



Heart to Heart

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“YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO COME TO A MARVELOUS PLACE – UNIVERSITY! ... You have chosen a Catholic university; be emboldened by its vision to educate students to become informed, courageous citizens who have the humility to work together for the common good and the courage to lead by example to build a more just and peaceful society. In the end, choose to act and not be passive.” *Excerpt from the first address of Chancellor Bruce Rodriguez, St. Jerome University, Waterloo.*

THE FIRST-EVER NATIONAL CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE WEEK will be celebrated from Sunday, October 6th to Saturday, October 12, 2019. Information from the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada has been sent to our Parishes so parishioners are informed about the gift of Catholic health care in Canada. The CHAC is promoting an *Awaken initiative*, which gives insight into the history and blessing of Catholic health care. In the Hamilton Diocese, we are eternally grateful for the great legacy of the Sisters of St. Joseph – the St. Joseph Health Care System!

THE CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is sponsoring four workshops in Hamilton Diocese at which their Fall campaign, *For our COMMON HOME*, will be introduced. Tuesday, October 1st, 7-9 at Annunciation of Our Lord Parish, Hamilton; Thursday, October 3rd, 7-9 at Holy Rosary Parish, Guelph; Tuesday, October 8th, 7-9 at St. Raphael Parish, Burlington; and Wednesday, October 16th, 7-9 at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener. Participants will discover how the Church is responding to climate change and how they can get involved! Workshops are free and all are welcome!

FAREWELL TO FATHER MICHAEL YOUNGHOON KIM, Pastor of St. Peter Yu Korean Parish in Hamilton. He returns to his diocese in Korea after a four-year term here. Under his leadership the Korean community has flourished. He oversaw improvements to the Chapel and helped the Parish celebrate its 25th Anniversary. Welcome to Father Kiwook Kim, who has been appointed Pastor effective October 4, 2019.

THANK YOU AND FAREWELL TO FATHER JASON KUNTZ who has served as Administrator of Immaculate Conception Parish in Formosa for most of the summer months. At the end of September he returns to Rome where he will complete his studies in Moral Theology. We wish him well. Father Michael Anderson has been reappointed Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish effective October 26, 2019. We welcome him back!

THE ANNUAL PLENARY MEETING of The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) takes place next week at the NAV-CANADA CENTRE in Cornwall. The gathering of Bishops from across the country provides occasion for discussion of mutual concerns and common programs. We pray that decisions will be guided by the Holy Spirit.

THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN VOCATION MASS takes place this Sunday at the Basilica of Our Lady in Guelph, beginning at 2 p.m. The Mass is sponsored by the Catholic Women’s League, the Knights of Columbus, and the Serra Club. Join us as we pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life!

THE STAR AWARDS GALA sponsored by James Montague takes place tomorrow evening at the Holiday Inn Oakville Centre. It is an exciting evening where people are celebrated who have not let challenges that life often offers up hold them back. Everyone deserves to be honoured! Congratulations to the honourees – and to James for being the inspiration he is for so many!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI