



## Heart to Heart

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**FATHER LARRY PARENT**, Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Kitchener, was incardinated in the Diocese earlier this week following a three-year exclaustation from the Franciscan Friars. A son of the Diocese, we are happy to welcome him home officially! Your ministry among us is already a blessing!

**THE DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY** will welcome 500 young people tomorrow. Because of threatening weather the event has been moved from Camp Brebeuf to Bishop Macdonell Catholic High School, Guelph.

**JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS FOR THE SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME** take place on Saturday at Notre Dame Convent, Waterdown. Welcome to Provincial Superior Sr. Charmaine Krohe, who is present for the events. We offer thanks and our congratulations to: Sr. Rita Kittel – 85 years of Consecrated Life; Srs. Bernice Volk and Evelyn Volk – 80 years; Srs. Colette Ryan and Marie Taylor – 75 years; Srs. Betty Lackenbauer and Audrey Marie Mittleholtz – 70 years; and Srs. Joyce Smith and Lois Zettler – 60 years for such dedication and service to the Church! Well done – all!

**A LETTER WILL BE READ AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND** in advance of *next week's* special collection to benefit those Catholic charities in the Diocese whose grant requests were rejected by the Federal Government Canada Summer Jobs Program because they did not sign a required attestation which, among other things, supported abortion. Primarily the special collection will help support the One-to-One C.Y.O. summer camp program, which provides an experience for children with serious mental and physical challenges by providing a camp counsellor for each child. It is too important a program to see close. Please be generous.

**THE SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CURA PASTORUM** (Care of the Shepherds), originally proposed for next weekend *has been cancelled* in favour of the special collection to assist those charities whose grant requests were rejected by the Federal Government Program. *Cura Pastorum* supports our retired Priests. We hope to find other ways to augment its funding this year.

**OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION** complete their canonical retreat this Sunday. The retreat began on Tuesday at Mount Mary Retreat Centre, Ancaster. John Andrade, Leonard Gallant, Mark Shaw, and Bert Tami will be ordained Deacons NEXT Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. We pray for them and their families as they begin Diaconal ministry!

**THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL** of the Catholic Women's League of Canada hold their annual convention at the Delta Hotel, Guelph, beginning tonight. Spiritual Advisor, Father John Redmond, will accompany them for the duration. The closing Mass will be celebrated at the Basilica of Our Lady at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Priests are invited to concelebrate and pray with and for the "Sisters in the League" whose good works benefit us all!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 16746** at St. Benedict Parish, Milton, celebrates its Charter Night on Saturday evening. We congratulate the Knights and offer good wishes for the continued growth of their Council at a time when the Parish prepares to build a new church! "All hands on deck!"

**TWENTY CONFIRMATION CEREMONIES** remain in the 2017-2018 Pastoral Year! I travel to St. Mary Parish, Owen Sound, for a celebration this evening, returning in time for two back-to-back celebrations at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Stoney Creek, tomorrow, and another at the Cathedral Basilica on Sunday. Episcopal Vicars, Father Michael King, Father Wayne Lobsinger, and Father Con O'Mahony, will be celebrating at Holy Rosary Parish, Guelph, St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo, and St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Elmira, respectively. Thanks once again to all who assure that the young people are so well prepared!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI