



## Heart to Heart

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**ELEVEN YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON** travelled to Toronto earlier this week to participate in a cross-country forum on Salt & Light Television. Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Prefect for the Dicastery of Laity, Family and Life, was in the S&L studio to participate in the forum in preparation for the October 2018 Synod on Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment. The program airs on Sunday evening, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. It is well worth a watch!

**THE BELLS AT ST. MARY'S PARISH IN HAMILTON** will ring once again tonight at 6:15 p.m.! They have been quiet for over twenty-five years. Parishioners will gather outside before the Friday evening Mass to hear the joyful sound! Congratulations to Father Heitor Antunes, Pastor, and Monsignor Edward Sheridan, Administrator, on completion of the repair!

**THE 2017-2018 LECTURES IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE** at St. Jerome's University begins this evening at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Anton Koekemoer, Astrophysicist at the Space Telescope Institute in Baltimore, Maryland will give a presentation, entitled, *Science and Faith in Harmony: "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God!"* Included in the presentation will be images from the Hubble Space Telescope that were used to inspire some of the beautiful illuminations in *The Saint John's Bible*. Dr. Christina Vanin is the Coordinator of the series.

**HEART TO HEART HAS A SISTER!** Bishop Daniel Miehm published the first issue of *From the Vineyard* last Friday, a newsletter that informs interested readers about events in the Diocese of Peterborough. In addition to reporting events, it is also an easy way to keep abreast of his comings and goings in the Diocese. [Check it out.](#) Well done, Bishop Miehm!

**THE PRIESTS' SEMINAR THIS YEAR WILL FOCUS ON PARISH VITALIZATION.** Father Michael White and Tom Corcoran, authors of the popular book *Rebuilt*, will be the main presenters. The Seminar includes a Mass and Dinner to honour our Jubilarians. The Seminar begins on October 25<sup>th</sup> and concludes with lunch on October 27<sup>th</sup>. See you there!

**PRIESTS, BROTHERS, SISTERS AND CONSECRATED WOMEN** in the Diocese of Hamilton gathered on Tuesday evening for a Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Thomas Parish Hall in Waterdown. The event was similar to a successful gathering held during the Year for Consecrated Life in 2015! This time a member from each community spoke about the charism of their Founder, and the recently consecrated Candia Fletcher, spoke about her new commitment. It was another pleasant evening of prayer and sharing!

**PASTORS HAVE RECEIVED ANIMATION KITS** for the World Mission Sunday 2017 to assist in the preparation of parishioners for the annual Mission Sunday Collection. The theme for this year's collection is *Rediscovering Mission at the Heart of Christian Faith*. Proceeds from the collection are sent to help the poorest churches of the world. A letter from Bishop Vincent Nguyen, Bishop Ponens with the Pontifical Mission Societies has been forwarded to all Pastors in the Diocese.

**THE POLISH PALLOTINES** celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their arrival in the Diocese on Sunday. I will join them for a special Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo to offer our thanks for their service!

**OCTOBER 22<sup>nd</sup> IS THE 65<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY** of the foundation of the Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha. A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at 2:00 p.m. at the Carmel to mark the anniversary. The prayers of the Carmelite Nuns are a blessing for the Diocese! We offer our congratulations and thanks!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI