



## Heart to Heart

April 5, 2019 (#360)

**VOCALFEST 2019 IS A MUSICAL “EXTRAVAGANZA”** of the *Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board*. Drawing together vocal groups from the six Catholic High Schools in the Hamilton area at the *Bishop Ryan Performing Arts Theatre*, the young people literally “sang the day away”!!! Energy and enthusiasm abounded as the singers cheered each other on and encouraged every singer and every group – a true celebration of the students and the music that inspires them! Next week, *BR Xpression*, under the direction of music teacher Dave Tabone, presents another of their sensational evenings of music and fun. It is the culmination of a lot of commitment and hard work by the students! Don’t miss it!

**FOURTEEN PARISHES LAUNCH THE ONE HEART, ONE SOUL CAMPAIGN** this weekend! It is an exciting time for them – and the promise of a future of hope. Parishioners are being invited to generously support the special projects and programs which have been identified by their Campaign Committees. This *pilot wave* of the campaign will continue into July, when the first wave will begin. We pray for its success!

**TWO SPECIAL COLLECTIONS ARE TAKEN** as we come to the end of our Lenten observance! This Sunday is *Solidarity Sunday*. The special collection taken at all the Sunday Masses benefits primarily the projects of the *Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace*. The organization has been supporting development efforts in the global south for over 50 years. Consider a donation of \$40 – which equals one dollar for every day of Lent, and can represent 40 meals for the hungry! On *Good Friday*, the special collection supports the long-suffering Holy Land. Again, you are encouraged to be generous in supporting Christian projects and programs in the land where Jesus lived and taught! In a recent letter, Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, *Prefect for the Congregation for Eastern Churches*, transmitted “the deep gratitude of the Holy Father, Pope Francis for the prayer, sacrifice and almsgiving requested by the Church.”

**THE MASS OF CHRISM** is presided over by the Bishop and concelebrated by Priests from all parts of the Diocese. It is a sign of the unity and communion of the Priests with their Bishop. In the Diocese of Hamilton, the *Mass of Chrism* will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, on Monday, April 15, 2019, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Deacons, seminarians, and parishioners from all parts of the Diocese are invited to come to the Mass at which the Sacred Chrism will be consecrated and the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens is blessed. Priests who have responded to the invitation are also invited to gather for a festive dinner in McNally Hall at 4:00 p.m.

**LENA SETTIMI MARKED A SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE LAST WEEK.** March 28, 2019, was the 30th anniversary of her service at the Chancery Office! Lena is the Administrative Assistant in the Office for Family Ministry and works closely with Teresa Hartnett on organizing the many programs offered through the office! We offer our thanks for her committed service and our good wishes in the coming years!

**THE ANNUAL PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS FOR PRIESTS** who serve in the Diocese were posted on the Diocesan web site on Friday morning. Thank you to the Priests who are retiring this year, who will be leaving the Diocese after a time of service, and who have accepted new pastoral assignments.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR FATHER DAVID LEWIS** who received a new liver earlier this week. He is recovering from the surgery at University Hospital in London, Ontario. We continue to hold him in prayer.

**OUR SYMPATHY IS OFFERED TO THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH IN CANADA** on the death of Sister Veronica O’Reilly, C.S.J., first Congregational Leader of the newly configured Congregation. Sister Veronica entered the community in Peterborough in 1956 and spent most of her life as a dedicated and highly respected educator. May she rest in peace!

Our Lady of Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI