



Heart to Heart

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THE FRANCIS IMPACT is the title of the most recent documentary on Pope Francis produced by *Salt and Light Television*. Sequel to its documentary *The Francis Effect*, it has been programmed for several showings each week on their website or on their television channel. It is a highly emotional and very informative presentation which Pope Francis himself concludes! It is too good to miss!

THE CCCB NATIONAL WEEK FOR LIFE AND FAMILY ends this weekend. We celebrate all families and the love they share. Family is the place where each person begins their journey, and through the family many are brought to the faith and to the Church, our greater family! The theme for this week has been "*Listening to the Gospel as a Family*", which, when done, can transform us into living the Gospel together as a family. The special week is meant to highlight the importance of life and family.

THE 99TH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada takes place NEXT weekend at the Delta Hotel in Guelph. It is always a boisterous and joy-filled time for sisters-in-the-League! The event opens with Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate on May 24th, at 7:30 p.m. The meetings begin in earnest at 8:00 a.m., Saturday. And the closing Mass is on Sunday at Holy Rosary Church in Guelph at 3:00 p.m., followed by a celebratory banquet. Thank you to League members who do so much good all year long in the Diocese of Hamilton!

MR. GARY PAYNE has been appointed Director of Spiritual Care for *St. Joseph's Health System*. The appointment was announced late last month and is effective immediately. Gary has served the Health System as Director of Spiritual Care at St. Joseph's Healthcare, Hamilton and at St. Mary's Hospital, Kitchener. We congratulate him on this most recent appointment and wish him well in his ministry among us!

REGISTRATIONS FOR THE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS CONTINUE. To date over 400 couples have registered to celebrate their 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th plus, anniversary at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Sunday, June 2, 2019, beginning at 1:30 p.m. We pray in thanksgiving with the couples and their families, and wish them rich blessings!

FIVE SEMINARIANS WILL BE ORDAINED DEACONS at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Thursday, June 20th. Paul Edmondstone, Pawel Stankiewicz, Hayden Starczala, Francisco Sordo, and Robin Mendonca have petitioned and been called to the Diaconate. It will be a moving celebration. Join us at 7:00 p.m.!

THE FIRST WEEK OF RETREAT for Priests serving in the Diocese of Hamilton takes place next week at the Mount Carmel Spirituality Centre in Niagara Falls. Archbishop Peter Hundt, from St. John's, is the director of the retreat. We pray for our Priests, that God might bless them richly! The following week, Monsignor Frank Leo, General Secretary of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, will be the retreat preacher.

THE CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION (CYO) formally blesses their new dining room next Thursday, May 23rd, at noon. The dining hall was out of commission all last summer as the renovations took place. The updated facility is larger and more beautiful than ever – and the food preparation area is gleaming! Thank you to all who contributed to the renovation – and to the campers who patiently endured last summer's meals!

Our Lady of Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, *+Douglas*, OMI