



Heart to Heart

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FR. CLARENCE HAUSER, PASTOR EXTRAORDINAIRE, C.R., DIED YESTERDAY, Feast of St. Peter and Paul! He will be sorely missed by his Resurrectionist confreres and by the priests of the Diocese who recognized him as a fine priest and a good friend. Even in his later years he took the time to show the young Father Rafal Tomon how to perfect his golf swing! May the Lord give him the reward due a good and faithful servant!

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF PRIESTS takes place TOMORROW, July 1st, Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Pope John Paul II began the tradition in 2002, with the hope that all Catholic faithful would pray for priests, and in particular, THEIR priests. We pray for the priests OF the Diocese and those who serve IN our Diocese. May God keep us all faithful to the ministry of announcing the Good News and serving our brothers and sisters!

CHANCERY OFFICE STAFF CELEBRATED THE ARRIVAL OF SUMMER with a barbeque luncheon in the garden of the Bishop's Residence on Wednesday afternoon. In this relaxed and joyful atmosphere we also bade farewell to Leonor Sorger who leaves the Refugee and Immigration Office after innumerable years of faithful service. She has saved many lives in that time. Her retirement, while sad for us, is well-deserved and timely. We offer sincere thanks for her service and wish her well!

CHALDEAN CATHOLICS ARE NOW UNDER THE JURISDICTION of the *Eparchy of Mar Addai of Toronto of the Chaldeans*. Their first Eparchial Bishop is the Most Reverend Hanna Zora, who was the Bishop of the Chaldean Eparchy of Ahwaz and a resident of Toronto. The news was published in Rome on June 10th. This news affects Chaldean communities in several cities in Canada, including Hamilton where about 500 parishioners attend a Chaldean Mass each Sunday at Blessed Sacrament Parish, and at St. Joseph's Portuguese Parish in Oakville, where about 200 parishioners attend the Chaldean Mass. We are grateful to have Father Niaz Toma as the Pastor who provides pastoral care here.

FR. ANTHONY AHN WILL BE MOVING TO THE DIOCESE OF CORNER BROOK and Labrador, on the invitation of Bishop Peter Hundt. He has served in our Diocese for the past three years and looks forward to this new experience in his life. We wish him well.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HOLY FAMILY PARISH, HAMILTON, on the occasion of the celebration of their 90th anniversary this past Sunday! Following a special 4 p.m. anniversary Mass, about 200 parishioners enjoyed a delicious meal served by students and later were treated to some entertainment. Father Michael McHugh, a son of the parish and now its Pastor, deserves thanks for encouraging and overseeing the event.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION EVENTS CONCLUDED THIS WEEK. More than 400 students from St. Thomas More High School in Hamilton received their diplomas on Tuesday evening, and almost the same number from St. Jean de Brebeuf High School on Wednesday evening. We can be justifiably proud of the thousands of young men and women who are graduating through our Catholic schools. Thanks and God's blessing on Boards, Administration, Teachers and Parents, who make Catholic schools special places where virtue and knowledge are valued and promoted!

I AM OFF TO OWEN SOUND FOR THE LONG WEEKEND! Father Dave Reilander has set up the itinerary which brings me to Lion's Head, Tobermory and Sauble Beach on Saturday, and on to Wiarton on Sunday. On Friday afternoon I will celebrate the arrival of summer with the priests of the Bruce-Grey Deanery. I am looking forward to it. Happy Canada Day to everyone!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI