



Heart to Heart

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THE BISHOP RYAN CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL MUSICAL GROUP “BR XPRESSION”, with 250 members, is the largest vocal ensemble in the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board. The group recently travelled to the Nashville Worldstrides Heritage Music Festival. Under the direction of Dave Tabone and Chad Pilon, all the soloists received Maestro awards, and the group itself brought home the gold! Joining them were the BR Celtic Groove, a jazz funk band, who took home a silver medal! Congratulations to BR Xpression, to Dave and Chad, and to the entire organization!

THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA will be packed on Saturday morning for the Ordinations of Father Grayson Hope, Father Tim Theriault and Father Christopher Tracey. They were guests of honour at the Hamilton Serra Club Dinner for Priesthood and Consecrated Life last Wednesday evening. Each spoke of their journey to the Priesthood and their joy at being called to serve the Diocese of Hamilton. We pray that God will bless their ministry!

ARCHBISHOP JOSE BETTENCOURT, recently ordained to serve as Nuncio to Georgia and Armenia will be a guest at Ardree this evening. A Priest from the Archdiocese of Ottawa, the Archbishop has served in the Secretariat of State for over 20 years. He is a friend of Father Octavio Cidado and will celebrate Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Cambridge on Sunday morning. We welcome him and wish him well in his new appointment.

WELCOME TO FATHER DUY VAN NGUYEN, who returned to Mildmay on Wednesday, following an extended visit to Viet Nam! He had travelled home to attend the funeral of his sister and his return to Canada was delayed due to visa concerns – recently resolved. Thank you to Father Paul Hrynczyszyn for his priestly ministry to Sacred Heart Parish in Mildmay during Father’s absence!

THE PRESBYTERAL COUNCIL of the Diocese of Hamilton meets next Tuesday, in the Bishops’ Board Room of the Chancery Office. Father John Van Hees is the Chair of the Council and Father Allen Varlaki is the Secretary. The meeting provides occasion for an interesting exchange about a variety of topics.

CONFIRMATIONS CONTINUE: at St. Ann and Holy Family Parishes, Hamilton, on Saturday; at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Arthur, on Saturday; at Sacred Heart Parish, Mildmay, on Sunday; at St. Mary Parish, Cambridge, on Sunday; at St. James Parish, Oakville, on Tuesday; at St. Clement Parish, Cambridge, on Wednesday; at St. Basil Parish, Brantford, on Thursday; and at St. Mark Parish, Kitchener next Friday. Pray for the young people who are presenting themselves for Confirmation – that they may experience the fruits of the Holy Spirit!

NEXT WEEK IS CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK. There are many activities planned in Schools and Parishes throughout the Diocese. Earlier this week a [video](#) message was released by the Communications Office of the Diocese focusing on the theme of the week: ***Renewing the Promise***. The Ontario Bishops have published a letter prepared by Bishop Gerard Bergie, Chair of the Catholic Education Commission of the Assembly. It is a powerful reflection on the promising future of Catholic Education in the Province of Ontario.

THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH IN CANADA celebrate the Jubilees of Sisters in the Hamilton area NEXT Saturday at St. Joseph’s Convent, Dundas. We offer our congratulations and good wishes to those being honoured!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI