



Heart to Heart

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY on completing the renovation of Notre Dame Chapel. The Chapel will be blessed during the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass on November 19th. Thanks to Martha Fauteux and her team for seeing the project through to completion.

THE ANNUAL BRIDGE TO HOPE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE DINNER takes place on November 9th at Michelangelo's Banquet Hall in Hamilton. The goal of The Bridge is to assist persons moving from prison back to the community. They work to rebuild broken lives and to make our community safer and stronger. I look forward to supporting this important ministry.

THE SERVICE MARKING THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION takes place NEXT Friday, November 10th, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Pastors and parishioners in the Hamilton, Halton, Brant and Wellington Deaneries are especially encouraged to participate in the event with Lutherans from the Bay area. See you there!

THE INSTITUTE FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION is sponsoring a symposium on November 14th-15th. The theme of the symposium is *Renewing the Promise: Catholic Education in Contemporary Society*. Teams from Catholic School Boards from across Ontario, including a Parish Priest on each team, will participate in the event. The results will be published in the form of a document under the signature of Bishop Gerard Bergie, Chairman of the Catholic Education Commission of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario (ACBO). It promises to be an extraordinary gathering. We offer our prayers for its success!

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CHAPLAINS IN HAMILTON DIOCESE have established an association and meet occasionally to share ideas and insights and to support one another in ministry. They gather next Wednesday at the Chancery Office for their first meeting this school year. It is an opportunity to thank them for their dedication and caring attention to our students and to assure them of our ongoing support!

THE HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD announced the recipients of the Distinguished Service Award for 2017 recently. Patricia Amos, Retired Director of Education, Carolyn Cornale, Trustee, Flora Nordoff, Principal, and David Tabone, Teacher, will be honoured at the Awards Liturgy at 7:00 p.m. on November 21st, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. We offer our congratulations to the well-deserving recipients!

WORK IS CONCLUDING ON THE BELL TOWER AND ROOF of the Cathedral Basilica. The scaffolding should be down by the end of this month. Already the "staging area" behind the Cathedral has been significantly reduced and the area sodded. It will all be gone before Christmas. Thanks to Father David Wynen for his careful oversight of the work, and his patience. The Cathedral and residences look fantastic!

PRIESTS SERVING IN THE DIOCESE are reminded of the Advent Prayers Days on December 5th at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton, and on December 6th at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Waterloo. Father Sam Restivo, C.R., is the presenter at both locations. The gatherings provide opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, an important part of Advent preparation!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI