



Heart to Heart

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THE HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD with the Diocese of Hamilton honoured the Religious Women who made such a significant contribution to Catholic Education over the past 165 years! A statue of Jesus in the arms of the Blessed Virgin Mary was blessed yesterday at the new Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Elementary School in Hannon. A commemorative plaque was blessed at the same time. Members of the Sisters of St. Joseph and the School Sisters of Notre Dame were present for the event and a representative from each community expressed gratitude. The ceremony concluded with a student choir singing Ave Maria – a touching moment! *THANK YOU TO THE SISTERS WHO SERVED IN OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS!*

THE HALTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD hosted this year's *Diocesan Catholic Education Mass* last evening at Holy Cross Parish in Georgetown. The evening began with an artistic retelling of the story of the development of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Hamilton by students from St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic High School, Oakville. At the conclusion of the Mass, during which prayers were offered for God's blessing on a new school year, an updated five-year partnership agreement was signed by Directors of Education of the seven Catholic School Boards, the President of St. Jerome's University and the Bishop of Hamilton. The evening concluded with a fine reception and delicious food!

ST. BRIGID CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN AYR, will be blessed on Sunday afternoon. The school is part of the Waterloo Catholic District School Board. We pray that it will be a safe and joyful place where faith and intellectual pursuit will be nurtured in the students who will study there!

FATHER IAN DUFFY IS ON SABBATICAL LEAVE at the North American College in Rome. He writes: *My sabbatical is going very well. Last week we were on pilgrimage in Cyprus following in the footsteps of Sts. Paul and Barnabas. Our guide really opened the Scriptures to us, and helped us to better understand St. Paul's mission to the Gentiles. It was amazing to see the tomb of St. Barnabas, and the tomb of St. Lazarus –his final tomb, not the one Jesus raised him from! ... May God bless you and everyone at home in the Diocese of Hamilton. We keep him in prayer for a safe and enriching sabbatical time!*

PRIESTS ARE REMINDED TO SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATIONS for the Annual Priests' Seminar scheduled to take place on October 24th, 25th, and 26th, at the Holiday Inn in Burlington. Father Ronald Rolheiser, OMI, President of Oblate College in San Antonio, Texas, is this year's presenter. In addition to his work at the University, he writes a weekly column which is published in many Catholic newspapers around the world. On the Thursday evening we will honour brother Priests who are celebrating 25th and 50th Anniversaries of Ordination. Your registration helps to complete the final details!

THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS gathers next week for the Annual Plenary meeting. The assembly takes place in Cornwall, Ontario. It will be the first of two meetings presided by Bishop Lionel Gendron of St. Jean-Longueuil Diocese. Please pray that the Holy Spirit be poured out on the participants, the guests and the Conference personnel!

ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES THEIR ANNUAL FEAST on Saturday, September 29th, beginning with Mass celebrated in the Notre Dame Chapel on campus, and followed by a reception and festive dinner. It is an opportunity to celebrate the many good things that happen at the University! Happy Feast Day!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI