



Heart to Heart

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32 TEAMS GATHERED for the Bishop's Charities Invitational Golf Tournament on Wednesday at the iconic Glen Abbey Golf Club in Oakville. The weather was perfect for the tourney: sunny all day, with a slight breeze. There was added excitement when 26 year-old Joshua Santucci hit a hole-in-one on hole number three – and won \$20,000! His team, and several Chancery personnel volunteering for the day (including me), were witnesses to the exciting event. Once the teams had all completed the 18-hole course, there was a delicious lunch at which prize winners were announced. Thanks to the all the Sponsors, and especially Presenting Sponsor *Tripemco Insurance*, for their generosity – all in aid of DeMazenod Door at St. Patrick Parish and St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School where hundreds of needy folks are fed everyday!

THE PILOT WAVE OF THE ONE HEART, ONE SOUL CAMPAIGN is drawing to a close, and Wave 1 Parishes are beginning their efforts. Pilot wave Parishes have raised just under \$5 Million dollars, exceeding their combined minimum goal of \$4.6 Million. This brings our total funds raised to just over \$6.5 Million dollars. Congratulations to the Pastors and volunteers, and heartfelt thanks to parishioners for their generosity!

MR. JAMIE MACKINNON RECEIVED THE DIOCESAN MEDAL OF HONOUR at a Mass and reception as he completes 32 years of service to Catholic Education in the Diocese of Hamilton, most recently as Director of Education for the Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board. We wish him well as he heads to St. Michael's College School in Toronto. Earlier in the week, Beverley Eckensweiler, Chair of the Board, announced that Mr. Gary O'Donnell, Superintendent of Education with the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board, has been appointed the new Director of Education, to succeed Mr. MacKinnon. We offer our congratulations!

MAUREEN ELLIS WAS FETED LAST WEEK BY FRIENDS AND CO-WORKERS on her retirement as President and CEO of the St. Joseph's Villa Foundation. Monsignor Murray Kroetsch presented her with the Diocesan Medal of Honour for her 37 years of service with St. Joseph's Villa and St. Joseph's Villa Foundation. She will complete the Gift of Love Campaign which benefits the future hospice. Her commitment to the Villa is second to none! We wish her well.

LONG TIME PARISH WORKER, DORIS IPPOLITO, DIED ON TUESDAY. Employed for years as the bookkeeper for St. Patrick Parish, Hamilton, she was known and appreciated by many Priests and parishioners! For over 20 years she was a leader in the Charismatic Renewal. We offer our sympathies to her husband Alphonso and other family members. May she rest in peace!

MOVING DAY FOR PRIESTS WAS WEDNESDAY and, for the most part, it went without a hitch! Now it is a time to settle in to new realities, for getting to know new parishioners, and for planning and preparation for a new pastoral year which begins in September!

THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDS TODAY for High School and Elementary School students! We wish them, teachers, staff, and school administrators a restful and restorative summer! Take time to enjoy the warmer summer weather!

I WILL BE VISITING NIGERIA, GHANA, AND BENIN for two weeks, end-July, early August. I have been invited by the Bishops to come to experience their hospitality and visit their communities. Thanks to Father Jonas Ahouansou and Father Andrew Quarshie who helped organize the visit. I am looking forward to the experience. Please pray for safe travel!

SUMMER HOURS FOR THE CHANCERY begin next week, July 2nd. Mondays to Thursdays, the Chancery will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. On Fridays, office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Since July 1st, is Canada Day – a day to celebrate our “home and native land”, the Chancery will be closed.

THIS IS THE LAST PUBLICATION OF HEART TO HEART FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS. We will pick up again on September 6th, after Labour Day! We will publish Heart to Heart during the summer if/when there is anything “newsworthy”!

Our Lady of Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI