guest speaker was Fr. Federico Lombardi, S.J., who served as Vatican spokesperson for three Popes! We look forward to enjoying your productions – and watching many Papal events!

SPRING CEMETERY MASSES have begun at Catholic Cemeteries throughout the Diocese. The Masses provide an opportunity for families to remember their loved ones who have gone to God. The Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Burlington begins at 11 a.m. tomorrow morning (May 27th). All are welcome. Thanks to Art Smith (Director), and the "Cemetery Guys" for organizing and setting up for the Mass. See you there!

THE DIOCESE WILL RECEIVE TWO MORE VOLUMES of the Heritage Edition of the Saint John's Bible at the Cathedral Basilica on June 11th. The celebration begins at 7 p.m. and will include the readings of scripture, the singings of hymns and the digital projection of some of the images from these two volumes. A reception will follow, with viewing of the newest volumes. Come see and hear the word of God at work in us. An event not to be missed!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH, WATERDOWN, is sponsoring the annual Marian Pilgrimage Days again this year – the Centenary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima! The days are scheduled for five Saturdays from June to October, beginning NEXT Saturday, June 3rd, and concluding on Saturday, October 14th, the 100th Anniversary of the final apparition. The day begins at 10 a.m. with Mass, followed by a Marian procession and Rosary, Stations of the Cross, and quiet time in the Marian garden. It concludes at 2 p.m. All are welcome!

THE 34TH **ANNUAL ALTAR SERVERS' AWARDS NIGHT** sponsored by the Halton and Hamilton Serra Clubs is on Wednesday night, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica. It is an opportunity to thank many faithful young Servers who assist at Mass in Parishes in the Brant, Halton and Hamilton Deaneries. Thanks to members of the Serra Club for sponsoring the event!

NEXT SATURDAY IS THE DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY AT CAMP BREBEUF! It promises to be a fun event for the young people who have registered. Thanks to Christina Mines, Nicole Vaughan, and Sarah Guinta, for organizing the event, and to the Parish Youth Ministers who work so diligently with the young people all year long! #RALLYUP!

CONSEIL SCOLAIRE CATHOLIQUE MON AVENIR is the new "Branding" for the former *Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique Centre-Sud* that serves Francophone students in our Diocese and other Dioceses in southern Ontario. Mon Avenir means "My Future", and that is what Catholic education does so well – preparing young people for a future full of hope! We wish you well!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + Douglas, OMI