



Heart to Heart

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THE PLANS FOR ST. BENEDICT CHURCH, MILTON have been approved by the Diocesan Building Committee and the City of Milton! The ground breaking will take place on July 11th, Feast of St. Benedict. The construction is estimated to take about a year-and-a-half. Thanks to Father Jim Petrie and his Building Committee for their dedicated work. We pray for God's blessing on this historic and important project!

THE CELEBRATION OF PAPAL HONOURS last Sunday at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King was a truly joyous event. The Cathedral was packed, and all were deeply moved by the homily of Cardinal Lacroix. The many contributions of the recipients to the Church in the Diocese of Hamilton are inspiring. The event will be televised on Salt & Light TV on Wednesday, March 14th at 8:00 p.m. Be sure to tune in!

THE CONGREGATION FOR DIVINE WORSHIP and Discipline of the Sacraments has issued a Decree inscribing the *Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*, in the General Roman Calendar. The Decree will be published in the March issue of Inter Nos. The Mass texts in English and French will be forwarded to Pastors and Parishes when they have been received. The obligatory Memorial is to be observed annually on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday.

TO DATE ONLY 90 PRIESTS, DEACONS AND SEMINARIANS have indicated their intention to attend the Chrism Mass Dinner and the Chrism Mass itself. You are reminded to return your RSVP to the Bishop's Office **NO LATER THAN NEXT FRIDAY, MARCH 16th**. Your response is a simple courtesy to those planning the Dinner and Mass. We look forward to your presence.

AS PART OF THE LENTEN OBSERVANCE, members of the Chancery Staff sponsored and served Friday BBQ meals at *St. Patrick Parish*, Hamilton, two weeks ago, and again today. The *DeMazenod Door* at the Parish serves meals to over 350 individuals each day and have already served over eleven thousand individuals since Christmas! The guests LOVE the Friday BBQ. Thanks to our staff for this generous gift!

CONGRATULATIONS TO BRIANNE BUSHEY, Administrative Assistant to Father Michael King, Diocesan Vocation Director, and to the Diaconate Formation Program. She announced this week that she will marry Danny Foote in October, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Of course, Father King will witness the marriage! It has been an exciting week for her and the Chancery staff. We catch her gazing at the engagement ring – a big smile on her face!

CANON SUSAN BELL was elected Coadjutor Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Niagara, last Saturday, March 3rd, succeeding Bishop Michael Bird. She will become the 12th Bishop of Niagara, in June, the first woman to hold the position since the Diocese was founded in 1875. The electoral Synod, convened at Christ's Church Cathedral in Hamilton, elected Canon Bell on the fifth ballot. We offer our prayers and good wishes.

THE CANADIAN BIOETHICS INSTITUTE is sponsoring a free Seminar on brain death. Dr. Michael Cusimano, Division of Neurosurgery, St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, will be the guest speaker. There are ethical implications for Catholic hospitals in particular, and also regarding organ donation. The talk is on April 11th, beginning at 7:00 p.m., at the University of St. Michael's College, 95 St. Joseph Street, East Door, Room 103. The event is co-hosted by The Order of Malta.

THE DIOCESAN PERSONNEL COMMITTEE meets next Tuesday to review the responses to proposed clergy appointments for 2018. The interviews continue. It is hoped that changes will be announced in early April. Please pray for Priests who are being asked to accept new assignments.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us!

Ex corde, *+Douglas*, OMI