



Heart to Heart

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POPE FRANCIS HAS ARRIVED IN PANAMA for the celebration of World Youth Day 2019! The official opening took place last evening at Campo Santa Maria la Antigua in Panama, and continues through Sunday evening when the Holy Father will leave for Rome. There will be a flurry of activities over the weekend, including a visit to young detainees in a prison, the Way of the Cross, a Vigil celebration, the World Youth Day Mass on Sunday morning, and a meeting with volunteers. The theme for the gathering, chosen by Pope Francis, is “I am the servant of the Lord, let it be done to me according to your Word!” We pray for the young people who are participating in the WYD activities – and for the safe travel of the Holy Father!

WE CELEBRATE THE ARRIVAL OF ELIZABETH MARY ODOM, daughter of Vicky and Matt Odom, born yesterday! Vicky is the Administrative Assistant to Monsignor Murray Kroetsch and began a maternity leave just before Christmas. Elizabeth is their first child, and we celebrate the good news!

THE PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATES had their retreat at the Mount Carmel Centre in Niagara Falls last weekend. Deacon Stephen Pitre, Coordinator of Deacons for the Archdiocese of Toronto, facilitated the gathering. Bishop Gerard Bergie presided at the Rite of Candidacy for Clifford Dawson, Ewart Harris, Paul Klaassen, and Shawn Meaney, for the Diocese of Hamilton, and David Scott, for the Diocese of St. Catharines. Third year candidates, Joseph Gigliotti, Paul Mulligan, (Hamilton) and Thomas Dillion, (St. Catharines), were installed as Acolytes. We pray for the candidates and their wives!

ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD, the 2019 Diocese of Hamilton Youth Rally, opened its registration today! The Rally will take place at Bingemans in Kitchener, on May 25, 2019, and the registration fee is \$30. Chika Anyanwu is the keynote speaker. It will be a time of song, prayer, reflection, fun, and encounter with the Lord! The day is organized thanks to a collaboration between the Diocesan Youth Office and the Catholic Youth Organization of Hamilton! Register now! www.hamiltondioceseyouthrally.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Father Marijan Mihokovic, who is still in rehabilitation following a stroke suffered while on vacation late last year;

Father Ron Voisin, who suffered a heart attack before Christmas and who will be undergoing open heart surgery on January 31st;

Father Art Scidmore who is in the Juravinski Hospital in Hamilton undergoing medical tests.

ARCHBISHOP PETER HUNDT will be installed as archbishop of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, during a ceremony at the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist, next Tuesday, January 29th. Several Priests from Hamilton will travel to St. John's for the celebration. We pray for His Grace, that God will bless his ministry there!

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY CONCLUDES TODAY. It has been a time for the Christian community to pray as Christ himself did, “That they may be one ... “

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, *+ Douglas*, OMI