



Heart to Heart

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THE NEW MARIAN CHAPEL AT ST. PETER'S SEMINARY is dedicated to Our Lady of the Annunciation as an expression of gratitude for the assistance of the Diocese of Hamilton with the renovation of the building. The Chapel dedication occurred on Tuesday following a meeting of the Seminary Board of Directors. A beautiful tapestry of the Annunciation, a gift from the Diocese of Hamilton, was hung in the Chapel prior to the dedication. The renovation of the building continues until next Spring when the Seminary will celebrate its completion at the Alumni Reunion 2020!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FIVE NEW DEACONS who were ordained last evening at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Deacons Paul Edmondstone, Robin Mendonca, Francisco Sordo, Pawel Stankiewicz, and Hayden Starczala have been assigned to Parishes in the Diocese for the summer months. They will return to their Seminaries in the Fall to complete their theological studies. We wish them well!

THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH were honoured by the Brothers of St. John of God at a Mass followed by a BBQ. Several Sisters are preparing to move from Hamilton to the convent in London, while others will be leaving St. Joseph's Convent in Dundas and moving to Tansley Woods Seniors' Residence in Burlington. Words of thanks were offered by the Brothers and by the Sisters. The moves will take place during the summer months. We offer our good wishes!

MR. GARY O'DONNELL has been appointed the Director of Education for the Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board, replacing Mr. Jamie McKinnon, who has accepted the role of Principal at St. Michael's College School in Toronto. Mr. O'Donnell is presently a Superintendent of Education with the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board. He takes up his new responsibilities on July 28, 2019. Our best wishes and prayers are with both of these men.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH, HAMILTON, celebrates its 125th Anniversary on June 24th! An anniversary Mass will be celebrated on September 15th, at 11:00 a.m. Historically, St. Joseph's has had a strong presence in southwest Hamilton and can be very proud of their heritage. Their archives are filled with wonderful photos and stories that will be shared with parishioners. Our thanks to the Congregation of the Resurrection, and in particular Father Jim Link, for their presence and ministry in the Parish over so many years!

ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY holds its annual Bishop's BBQ next Tuesday. It marks the beginning of Summer and gives me the opportunity to thank the faculty and staff of St. Jerome's for their commitment to Catholic Education! It is always a joyful experience – and the weather is always good!

THE SECOND ANNUAL BISHOP'S GOLF TOURNEY takes place next WEDNESDAY at Glen Abbey Golf Club in Oakville. The beneficiary of the tournament is the DeMazenod Door at St. Patrick Parish, which provides nourishing meals to hundreds of needy people every day, 365 days a year! I will greet the golfers on the Third Tee-off – which is also the “hole-in-one” effort. Only a few of the shots made it to the green last year, the closest being Father Mark Gatto. He's hoping for gold this year!

REMEMBER ROBERT SCHULLER AND THE HOUR OF POWER at the Crystal Cathedral? The Diocese of Orange in California bought the buildings, renamed it *Christ Cathedral*, and undertook a major renovation to make it a Catholic Cathedral. It will be dedicated mid-July. Father David Wynen and I will attend the long-awaited event, and have the opportunity to tour the place. May it be a blessing for the Church in Western United States!

Our Lady of Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI