



## *Heart to Heart*

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**THE HOMELESS JESUS STATUE** in front of St. Patrick Church in Hamilton saved pedestrians from being hit by a run-a-way dump truck. The truck's brakes had failed. The statue was hit hard by the truck and broke into several pieces. Parishioners carefully gathered the pieces. The statue was repaired later in the week and placed back on the corner of King Street East and Victoria Avenue – all costs assumed by the trucking company. The story was covered by local media and on social media.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FOUR PERMANENT DEACONS** who will be ordained tomorrow at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Mark Shaw, Albert Tami, Leonard Gallant, and John Andrade have completed the four year program of preparation. We wish them well in their ministry as Deacons. Photos of the celebration will be available on our website.

**THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF PRIESTS** is on Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, *Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus*. On this day, all Priests are invited to rediscover the gift of the Priesthood and the joy of the mission entrusted to them. The Congregation for Clergy proposes that Priests reflect specially on the Gospel of the Transfiguration, and in particular the experience of the Apostles who encounter on Mount Tabor the luminous Face of the Lord! Please pray for the Priests who serve in the Diocese on this special day!

**MR. SHAWN GADSBY** has been appointed President of the St. Joseph's Lifecare Centre in Brantford (SJLCB) effective July 9, 2018. Shawn and his family are long-time residents of the Brantford/Brant community and he has extensive experience in the Long-Term Care sector. He served previously as President at St. Joseph's Villa in Dundas. We welcome him back to the St. Joe's family, and pray for God's blessing on his service!

**FATHER PIERRE-PHILIPPE JEAN-PIERRE** is returning to the Diocese of Hamilton on June 19<sup>th</sup>! He will serve as Associate Pastor with Father Ed Henhoeffler at St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Burlington. During his time in Haiti he built a beautiful church in his community, providing stability and dignity to the people he served. We look forward to his return and pray for his ministry among us!

**THE CANADIAN CAMPUS MINISTRY ASSOCIATION** holds its annual conference in Windsor, Ontario, June 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. Chaplains and Campus Ministers from our universities will be in attendance. Dr. Josephine Lombardi has been asked to present the Sherlock Lecture this year. Her address is entitled, "*The New Evangelization: Encountering Christ in Various Sectors.*" May it be a joy-filled gathering!

**"DYING HEALED"** is a program created to encourage people to offer practical and pastoral care to members of the community, especially those at the end of life. It explores the issue of euthanasia and assisted suicide, as well as end of life issues, from our Catholic perspective, and it encourages people to volunteer. This is an excellent Parish initiative to consider. Overview sessions are being held on June 6<sup>th</sup> at St Michael Parish in Waterloo, and June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Chancery Office, both from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Contact the Family Ministry Office for more information, or to register.

**THE CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION** seeks talented and committed board members to lead and strengthen their programs for youth and their families. Willing to contribute your time, thoughtfulness, and leadership one evening a month, beginning September 8<sup>th</sup>? Contact John Spatazzo at the CYO offices.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI