



Heart to Heart

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THE EXTERIOR RESTORATION WORK AT THE CATHEDRAL is nearing completion. Stone repointing, repair and cleaning, replacement of copper, slate and flat roofs on the Cathedral, the Bishop's Residence, and Rectory, as well as restoration of the solid oak entrance doors should be completed sometime in October. Scaffolding on the bell tower and the South façade is already being removed. Restoration of the stained glass windows, tracery and some interior work will be needed in the future. Thanks to the contractors Semple & Gooder (roofing) and Clifford Restoration (stone). And thanks to Father David Wynen, Cathedral Rector, who has patiently overseen the work!

THE ANNUAL VOCATION MASS SPONSORED BY THE K OF C, CWL, AND SERRA CLUB will be celebrated this Sunday at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Burford, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Members from these organizations will be present and parishioners, especially our young people, are invited to join us. It is an opportunity to thank God for the many vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life in and from the Diocese of Hamilton. See you there!

THE BRUCE-GREY CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD IS THE SPONSOR for this year's Diocesan Catholic Education Mass. Join us at Sacred Heart Parish in Walkerton, on Thursday, September 21st, at 3:00 p.m. for a talk by the dynamic Dan Moynihan, and for Mass at 4:30 p.m., followed by a reception. The Mass, which is celebrated at the beginning of the school year, brings together representatives from the partnership of the seven Catholic District School Boards in our Diocese, and from St. Jerome's University, the only Catholic University in the Diocese. It is always a vibrant and joy-filled event!

PARISHIONERS FROM ST. AGATHA PARISH AND ST. GREGORY PARISH (CAMBRIDGE) will meet one another at Pearson Airport on September 25th. They will be welcoming two refugee families sponsored by the Parishes, coincidentally arriving on two different flights at almost the same time! One family is from Syria via Lebanon; the other is an Eritrean family arriving from Ethiopia. Welcome to the newcomers. Kudos to the parishioners who are offering them the opportunity for a new life among us!

FATHER BILL RYAN, S.J., DIED ON SEPTEMBER 8TH. We offer our sympathy and promise of prayers to Father Peter Bission, S.J., Provincial Superior of the English Canadian Province. Father Ryan was a friend of the Diocese, occasionally travelling to Hamilton to spend time in conversation at Ardree. He lived a remarkable life, including serving as General Secretary of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and founding the Centre of Concern in Washington, D.C., and the Jesuit Forum here in Canada. On his 70th anniversary of Consecrated Life, he wrote a brief [autobiography](#). It is an interesting read! As CCCB President, I am honoured to preside at his funeral Mass tomorrow morning at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Toronto. May he rest in peace!

BISHOP MARK HAGEMOEN WAS APPOINTED BISHOP OF SASKATOON THIS WEEK, days before the dedication of Sacred Heart Church in Fort Simpson (Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith). The church replaces one that was in disrepair, and is being dedicated on the 30th anniversary of the visit of Pope Saint John Paul II in 1987! The church will now also be a legacy to his time as Bishop there!

THE ANNUAL RETREAT DAY SPONSORED BY L.A.R.C. (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic), takes place next Monday, September 18th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Loyola House, the Jesuit Ignatius Centre in Guelph. The Diocese of Hamilton is represented on the L.A.R.C committee by Father Tim Hingston, Ecumenical Officer for the Diocese, Sandy Milne, Father Sam Restivo, CR, and Sr. Mary McIntyre, CSJ. The day is an opportunity to pray with and for our ecumenical friends!

Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us!

Ex corde, *+ Douglas*, OMI