



NEWCOMERS TO CANADA WERE HOSTED AT BBQ PICNICS THIS SUMMER. Father Laszlo Amaszka and Father Peter Ciallella and the Refugee Committee at St. John the Baptist Parish in Hamilton organized a BBQ in July for the Hamilton-area Parishes – a day full of great food, games and fun. Father Steve Murrin and Father Don Sanvido and parishioners at St. Mark Parish in Kitchener held a picnic for newcomers in the Kitchener-Waterloo area. Settlement support and friendship building in action!

THE RECENT NOVALIS RESOURCE BROCHURE featured Diocesan personnel publications. *A Recipe For Faith*, by Anne Jamieson, is featured on the front page. *Gifted by God*, by David Dayler and Anne Jamieson, an excellent program for Confirmation preparation, is featured on page 4. *Understanding Lent I: Its Meaning and Significance*, by Christina Ronzio, is featured on page 6. And *Sharing Our Story*, a reflection on the role of grandparents in transmitting the Catholic faith, by David Dayler, is on page 7. Good for them! Good for us!

MOTHER CELESTE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION WAS RE-ELECTED PRIORESS of the Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha for a second three-year term. She was elected on the first ballot, a sign of the high respect with which she is held in the community. Members of her Council are: Sister Sarah, First Counsellor, Sister Patricia, Second Counsellor, Sister Eileen, Third Counsellor, and Sr. Michael, Fourth Counsellor. We pray for the new Council and, indeed, for the entire community. They pray for us!

THE FORMATION PROGRAM FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE begins again tonight. The Year Four candidates meet this evening for a Liturgical Practicum with Monsignor Murray Kroetsch. On Saturday, Father David Perrin, from St. Jerome's University, presents an introduction to the New Testament to both the Year Two and Year Four candidates. We wish the candidates and their wives well as they continue their preparation.

A SYMPOSIUM FOR FAMILIES WILL BE HELD AT THE CATHEDRAL on Saturday, September 23rd. Sponsored by the Office for Family Ministry, the Symposium begins at 9:30 a.m. with the celebration of Mass. Speakers, interactive programs, food and fun make up the day. There will be “minders” for younger children. For more information and registration, please check the [Diocesan website](#). Comeallye!

TRUSTEES FROM THE CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARDS are gathering for a luncheon at Ardree, the Bishop's Residence, tomorrow. This is an opportunity for the Bishop to greet Trustees from the seven Boards present in the Diocese of Hamilton and to thank them for their service to Catholic Education. As another year of school begins, we pray for those who oversee the quality of education offered!

THE CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE raised \$2.5 million for the crisis in South Sudan, Nigeria and Yemen! \$1.3 million was matched by the Canadian government, giving a total of \$3.8 million which will supplement emergency aid such as food, water, sanitation services and medical care. Thank you to all who generously supported this initiative between March 17th and June 30th. Well done!

CONGRATULATIONS TO PRIESTS COMPLETING GOOD LEADERS, GOOD SHEPHERDS on October 5th. Following the final three-day module, the Priests will graduate from the program, benefitting from well-honed leadership skills. Thanks to the Priests for seeing the program through!

ROSARY SUNDAY AT CANADIAN MARTYRS' SHRINE IN MIDLAND is this Sunday, September 10th. The special event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Women's League of Canada. All are welcome. See you there.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, *+ Douglas*, OMI