



Heart to Heart

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OVER 450 COUPLES HAVE REGISTERED for the Wedding Anniversary Mass which will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on June 25th: 81 couples celebrate 25th anniversaries; 80 celebrate 40th anniversaries; 179 celebrate 50th anniversaries; and 106 celebrate 60th and over anniversaries. It is always a joyous occasion – the kiss after the renewal of Marriage vows being the dramatic high point! See you there!

FATHER CON O'MAHONY concludes his service on the Board of Governors at St. Jerome's University on July 1st. He has been on the Board of Governors since 2008. Mr. Francis Doyle will be the Diocesan representative on the Board beginning the same date. At a recent meeting, the Board appointed Dr. Catherine Bergman to a second five-year term as President and Vice-Chancellor of the University. Cathy Horgan was elected Chair of the Board for two years.

TWO ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY STUDENTS were awarded the Diocese of Hamilton Award at the recent convocation. Danny McKee and Karen Van Staveren were selected for the award which recognizes students who combine consistent academic excellence with demonstrated ongoing commitment to building community and enhancing student life. This was the second year for the award. Congratulations to the honourees and to all the graduates!

CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER PAUL VOISIN, C.R., who was elected Superior General of the Congregation of the Resurrection at their General Chapter! Father Voisin, a Waterloo native and former Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Kitchener, is currently Pastor of the Cathedral Parish in Hamilton, Bermuda. We offer our best wishes to him and to the Resurrectionists! We also continue to pray for blessings on the General Chapter.

THE INSTITUTE FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION (I.C.E.) SYMPOSIUM CONSULTATION has already received over 5,000 responses from parents, students, and other interested responders. Roger Lawlor, General Secretary of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario, is encouraging **clergy** from Ontario Dioceses to respond to the three open-ended questions presented in the consultation. Here is the link to join the conversation: <http://signup.thotex.com/iceont/XeQ> The results of the consultation will provide important information for the November symposium sponsored by I.C.E. Priests of the Diocese of Hamilton are encouraged to respond before June 23rd.

WORLD REFUGEE DAY is celebrated on June 20th. Over 34,000 people are displaced from their homes every day because of conflict and war. We pray for them and for peace.

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY is celebrated on June 21st. It is a day to celebrate the history and heritage of our country and to respectfully acknowledge the ongoing contribution of Aboriginal peoples to the fabric of our country.

THE PRAYER CARDS AND PRESIDER'S CARD for the July 1-2 Consecration of Canada to Mary Immaculate are being delivered to Parishes. Pastors are asked to be attentive that their material arrives and that all is prepared for the special Canada Day Prayer. If there are any difficulties, please contact the Chancery in a timely way.

WE OFFER OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY to Bishop Gerard Bergie, Bishop of St. Catharines, on the sudden death of Father Trevor Plug. Father was ordained only last year and had attended the Victoria, B.C., ordination of a classmate from St. Peter's Seminary, when he died. He had attended the ordination of our four new Priests in May. May he be welcomed by Christ, the Eternal High Priest!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, *+Douglas*, OMI