



Heart to Heart

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THIS YEAR'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS LAST SUNDAY was a remarkably blessed event. 400 couples represented 18,574 years of married life – a powerful witness! One couple celebrated their 72nd anniversary! Congratulations and thanks to Teresa Hartnett and Lena Settimi, from the Diocesan Family Ministry Office for the success of this year's celebration. As it happened, Teresa and Joe Harnett celebrated their 40th anniversary! Another important reason to celebrate!

DEACON RAPHAEL MA, C.R., WILL BE ORDAINED A PRIEST on Saturday, June 15th, at St. Mary Parish in Kitchener. Bishop Wieslaw Spiewak, C.R., Bishop of Hamilton, Bermuda, will be the ordaining Bishop. Following the ordination, Father Ma will be appointed Associate Pastor at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Kitchener. We offer our congratulations and best wishes to him! May God bless his priestly service!

FIVE HAMILTON DIOCESAN SEMINARIANS WILL BE ORDAINED DEACONS on Thursday evening at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Paul Edmondstone, Robin Mendonca, Francisco Sordo, Pawel Stankiewicz, and Hayden Starczala will be ordained during a Mass that will begin at 7:00 p.m. The new Deacons will complete their final year of seminary studies beginning in the Fall. We are grateful for their response to the call and wish them well in the coming year!

JOHN WOODS HAS BEEN APPOINTED THE INTERIM PRESIDENT for St. Mary's Hospital in Kitchener. The appointment was announced earlier this week by Dr. Tom Stewart, the President of St. Joseph's Health System. Current President for St. Mary's, Dr. Andrew Falconer, returns to Ottawa in July to take on the responsibility as Chief Executive Officer of the Queensway Carleton Hospital. The search begins now for a permanent President for St. Mary's. Our thanks and good wishes to John!

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH IN DUNDALK celebrates its 125th Anniversary on Sunday. Former Pastors and Sisters who have served the Parish will be honoured as part of the celebration. Following the Mass, Father Paul Vellimoozhayil, S.J., has organized a potluck meal for the community. We pray for good weather! Congratulations!

ST. PATRICK PARISH IN BURLINGTON celebrates its 50th Anniversary on Saturday. Former Pastor, Monsignor Raymond Modeski, who celebrates his 50th anniversary of priestly ordination plans to be present for the "doings". The Mass will be followed by a celebratory dinner. May it be a joyful event!

ST. JEROME UNIVERSITY will honour outgoing President, Dr. Katherine Bergman and Chancellor, James Beingessner at a reception on June 20th. Father Con O'Mahony, Episcopal Vicar for Catholic Education, will represent the Diocese and present both honorees with the *Diocesan Medal of Honour* for their dedicated service to the University. Our sincere thanks to both!

THE LAST CONFIRMATION FOR THE 2018-2019 PASTORAL YEAR was celebrated last evening at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. It was the last of three groups of candidates from Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Stoney Creek. Sincere thanks to all Pastors, Parents, Sponsors, Catechists, and Teachers from across the Diocese who assured that the young people who presented themselves this year for the Sacrament were well-prepared. By using the many gifts, talents and charisms poured out on them by the Holy Spirit, may they "renew the face of the earth"!

Our Lady of Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI