



Heart to Heart

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NEXT SATURDAY, MAY 5th, IS PRIESTLY ORDINATION DAY for Deacons Grayson Hope, Tim Theriault, and Chris Tracey. The celebration begins at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King and will be followed by a reception in McNally Hall. All Priests are welcome to concelebrate the Ordination Mass. Invitations to concelebrate have been sent by the Communications Office. Your response is a courtesy that will assist the Cathedral staff in their preparations. Please pray for our new Priests!

“FROM INFORMATION TO TRANSFORMATION”, Formation for Catholic Leaders, begins next Friday morning at St. Jerome’s University. This program is supported by the Catholic Partnership, including our seven Catholic School Boards, St. Jerome’s University, and the Diocese. Participation in the program is limited to those recommended by the Partners and approved following an interview. The program requires a three weekend commitment for each of two years. There will be 20 to 25 participants. We wish them an exciting experience.

BISHOP GERARD BERGIE was honoured with a *Lifetime Honourary Membership* to OCSOA – the Ontario Catholic Supervisory Officers’ Association – at their recent Annual General Meeting in Niagara Falls. The award is given to those who have made a significant and lasting contribution to Catholic Education in the Province of Ontario. Previous recipients include Premier William Davis and Archbishop Paul Andre Durocher. Bishop Bergie serves as the Chair of the ACBO Catholic Education Commission. Congratulations Bishop Bergie!

ST. JOSEPH’S VILLA FOUNDATION holds their Annual Gala tonight at Liuna Station. The theme: *Vive la Villa!* It is the biggest annual event in the Villa Foundation calendar – the fundraiser that ultimately supports St. Joseph’s Villa in their mission of caring for the elderly. This year, I am Honorary Chair with the enviable task of introducing the remarkably successful Hamiltonian, Mr. Dino Trevisani, Senior Managing Director of IBM Corporation, who is Chairing the Foundation’s major fundraiser for the 10 bed hospice. May both the evening AND the hospice fundraiser be successful!

THE HALTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD’S 30th Annual Student Awards of Excellence presentation takes place on Monday, April 30th at 6:00 p.m. at Corpus Christi Secondary School in Burlington. Students from every grade level in every school are honoured. Congratulations to the students - well deserved!

THE ANNUAL SERRA CLUB DINNER takes place at Liuna Station *next Wednesday evening*. Priests and Sisters celebrating 50 years of commitment and those who will be ordained on May 5th, and those taking final vows in August, will be honoured. Thanks to Serra Hamilton for organizing the event every year. We are grateful for your good work.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF VOCATION AND FORMATION DIRECTORS held an exciting conference earlier this week that drew together an impressive number of Vocation Directors from Religious communities and Dioceses from across the country! Cardinal Gerald Lacroix was one of the impressive keynote speakers, as well as Father Tom Rosica, CEO of Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation. Our own Christina Mines, Director of the Youth Ministry Office, outlined four goals for effective outreach for young adults! Father Toby Collins, CR, caught the arrival of participants on [video](#). Congratulations to the organizers! Thanks for having it in Hamilton Diocese!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI