



Heart to Heart

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A WARM WELCOME TO MALCOLM CARDINAL RANJITH, Archbishop of Colombo, Sri Lanka, who is in the Diocese visiting his classmate, Father Mervin Perera, Pastor of Holy Family Parish, in Hanover. The Cardinal will preside at the 4 p.m. Mass on Sunday afternoon at Christ the King Cathedral, assisted by Archbishop Thomas Collins (Toronto) and Bishop Ronald Fabbro (London). After Mass, the Cardinal will greet parishioners at the back of the Cathedral, and then join invited guests for a dinner held in his honour. We wish him safe travels during his visit.

FORTY PRIESTS THIS WEEK, FORTY PRIESTS NEXT WEEK, at the Diocesan retreat at Mount Carmel Centre in Niagara Falls! Abbot Peter Novecosky, OSB, of Muenster Abbey, in Saskatchewan, was the director this week, and Bishop Gerry Wiesner, OMI, from Prince George, BC, will be the director next week – two deeply spiritual and thoughtful leaders. The Carmelite Friars are hospitable hosts. The Centre is prayerful; the food is good – a panoply of desserts (!); the surroundings are remarkably beautiful – Niagara Falls is a 5-minute walk away! Thanks to Father Ron Cote and Father Ray Modeski and their teams for assuring excellent organization of the fine retreats this year!

WELCOME TO FATHER BILL RYAN, SJ, AND FRIENDS OF THE JESUIT FORUM who gather at the Bishop's Residence these days (Thursday and Friday) for a conversation on the theme *Seeking wisdom in a time of crisis: integrating social justice, ecology and spirituality*. On Friday the Canadian Jesuits International, Ignatius Jesuit Centre and Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice sponsor a public seminar in Christ the King Cathedral Hall. The Jesuits have had an historic presence and ministry in our Diocese which continues at Holy Rosary Parish and Ignatius Centre in Guelph. We welcome their friends for this session.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

... **Father Angelico Valeriote** who is recovering from a stroke and has moved from Our Lady Immaculate Rectory in Guelph to St. Joseph's Villa in Dundas, where he will be a neighbour to Father Kyran Kennedy. Given his outgoing personality, Father Ange should have no difficulty getting to know fellow residents.

... **Monsignor Bill O'Brien** who is recovering from a heart attack and other health ailments. Despite his illness, he remains spirited and courageous!

... **Father Edgar Martinez**, priest for the Spanish Community at St. Michael's Parish in Oakville, and at St. Raphael's Parish in Burlington. His mother has taken seriously ill in Colombia, which is a major concern for him. We pray for her, for Father Edgar, and for the entire family.

THE CCCB FINANCE COMMITTEE, EXECUTIVE, AND PERMANENT COUNCIL, meet next week at the CCCB Offices in Ottawa. As Co-Treasurer, I participate in these meetings which begin on Tuesday morning and continue through Thursday at noon. On Thursday evening, I will join the celebration at St. Jerome's University following the Convocation at which Bishop Tonnos will receive an Honorary Doctorate.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONIES BEGAN LAST NIGHT! Bishop Ryan High School held their graduation at Christ the King Cathedral, the first of many Catholic High Schools from Catholic School Boards in our Diocese to send out into the world a long line of enthusiastic graduates – young people with vision and values pouring out into the streets of our communities to make a difference in our world! We must be sure to pray for them!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde,

+ *Douglas*, OMI