



## *Heart to Heart*

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**CONVERSATIONS AT ARDREE** are scheduled to begin on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and October 11<sup>th</sup> are all full. Seventeen participants have been assigned for each of these days. A confirmation will be sent to participants in these first sessions shortly. We are still awaiting responses from about 27 priests to complete the roster for the November dates. I am looking forward to these gatherings at my home and to getting to know you better!

**THE RED MASS**, under the auspices of the St. Thomas More Lawyers' Guild, takes place at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral followed by a breakfast at which I am the guest speaker. I am looking forward to celebrating with members of the Judiciary, the legal profession, civic officials as well as representatives of the Police and public services. Thanks to Monsignor Vincent Kerr, Guild Chaplain, for coordinating the event.

**A WARM WELCOME TO THE CCCB EXECUTIVE** which meets in the Chancery Office *Plate Room* next Wednesday. The Bishops arrive on Monday evening and will enjoy a day golfing on the links in Waterloo on Tuesday. On Tuesday evening, Bishop Pierre Morissette will be fêted and thanked for his service as CCCB President for the past two years. His term ends at the October plenary meeting. Archbishop Richard Smith (Edmonton) is Vice-President, Bishop Paul-André Durocher (Alexandria-Cornwall) is Co-Treasurer with me. Monsignor Pat Powers is General Secretary and Mr. Bede Hubbard is Associate General Secretary.

**YOUR RIGHT TO BE HEARD: A Guide to the Ontario Election – 2011** is posted on the web site of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario (ACBO) – [www.acbo.on.ca](http://www.acbo.on.ca) Parishioners might be encouraged to read the document published by The Assembly's Social Affairs Commission. You may also wish to print the document in order to have hard copies available.

**NEXT FRIDAY THE CHANCERY STAFF MARKS THE NEW PASTORAL YEAR** with a special breakfast at which Bishop Tonnos will be guest of honour. The occasion will give the staff an opportunity to congratulate him on the occasion of his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of priesthood which he marked this year.

**THE DIOCESE IS ADVERTISING FOR THE POSITION OF *COMPTROLLER*** to assist with our financial administration. The ad will appear in The Hamilton Spectator and The Kitchener-Waterloo Record on Saturday and Wednesday for the coming two weeks. It has also been posted on our Diocesan website on the top ribbon under 'Careers'. If you know of a capable candidate please encourage them to consider the position.

**THE IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE OFFICE IS CELEBRATING THE ARRIVAL** of an Iraqi couple from Baghdad via Amman, Jordan, on September 8<sup>th</sup>. The documentation and approvals took about 20 months to complete – considered to be relatively fast! The quiet but steady work of this particular Pastoral Office is deeply appreciated by those whose lives are forever changed by such help! Parishes (parishioners) are encouraged to consider sponsoring refugees – it takes a bit of work, but is very rewarding.

**FOUNDATIONS FOR MINISTRY (Part I) Hamilton**, which has been offered through the Chancery yearly, may have to be cancelled this year due to lack of participants in the Hamilton program (only 3 to date). Any Hamilton parishioners who might be interested in participating are asked to contact David Dayler at their earliest convenience. The program at St. Michael's Parish in Waterloo has a full complement of participants and will proceed as usual.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, *Douglas*, OMI