



Heart to Heart

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NEXT WEEKEND CANADA CELEBRATES the 150th Anniversary of Confederation. The Canadian Bishops will consecrate the country to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Canada Day, Saturday July 1st. The Prayer of Consecration will be prayed at every Sunday Mass offered in every Parish in the Diocese of Hamilton during the weekend. Special prayer cards have been published by the CCCB and delivered to our Parishes so that parishioners may participate in the final two paragraphs of the prayer. They will be a treasured souvenir of the celebration!

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS from Hamilton Councils presented a cheque for \$81K, proceeds from the *Bishop's Charities Dinner Dance* that took place earlier this year! The presentation took place at a festive dinner last evening and was attended by many of the Knights who worked hard to organize the Dinner Dance and to collect funds. The funds will be donated to several worthy charities to assist their good works in the area. I offer my profound thanks to the Knights for this generous gift!

NEXT WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28th, is “moving day” for Priests who have received new pastoral appointments. Thank you once again for your willingness to accept a new service in the Diocese. May your moves be safe and smooth! May God bless your new ministries and the people entrusted to your care.

DR. ANNE JAMIESON, Director of the Diocesan Office for Catechesis, has authored a new “cook book”, *A Recipe for Faith*. The book reflects on two important parts of her life, her faith and her love for cooking. “We need to make sure we are using faith ingredients that are fresh, fragrant and abundant – that appeal to the senses and satisfy our hunger for a relationship with God.” The book is available through Novalis, and is both reasonably priced and a good summer read!

SISTER MARIE THERESE SLADE, S.O.L.I., will make her perpetual profession of Religious Vows at St. Clement Parish in Cambridge on August 15th, 2017. Mother Dorothy Nzekwe, Superior of the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate, will receive the vows. Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki will preside the Mass which begins at 3 p.m. We offer our good wishes to Sister and to the entire community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR DEACON ALBERTO FIGUEREDO, who serves with Father Jason Kuntz at St. Michael Parish in Oakville. He has been diagnosed with lung cancer and is under doctor's care at home. Father Kuntz reports that “he is still serving Masses, preaching, and is his usual cheerful self.” We offer our prayers!

457 COUPLES REPRESENTING 21,202 YEARS OF MARRIAGE! Sunday's wedding anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King is surely a powerful testimony to the blessing of married love. These couples have been “world builders”! We pray for all couples celebrating special anniversaries this year!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS, CARDS, and other expressions of concern since I broke my ankle on Victoria Day weekend! I have been on crutches and wearing a “boot” since then. Only recently, have I given up the crutches and regained the ability to carry things. On Monday, I hope to shed the “boot” and walk unencumbered again. It will be slow going for a while – and you can be sure that I will be especially careful when negotiating stairs!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, *+ Douglas*, OMI