



Heart to Heart

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THE BODIES OF BISHOP JOHN FARRELL AND BISHOP PETER CRINNON, the first and second Bishops of Hamilton respectively, were translated from the basement of St. Mary's Church in downtown Hamilton and interred at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Burlington, earlier this week. The move brings five of the seven deceased Bishops of Hamilton to the same location in the cemetery, beside Holy Sepulchre Chapel. Memorial stones, marking the graves, will be erected in the coming months. A third body, Father Hugh Kelly, was moved to the Priests' plot at the same time. Thanks to Mr. John O'Brien and Mr. Paul Dermody for assuring a respectful and prayerful transfer.

FATHER FRANCISCO CRUZ HAS BEEN APPOINTED A MISSIONARY OF MERCY, following the death of Father Ted Hughes. Archbishop Rino Fisichella, President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization informed us of the appointment by Pope Francis earlier this month. Father Cruz will join Father Bill Trusz and Father Michael King at a special gathering of Missionaries of Mercy with Pope Francis, scheduled for April 8-11, 2018, to coincide with the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. We congratulate Father Cruz on this honour, and thank him for his readiness to accept the appointment.

THE ANNUAL ALL SOULS' DAY CEMETERY MASS at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Burlington will be celebrated by Bishop Anthony Tonnos at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 29th. Priests and parishioners are invited to pray for their deceased family members as All Souls' Day (November 2nd) approaches. Thanks to Mr. Art Smith and Mr. John Foster who have organized the event!

THE HALTON CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S EDUCATION FOUNDATION is holding their annual *Bishop's Dinner* on Wednesday, November 1, 2017, at Le Dome Banquet Centre in Oakville. The Foundation supports a variety of school events, assuring that those children who would not otherwise be able to afford to participate, have the needed funding! A worthy cause indeed! Monsignor Raymond Modeski, a Foundation Board member, encourages Halton Priests and parishioners to attend! See you there!

A SERVICE COMMEMORATING THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION will be marked at the *Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King* on Friday, November 10th at 7 p.m. The service will be similar to that attended by Pope Francis in Lund, Sweden, last Fall. Commemorations are taking place across the country; last Saturday a beautiful service was held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Kitchener. Join us as we host the Bay area Lutheran community for the historic event!

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION (CWLF) is accepting applications for its initial Leadership Program for Canadian Catholic Women. The Program will be facilitated by the Providence School of Transformative Leadership and Spirituality, Saint Paul University, Ottawa. For more information about the CWLF, the Leadership Program, and to complete an application form, visit: <http://cwlfcanada.ca>

SR. GABRIELLE FEUVRIER, a sister with *Xavieres, Missionaries of Christ Jesus*, (XMCJ), travels from Toronto to Oakville each day to work as an engineer in the Engineering Department at the Halton Regional Office. The Religious community, founded in Marseilles, France, has a house in Montreal, a house in Toronto, and a Sister in Val d'Or, Quebec. Because Sister spends most of her day in the Diocese of Hamilton, she and her community will be included in our Diocesan Directory NEXT year – this year's Directory has already been published. Thanks to Father Wayne Lobsinger, Episcopal Vicar for Consecrated Life, and his contacts, for locating her!

I TRAVEL TO OTTAWA NOVEMBER 6th to chair a meeting of *The Guadalupe Circle*, a gathering of Catholic organizations and Indigenous Peoples responding to the Call to Actions of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The new CCCB President, Bishop Lionel Gendron, is unavailable for the meeting and has asked me to step in. It is a "swan song" of sorts! Pray for the work of this new group!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI