



Heart to Heart

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RENEWING THE PROMISE, a Pastoral Letter from the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario, was officially released on Monday, the start of Catholic Education Week. A copy, in English and French are available on our [website](#). An implementation resource will be available in late August, for use in the autumn. It will provide an excellent opportunity to dialogue with education partners on how to “renew the promise” of Catholic education locally!

WELCOME TO MS. GAGAN GREWAL, Human Resource Coordinator for the Diocese. Prior to working with us, Gagan was a Recruitment Specialist in Cambridge. She will work in the Finance and Administration Office and report to Mr. Jim Long. We thank her for her interest in serving with us and wish her well in her work!

THE REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE at St. Pius X Parish, Brantford, successfully telephoned the Syrian family of six that they will soon be welcoming to Canada from Turkey. They phoned to alleviate pre-departure anxiety. The family was surprised to learn that Canada has already issued their visas, and to hear that a house and furnishings have already been arranged. Thanks to Erin Pease for her caring support of Parish committees and so many refugees who are waiting for such a wonderful opportunity!

A NEW TRAIL through the Cathedral ravine has been opened by the City of Hamilton. The trail makes a continuous trek possible for bikers, hikers, and dog-walkers through Kay Drage Park, along the new trail, exiting by the Nicholas Mancini Centre, and continuing across the bridge along Hunt Street. The pathway was a collaborative project of the City, the School Board, and the Diocese.

THE ANNUAL JUBILEE CELEBRATION for the Sisters of St. Joseph occurs tomorrow morning at St. Joseph's Convent in Dundas. Sisters Caroline Straus and Claudia Rossignoli celebrate 75 years of Consecrated Life, and Sisters Diane Oberle, Dora Kruijs, and Sheila Fortune, celebrate 60 years. Significant commitments! We offer our thanks and our good wishes!

GRADE 12 GRADUATES from the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Mary Church in Hamilton next Wednesday morning. The Mass is followed by a lunch at nearby Liuna Station. Graduation events will be held throughout the Diocese over the coming weeks. Congratulations to the graduates!

WE CELEBRATE MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH, as a Feast, on Monday, May 21st. A special Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Pope Francis announced the new feast earlier this year. Join us!

WE ARE STILL WAITING FOR RESPONSES from 17 Parishes in order to complete the Confirmation Schedule for 2018-2019. It is a very intricate job and your immediate response is essential.

CONFIRMATIONS CONTINUE: Tonight at St. Mark Parish, Kitchener; tomorrow at St. Patrick Parish, Burlington; Sunday at Sacred Heart Parish, Rockwood; Tuesday at St. Patrick Parish, Hamilton; Wednesday and Thursday at St. Anthony Daniel Parish, Kitchener. Father Wayne Lobsinger will confer the Sacrament at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Hamilton, tomorrow; Father Michael King at Holy Family Parish, Kitchener on Sunday, and at Sacred Heart Parish, Paris, on Wednesday; and Father Con O'Mahony at St. Joseph, Patron of Canada, Parish, Acton (at Holy Cross, Georgetown), next Thursday. We continue to pray for the Confirmandi.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, *+Douglas*, OMI