



Heart to Heart

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LAST WEEK'S MULTICULTURAL MASS was a colourful and joyful gathering. Music for the Mass was provided by a variety of cultures and languages. Entertainment in McNally Hall was lively, and the food was gobbled up quickly. Newcomers, sponsored by Regina Mundi Parish, were among those who gathered for the event! They are settling into their new life quickly – and have made new friends at their schools. Next year's Mass will be celebrated in September, when weather will surely be more amenable!

ALL SEVEN VOLUMES OF THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE (HERITAGE EDITION) will be on display in the sanctuary of the Cathedral Basilica (by the Marian altar) this weekend to mark the first annual "Bible Sunday" in the Diocese of Hamilton. Thanks to the staff of the Bishop Farrell Library and Archives for facilitating this unique opportunity! Book marks have been made available to help parishioners who want to pray with the Bible.

THE FUNERAL OF MR. JEROME MIEHM, FATHER OF BISHOP DANIEL MIEHM, was held this morning at St. Anthony Daniel Parish in Kitchener. Bishop Miehm presided at the Mass. Mr. Miehm, who lived in the same home for most of his adult life, would often say that, although he never moved, he belonged to four different parishes (as new parishes were established in the growing community) – a faithful parishioner in all of them! May he rest in peace!

MR. FRANK CLIFFORD, A GIANT IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION, and long-time parishioner at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Waterloo, died on Wednesday morning. His funeral will be on Monday morning at Lourdes. In 2011, Mr. Clifford was given the honour of Knight of St. Gregory the Great by Pope Benedict XVI for his life-long and significant service to Catholic education. May he rest in peace! We offer our sympathy to his family.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK IS ON FEBRUARY 11th, Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Chaplaincy for the St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton prepares a special prayer card that is delivered on the lunch tray to patients at both the Charlton and West 5th campuses in the System. Copies are also sent to St. Joseph's Convent and the Chancery. Check out our website closer to the date; we will feature the card and the prayer for those who are ill. Great initiative!

A NEW STORE FOR THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (HAMILTON) will be opened and blessed on Sunday afternoon. Congratulations on completing the renovation of the new building which will provide improved care to SSVP clients in the city. Throughout the Diocese, the St. Vincent de Paul Society provides practical assistance to those who need help. Their personal and caring approach is the winning element of their service.

DR. AUSTEN IVEREIGH, BRITISH WRITER, JOURNALIST AND COMMENTATOR on Catholic and political affairs, speaks at St. Jerome's University in Waterloo this evening. His topic: *Communicating the Church in the Age of Francis*. Well worth hearing. It begins at 7:30 p.m.

THE NEW BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY will meet with me at Ardree next Thursday evening, giving us the opportunity to talk about the Catholic nature of the university and its mission in our time. Chancellor James Beingessner and President Katherine Bergman will lead the delegation. We wish the new Board all good wishes as they begin their service.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI