



Heart to Heart

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OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH, HAMILTON, celebrated their 60th anniversary of foundation as a parish on the very date itself, last Tuesday, July 5th. Father Jim Petrie and the anniversary committee were pleased with the response -- and a beautiful evening it was! It was my first opportunity to meet the parishioners who were in a celebratory mood! Blessings upon the parish as you move toward your 100th anniversary!

THE PROVINCIAL CONVENTION OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE begins on Sunday at the Sheraton Hotel in Hamilton. The opening liturgy is at 7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of Christ the King. Priests are invited to concelebrate -- especially those who have League Councils in their parish. This will conclude the term of our own Shari Guinta as Provincial President, and, therefore the term of the Bishop of Hamilton as Provincial Spiritual Advisor. The new President and Provincial Council (Bishop Fred Colli will be their Spiritual Advisor) will be installed at a Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton on Wednesday. We wish them all God's blessing. The League accomplishes great good in the Diocese, in the Province, and across the country *FOR GOD AND CANADA!* May their convention be blessed!

IT IS VACATION TIME AND NOWHERE IS THAT MORE EVIDENT than in the missions attached to St. Mary's Parish in Owen Sound. The churches were chock full last weekend (the July 1st long weekend). The weather was perfect, the roads were good, the food was delicious, and the parishioners were in good form. The conditions were excellent for my first visit to the northern part of our Diocese -- one-third of the territory of the Diocese! I look forward to part two on the first weekend of August! I shall be sharing some photos of my trip on the diocesan website; please visit www.hamiltondiocese.com.

THE LATEST EDITION OF *INTER NOS* WILL BE MAILED OUT TODAY. Monsignor Vincent Kerr, Vicky Do Couto, and Pam Aleman have edited this issue which will keep you informed about "official" information from the Chancery!

THE CARMELITE NUNS AT THE CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH IN ST. AGATHA have a special Mass to celebrate the Feast of our Lady of Mount Carmel on July 17th, beginning at 2 p.m. We are grateful beyond words for the presence of the Sisters in our Diocese -- their prayers for us sustain us and our ministry. I look forward to this celebration!

THE SECOND SUMMER GATHERING FOR OUR SEMINARIANS will take place at my residence on July 24th. I look forward to welcoming the young men to my home -- they'll be doing the hard work -- leading the prayer, heating the BBQ, cooking the hot dogs, cleaning up! Their joy and enthusiasm is infectious -- and I look forward to "catching" some of it!!!

THE HAMILTON TIGER CATS ARE SCHEDULED TO WIN ON JULY 29th! That is the game that I will attend this year -- compliments of friends of the Diocese. It will be my introduction to this Hamilton summer experience. It should be fun!

HEART TO HEART WILL BE PUBLISHED INTERMITTENTLY during the summer. We will return to our regular *weekly* schedule on September 2nd. This will allow for vacations and the normal recreation that summer offers. Thanks to all for the affirmation you have given for this publication.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI