



Heart to Heart

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HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR to members of our Asian communities! Representatives from our Korean and Vietnamese Catholic communities visited the Chancery on the occasion of the start of the Year of the Dog (or *Golden Dog* in Korea), which represents wisdom and harmony. Father Hanh Van Tran, OMI, (Our Lady of Vietnam Parish, and Vietnamese Martyrs' Mission); Father Young Hoon Kim, (St. Peter Yu Korean Parish); Father Junghyuk Choi, (St. Paul Chung Korean Parish), Deacon Taek Jong Han, Maria and Francis Shin, and Mr. Dao, Council representatives from the Parishes, brought New Year's greetings and gifts to celebrate the occasion. Chancery Staff now have the opportunity to enjoy delicious Korean pears!

THIS YEAR'S MUSICIANS' RETREAT DAY is being held at St. Joseph's Parish in Fergus on Friday, March 2nd, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., and Saturday March 3rd, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The theme of the retreat is *Becoming Psalms*, using material prepared by Bernadette Gasselein and illustrations from the Saint John's Bible. The day is open to anyone interested in a time of meditative prayer – but especially Parish musicians. More information and a registration form is provided at hamiltondiocese.com

THE LENTEN PRAYER DAY FOR PRIESTS takes place next week on February 20th and 21st. Father Joseph Gatto, Rector of Christ the King Seminary in Buffalo, New York, will be the presenter. Priests are reminded of the courtesy of contacting the Chancery Office of your intention to attend so that adequate food is prepared for lunch. It is an important opportunity to enter into the Lenten season with open hearts!

THE DIOCESAN YOUTH OFFICE has prepared prayer cards in English *et en Francais* for Young People, in view of the upcoming Synod. Copies have been distributed to our Parishes. Parishioners are invited and encouraged to pray for the Synod and especially for the young people in the Diocese of Hamilton, "*that they may encounter the loving gaze and voice of our Saviour Jesus Christ.*"

FATHER TOM ROSICA, C.S.B. is speaking at St. Andrew Parish in Oakville on February 20th, at 7:00 p.m., on Pope Francis and the two Synods on the Family that informed the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love)! It is an opportunity to hear someone who was there as a witness to all that was going on for those two significant events! Plan to be there!

FRIDAY, MARCH 2nd, famous indigenous architect, Douglas Cardinal, O.C., PhD, who designed the National Museum of Civilization in Gatineau, Quebec, will be the speaker in the series of Lectures in Catholic Experience at St. Jerome's University. His topic: *Organic Architecture and The Indigenous Worldview*. The event begins at 7:30 p.m. Not to be missed!

THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS for St. Peter's Seminary, London, will be formally established this Tuesday, February 20th. The Bishop of Hamilton will be an Ex Officio Director, and Father Martin Vallely will become a Director, nominated by the Bishop of Hamilton. The first part of the major renovation of the Seminary will be complete in early May – a blessing for Seminarians and Staff alike!

WELCOME TO BISHOP DANIEL MIEHM who returns to the Diocese next week to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in various locations in the Diocese! His service is greatly appreciated!

THE RITE OF ELECTION is celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica on Sunday beginning at 1:30 p.m. for those candidates for the Sacraments of Initiation in the Brant, Hamilton and Halton Deaneries. We pray for them specially, and for those who will be received into the Church at the upcoming Easter Vigil!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI