



## Heart to Heart

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**A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL! SPECIAL THANKS TO THE PRIESTS** who will preside Christmas and New Year's Masses throughout the Diocese – in addition to the many Sunday Masses. It will be a demanding few days, and a blessed time for all!

**THE HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS**, has appointed the following *Chaplains to His Holiness* from among the Priests of the Diocese of Hamilton. Because the honour has already been conferred by the Holy Father, the new Monsignors may already be addressed by the title. The parchments will be presented to them during a celebration of the Liturgy of the Word at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Sunday, March 4, 2018, beginning at 1:30 p.m. We offer our congratulations and good wishes to the Monsignors.

Reverend Monsignor Victor McNamara  
Reverend Monsignor Paul Boucher  
Reverend Monsignor Peter Coughlin  
Reverend Monsignor Theodore Slaman  
Reverend Monsignor Dennis Noon

**THE HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS**, has conferred the following *Honours* on parishioners in the Diocese of Hamilton. These honours will be presented at a Liturgy of the Word to be celebrated on Sunday, March 4, 2018, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, beginning at 1:30 p.m. We offer our congratulations and good wishes to the recipients.

Robert S. McGowan	Knight of St. Gregory the Great
Aileen Connell	Cross Pro-Ecclesia Et Pontifice
Robert Corso	Cross Pro-Ecclesia Et Pontifice
Alexandra (Sandy) Milne	Cross Pro-Ecclesia Et Pontifice
Michael Pautler	Cross Pro-Ecclesia Et Pontifice
Sister Nancy Sullivan, CSJ	Cross Pro-Ecclesia Et Pontifice
Linda Dayler	Benemerenti Medal
Teresa Hartnett	Benemerenti Medal
Sandor Kollarich	Benemerenti Medal
James Montague	Benemerenti Medal
John Spatazzo	Benemerenti Medal

**THE DIOCESAN CHANCERY STAFF AND CATHOLIC CEMETERY STAFF** have been generous in supporting special needs during these weeks before Christmas. The staff at the Cemetery provided gifts for a single mom with two children, an elderly lady and an elderly gentleman. The Chancery staff supported a similar program at Cathedral High School in Hamilton. The Good Shepherd Venture Centre has been collecting and distributing food to assure that people have what they need over the Christmas season. Cathedral parishioners filled a truck with food for the shelves. When we all “lean in”, Christmas can be a blessed time for all! Blessings one and all!

**HEART TO HEART WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED NEXT WEEK.** See you in the New Year!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI