



## Heart to Heart

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**MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE** to Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith, Archbishop of Colombo, Sri Lanka, and to Bishop Julian Winston Sebastien Fernandes, Bishop of Badula and President of the Catholic Bishops Conference of Sri Lanka, have been sent from the Diocese of Hamilton and from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops! A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at Canadian Martyrs Parish, Hamilton, next Friday, May 3rd, beginning at 7:30 p.m., to pray for all who have been affected by this horror! *“May the souls of all who suffered such a tragic death, through the mercy of God, rest in peace! May those who mourn their loss experience the loving and strong support of the Christian community, indeed all people of good will, world-wide!”* (from the letter to Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith)

**PRIESTS ARE REMINDED TO RESPOND** to the invitation to the Ordination Mass, next Saturday, May 4th. Your response helps assure the availability of sufficient chasubles and seating for the ceremony. Deacons Gregory Merkley, Vivek Trindade and John Schnurr will be ordained at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at a ceremony that begins at 11 a.m. It is a blessing for our Diocese! See you there!

**DEACON RAPHAEL AMBROSE MA, C.R.**, will be ordained Priest on June 15, 2019, by Bishop Wieslaw Spiewak, C.R., at St. Mary Church, Kitchener. The ceremony begins at 11:00 a.m. We offer our congratulations and good wishes to Deacon Raphael, and to the Resurrectionist community who have served the Diocese of Hamilton so generously for so many years! May it be a time of rejoicing!

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK** will be celebrated across Ontario, May 7-11, 2019. A video message to our Parishes, schools, family and the broader community will be available on our website. The theme of the week: *Living as Joyful Disciples*, is inspired by last year’s letter from the Ontario Catholic Bishops entitled *Renewing the Promise!* Thank you to all who support Catholic Education in Ontario – we have been at it for a long time – building a better world!

**THE ANNUAL “MARCH FOR LIFE”** to the parliament buildings in Ottawa, takes place on Thursday, May 9th. *Hamilton Right to Life* sponsors a bus from Hamilton to Ottawa-same day return (leaves at 6:00 a.m., returns at 10:00 p.m.) for those who wish to participate in the march. Want to join in? Contact [hamiltonrighttolife@outlook.com](mailto:hamiltonrighttolife@outlook.com)

**A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF CHRIST THE KING** will be launched on Thursday, May 9th. *“A Children’s View of the Cathedral Basilica”* is a joint project of the Diocese of Hamilton and the Waterloo Catholic District School Board. It is a remarkable accomplishment of joyful collaboration, a testament to the positive capabilities of technology, and a witness to the dedication of teachers who love to encourage the creative energy of the students in our Catholic schools! Be sure to check it out!

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** continues: On Saturday morning at St. Anthony Parish in Kincardine; in the afternoon at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Hamilton; on Sunday afternoon at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown; and next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at St. Raphael Parish in Burlington! Remember to pray for the Confirmandi who receive the gift of the Holy Spirit to “renew the face of the earth”!

Our Lady of Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI