



Heart to Heart

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HUNTER HALL – THE NEW KITCHEN AND DINING FACILITY at Camp Brebeuf was officially opened and blessed yesterday. The hall was named in honour of Hunter Goemans who died in a tragic accident a few years ago. Dark clouds threatened rain, but when the speeches began the sun broke through – and the ribbon was cut! Inside the new dining hall was bright and clean and beautiful. Hunter Hall is ready to welcome hungry campers! Congratulations to the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) on the completion of this major improvement at the camp. The pool – done! The kitchen and dining hall – done! Now for the improvements to the cottages!

ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD – THE 2019 DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY takes place this weekend at Bingemans, Kitchener. Over 300 young people will spend the day listening to motivational speaker, Chika Anyanwu, reflecting on the Word of God, singing it up, and meeting new friends. May it be a time of blessing for all the participants. #RallyUp!

THE 99TH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada gets underway tonight at the Delta Hotel in Guelph. The gathering is always lively, sisters in the League celebrating the good works that have been accomplished throughout the Diocese over the past year. Thank you for all you do! We look forward to the historic 100TH!

THE 11TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Canadian Catholic Physicians and Societies takes place next weekend, May 31 – June 2, at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto. The theme of the conference is *Things Visible and Invisible*. There is a long list of interesting speakers including our own Dr. Moira McQueen, and Dr. Josie Lombardi. Should be an interesting conference! We wish you well!

JUST TWELVE CELEBRATIONS OF CONFIRMATION REMAIN in the Diocese of Hamilton. Four will be celebrated this weekend: St. Anne Parish and St. Joseph Parish, Kitchener, St. Dominic Parish, Oakville, and St. Peter Yu Parish, Hamilton. We continue to pray for the Confirmandi throughout the Diocese. Thank you to the Pastors, Teachers, Lay Pastoral Ministers, and Catechists for assuring the candidates are so well prepared!

CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER DAVID PERRIN on the publication of his latest book *The 20-Minute Retreat*. It will be released on September 1, 2019, by Novalis in Canada and Twenty-Third Publications in the United States. *"Drawing primarily from the experiences of Christian saints throughout the ages, biblical stories, as well as Father David's personal experiences, this book engages what it means for us to live life deeply with God in today's world!"*

PRAY FOR THE PRIESTS WHO WILL BE ON RETREAT NEXT WEEK at the Mount Carmel Spirituality Centre in Niagara Falls. Monsignor Frank Leo, General Secretary of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, will direct the retreat along the theme, *Mary in the life of the Priest*. May it be a time of blessing!

Our Lady of Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI