



Heart to Heart

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FATHER TIM UNIAC, CR, CURRENTLY PASTOR OF ST. LOUIS PARISH IN WATERLOO, has been elected as assistant to the Superior General of the Congregation of the Resurrection at their General Chapter in Rome. This is good news for the Resurrectionists! Father will return to Waterloo at the end of the Chapter to complete his service to the Parish at the end of July. We wish him well.

NOT ONLY DID BISHOP TONNOS RECEIVE A DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY DEGREE (*honoris causa*) at the Convocation Ceremony at St. Jerome's University yesterday, but he was also presented with the title Chancellor Emeritus in recognition of the many years he served the University in that capacity. Our thanks to Rev. Doctor David Perrin, OMI, and to the University Board, for the honour bestowed on Bishop Tonnos, which also honours the entire Diocese!

THE BROTHERS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD GATHER AT THE CATHEDRAL on Saturday evening at 5 p.m. for a special Mass of Thanksgiving marking their 50th anniversary of presence and ministry in Hamilton. From their humble beginnings the Brothers have provided assistance for thousands upon thousands of brothers and sisters in times of need. Friends, supporters and beneficiaries will gather with them tomorrow to give thanks to God for the blessings that have come through their good work. I look forward to joining them!

PARISHIONERS AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISH IN DUNDAS will honour Father James Curtin, their Pastor of many years, who is retiring at the end of June. I will attend the Sunday morning Mass to show the gratitude of the Diocese for his service. A reception in Father Curtin's honour will follow the Mass.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH IN BURLINGTON CELEBRATES THE 25th ANNIVERSARY of their founding at a special Mass on Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. I will preside the Mass. Father Bob Stainsby speaks of the enthusiasm of parishioners to mark the happy occasion. Bishop Tonnos established the parish in 1986 and appointed Father Paul Boucher its first Pastor. The Church was dedicated at a ceremony that took place on June 17, 1990. We offer our good wishes!

LEONOR SORGER RETIRES AFTER LONG SERVICE IN THE REFUGEE OFFICE of the Diocese of Hamilton. She will complete her service on June 30th. Mrs. Sorger has helped hundreds and hundreds of refugees to find safety in our country. Her work has affected many lives. We are grateful for her ministry. Barbara Dollak, who has assisted Mrs. Sorger for the past few years, has been appointed to replace her, beginning on July 3rd. The work of saving lives continues through this office!

POPE BENEDICT XVI CELEBRATES HIS 60th ANNIVERSARY of priestly ordination on June 29th. Cardinal Mauro Piacenza, Prefect for the Congregation for Clergy, invites priests around the world to offer a time of prayer in Eucharistic Adoration, praying for the sanctification of the Clergy and for the gift of priestly vocations. He suggests that such devotion be done prior to the Feast of the Sacred Heart. I heartily encourage each priest to participate in this special prayer time, offering an hour of personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Some Pastors may be interested in organizing a Holy Hour in their parish as a way to mark the anniversary.

THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH (HAMILTON) MARK JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. at the Motherhouse. Sister Frances Rossignoli and Sister Mary Ambrose Huszak celebrate 70 years; Sister Patricia Hanlon and Sister Martina Dirito celebrate 60 years, and Sister Rosanne Logel celebrates 50 years. They have made a remarkable contribution to the life of our Diocese!

WELCOME HOME TO FATHER ADAM VOISIN who arrives from Rome tomorrow after another year of study. Father will be assisting at St. Pius X Parish in Brantford during the summer months, giving him the opportunity to visit family and friends.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde,

+ *Douglas*, OMI