



## Heart to Heart

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**TWO SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH** who have given their lives to St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton were honoured yesterday as they retired from years of volunteering! **Sr. Patricia** came to St. Joseph's as a young woman in 1943 and has served the institution in a variety of capacities since that time. **Sr. Giovanni** arrived in 1960 and never left! They were honoured at a luncheon reception attended by a large group of people who are sad to see them go. "I miss them already!" said one of employees standing near me. We add our thanks to the long list of people who greeted them yesterday, and we wish them well in retirement!

**AND WHILE WE'RE AT IT – DR. CAROLYN LEVIS** is the recipient of the *Sr. Joan O'Sullivan Award* for 2018. She is a remarkable Doctor in many ways: a surgeon with expertise in hand surgery and microvascular reconstruction; a teacher in the plastic surgery program; she reaches out to the poor and disadvantaged through her many trips to Haiti, Guatemala and the Ukraine where she shares her surgical expertise with victims of war and natural disasters; she is a presenter internationally at conferences and scientific meetings; and she has several book chapters and abstracts to her credit. She has received the Distinguished Service Award in 2016 for her service to the Academy of Medicine, and the *Order of Princess Olga Award of Merit* from the Canada-Ukraine Foundation for her work with victims of war in the Ukraine. Sr. Anne Anderson, Chair of the SJHS Board made the presentation last week! We offer our congratulations – and our thanks for the credit she brings to St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton!

**PAULA DAWSON, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION** for the Halton Catholic District School Board has informed the Board of her intention to retire effective August 31, 2018. Diane Rabenda, Board Chair, published the information earlier this week. Throughout her career she served four Catholic Boards in Ontario – the Halton Catholic community for 18 years! She will be missed!

**ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS** to serve on the Board of Governors. Information about the position can be found on their website. Interested persons can check <https://www.sju.ca/board-governors>. It is an excellent way to serve and promote the cause of Catholic education.

**DEACON PETER GITTENS IS UNDERGOING HEART SURGERY** – the surgical implant of a pacemaker – next Monday at the Oakville Hospital. We pray for a quick recovery!

**OVER FORTY YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTERS** from Parishes across the Diocese will meet with the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office for their *Annual General Meeting* on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. This will provide an opportunity to discuss youth ministry initiatives including this year's Youth Rally. Registration for the Youth Rally opens on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Young people and Youth Groups are encouraged to register early – registration is limited to 500!

**THE HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY**, Loyola House, Guelph and Holy Rosary Parish, Guelph, are co-sponsoring a presentation with musical accompaniment on the letters of Henri Nouwen. Archivist Gabrielle Earnshaw will make the presentation on Saturday, February 3, 2018, at Holy Rosary Parish, Guelph, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Learn more about this celebrated author and Pastor!

**THE 2018 MULTICULTURAL MASS** takes place at the Cathedral Basilica on **Sunday afternoon beginning at 1:30 p.m.** It is a colourful and joyful celebration of faith by Catholic communities who have settled peacefully in the Diocese of Hamilton from around the world! It is an opportunity to give thanks for blessings untold!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI