



## *Heart to Heart*

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**PENTECOST SUNDAY** has been referred to as the *Birthday of the Church!* The outpouring of the Holy Spirit empowers us to follow Christ closely and to “go about doing good”, much as He did! “*Our Holy Father is reminding us that the Holy Spirit is the great “Motivator” who not only confirms and strengthens us in our mission as disciples of Jesus, but empowers us to live that mission courageously and enthusiastically!*” Read the [Pentecost Message](#) to Catholic Movements and Associations from the Standing Committee for Relations with Movements and Associations of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. See *INTER NOS*.

**JOAN SCHURTER** assumed the presidency of the Hamilton Diocesan Catholic Women’s League at the conclusion of their annual convention last weekend in Kitchener. We offer our prayers and good wishes as she takes on this important leadership role. Thanks to Ana Sousa who has concluded her term as Hamilton Diocesan President.

**THE BISHOP’S MEDAL HAS BEEN CONFERRED ON ALTAR SERVERS** throughout the Diocese who have been nominated by their Pastors. The young people, whose dedication and service makes possible the worthy celebration of the Eucharist Sunday after Sunday, throughout the week, and on special occasions, were honoured at ceremonies sponsored by Serra Clubs in the Diocese. We are impressed by the fidelity of the young people. Thank you to the members of Serra International for this initiative which encourages our Altar Servers!

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED** for Father Phil Sherlock who suffered serious injuries in a fall on the stairs at the residence of St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Burlington, last week.

**ALL ARE WELCOME IS THE THEME OF TOMORROW’S YOUTH RALLY** at Camp Brebeuf, co-sponsored by the Catholic Youth Organization and our Diocesan Youth Office. Over 400 young people are expected at the event. It will be a day full of talks, activities, prayer and friendship.

**THE FINAL CONFIRMATIONS OF THE PASTORAL YEAR** will be celebrated in the coming days! Sincere thanks to Bishop Anthony Tonnos who generously accepted to preside at most of the Confirmations which Bishop Daniel Miehm was unable to complete because of his appointment as Bishop of Peterborough. Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki accepted to preside as well; and Bishop Peter Hundt, of the Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador, completed a 10-day Confirmation tour, which helped enormously. Thanks to the Pastors, teachers and catechists who assured that the students were well prepared. All done at St. Peter Yu Korean Parish on June 18<sup>th</sup>!

**THE CURA PASTORUM ASSOCIATION** Annual General Meeting takes place, beginning at 10:30 a.m. on June 16<sup>th</sup> at Holy Rosary Parish in Burlington. The meeting will review the activities of the past year, approve the audited Financial Statements, elect Directors, and discuss future directions for the association that provides funding for Priests in their retirement. Members are encouraged to attend. Lunch will be served.

**HAVING BROKEN MY ANKLE LAST WEEK**, this week the doctor informed me that surgery is not required. I am in an “air cast” (a boot) and must use crutches. Additionally, I am beginning “exogen therapy” which helps speed up the healing of bones by 30 to 40%. The break means that my agenda has to be adjusted even further. Thank you for your good wishes and your understanding. I hope to be back to normal by the end of June!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI