



## *Heart to Heart*

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**FROM INFORMATION TO TRANSFORMATION** is the title given to a Catholic leadership program sponsored by the “Partnership” of the seven Catholic school boards in the Diocese, along with St. Jerome’s University and the Diocese of Hamilton. The first graduates of the program received diplomas following a Mass at the Cathedral Basilica in October. A second program is being planned by the Partnership Team to begin in May 2018. It will welcome about 25 candidates from Partnership organizations. Special thanks to Cathy Horgan for overseeing the first very successful experience!

**OUR PERMANENT DEACON FORMATION PROGRAM** continues this weekend. The Fourth Year candidates gather tonight for their Liturgical Practicum on the *Rite of Marriage* with Christina Ronzio. Deacon George Newman will speak to the Propaedeutic Year candidates on *The Four Dimensions of the Diaconate*. Year Two and Year Four candidates will be studying *Christology* with Father David Perrin, Professor of Religious Studies at St. Jerome’s University. We welcome Bishop Gerard Bergie, who will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral Basilica for the group on Saturday at noon. It is a full day for the candidates, aspirants and their wives! Thanks to Father Mark Gatto, Deacon Peter Gittens, and Father David Wynen for assuring that all is in place for this month’s session!

**THIRTY-SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE DIOCESAN PARISH MINISTERS ASSOCIATION** will gather at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre from November 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> for a conference on *Diversity and New Challenges Facing Parish Ministers*. Led by Dr. Moira McQueen, participants will explore a variety of timely and compelling issues. A good initiative!

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN THE HAMILTON AREA** participate in the *Coats for Kids* program. It is remarkably successful. In 2015, when the program began, 84 coats were distributed. Last year, 840 were given out. This year so far, 1596 have been distributed. As the weather gets colder, children will be warm – and grateful! Well done, Knights!

**THE HAMILTON DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE**, celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020. Diocesan President, Joan Schurter, and her Council have already started planning for the special year. Ours is one of the oldest Diocesan Councils in Canada – so, it is an important milestone for the Diocese!

**THE NEW PASTOR FOR ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH IN KITCHENER**, Father Tim Uniac, C.R., will be formally installed during the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass this weekend. He took up the reins in August, so is already familiar with the active Parish community! We thank him for his commitment to the parishioners and to the Diocese!

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH IN KITCHENER HOSTS A RESOURCE FAIR** on the weekend of November 18-19, 2017. Over 20 organizations from the K/W area will provide helpful information about the services they provide in the community and beyond. They are following Pope Francis’ mandate for helping the poor, and putting his World Day of Prayer for the Poor into action. Well done! May the weekend be a huge success!

**WE SAY GOODBYE NEXT WEEK TO DANI LEITIS** who served in our Communication Office while Nicole Laczko was on maternity leave. In addition to caring for our website, Dani assured that *Heart to Heart* was published online each week – and she chose the appropriate photo, often one she had taken herself! A job well-done Dani! Thank you and good wishes!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI