



## Heart to Heart

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**THE ENTIRE SPIRITUAL CARE TEAM** from the Hospitals of the St. Joseph's Health System met with me in Hamilton earlier this week to talk about their ministry and to share the impact of their vocation in their lives. It was a powerful and deeply moving experience for all. In thanking them for their service, I was able to emphasize the importance of their pastoral care especially at such a vulnerable time in the lives of patients! Thanks to all the Chaplains for their commitment to accompany and care!

*“CONGRATULATIONS to the Catholic Children’s Aid Society of Hamilton (CCASH), as you celebrate your 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of “Caring Beyond Belief!” I honour your important and remarkable work of “saving lives!” You are there when children need extra support in their lives. Remember the past 65 years with gratitude! Celebrate the anniversary with enthusiasm! Move forward into the future with confidence! May God bless your generous and compassionate service!”* A special anniversary Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, at the 4:00 p.m. Mass. All welcome! October is Child Abuse Prevention Month in Ontario. *October 24<sup>th</sup> is Dress Purple Day* marking the month!

**PASTORS ARE ASKED TO RSVP FOR A NEEDS ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP**, an important part of our preparations for the *One Heart, One Soul Campaign*. These workshops, which begin in November and take place at locations throughout the Diocese, are for Pastors and their key Parish volunteers. Details about the campaign and how it will work will be shared. The workshops will also begin the process for Parishes to discern their areas of need, which will form the basis for their campaign priorities. Please refer to your invitation for the dates and times of the workshops – and to RSVP!

**LAST SUNDAY, ST. PIUS X PARISH, BRANTFORD** celebrated the arrival of a Syrian Family of 6, sponsored through the BVOR Program. There were fun and games, and a healthy dose of managed chaos for the children. The Catholic Women’s League provided a buffet of edible delights! The young husband and wife expressed their gratitude to Father John Redmond, the team of sponsors, and the entire Parish for all their kindness and support during this time of settlement in Canada. A “good news” story!

**DOMINY WILLIAMS**, Director of the Bishop Farrell Library and Archives, announced a new post on the Library and Archives blog earlier this week! Do you know the connection between the Diocese of Hamilton and the new Saint, Archbishop Oscar Romero? Read the blog to find out: <https://bflhamiltondiocese.wordpress.com/2018/10/15/saint-oscar-romero/> It is well worth the read!

**THE CANADIAN CANON LAW SOCIETY** will hold its Annual Convention in Hamilton, beginning on Monday. It has meant that Father Adrian Lee, Judicial Vicar, and the personnel of the Marriage Tribunal Office have been busy with planning and preparation. Over 100 Canon Lawyers from across the country (and beyond) will attend the event. We offer them a warm welcome to the Diocese, and wish them a successful convention!

**THE 2018 CLERGY SEMINAR BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY EVENING**, October 24<sup>th</sup> and continues to noon on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Pray for our Priests, that this time together will nurture our vocations and our fraternity. Deaneries are discussing future directions for the Seminar. There will be NO Seminar next year; there will be a Convocation instead.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI