



## Heart to Heart

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**THE NATIONAL EVANGELIZATION TEAM (N.E.T.)** has been on mission in the Diocese of Hamilton for the past two weeks. Based in Ottawa, NET Ministries sends several teams across the country to reach out to young people in creative ways. One of the teams has served in several parishes in the Diocese since September. There has been only positive feedback from the three Deaneries and two Catholic District School Boards where they have served. They conclude their time with us this weekend at St. Patrick and Most Blessed Sacrament Parishes, Hamilton.

**NEXT WEDNESDAY**, October 16<sup>th</sup>, over 100 women and men in Consecrated Life who reside and minister in the Diocese of Hamilton, will gather in McNally Hall at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King to celebrate religious life! After a time of prayer and a meal, Dr. Eric Mabrey will speak about the spirituality of Pope Francis. The gathering is an opportunity to express gratitude to the Sisters, Brothers, and Priests for their presence and ministry in the Diocese, which is such a blessing for parishioners!

**THE CURSILLO MOVEMENT** is alive and well in the Diocese of Hamilton! The 82<sup>nd</sup> Men's Cursillo is scheduled to take place in Deemerton next weekend, October 17-20. We pray for God's blessing on the event. The candidates come from across the Diocese. Father Gary Schlack, Pastor of Holy Family Parish in Hanover, serves also as the Spiritual Director for Cursillo. 40 to 60 Cursillistas gather every Saturday morning from 8 to 9 at St. Anthony Daniel Church in Kitchener for their Ultreya – a time of prayer, learning and sharing faith. It has been going on for the past 35 to 40 years! DeColores!!!

**THIS WEEKEND FATHER ROSS CAMPBELL AND FATHER FRANK FREITAS** will be installed (liturgically) as Pastors in their respective Parishes. Father Campbell is Pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Cambridge and Father Freitas is Pastor of St. Michael Parish in Waterloo. We pray in thanksgiving for both, that God will bless their ministries and make their Parishes lively centres of faith in their communities!

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR ST. PETER'S SEMINARY IN LONDON** meets on Tuesday afternoon. This is the first of four meetings of the Board during the formation year. Father Martin Vallely and I are Directors on the Board, and Mr. Jim Long serves on the Finance Committee of the Seminary. Many of our 15 seminarians study at St. Peter's Seminary. Keep them in your prayers!

**BLESSED CARDINAL JOHN HENRY NEWMAN WILL BE CANONIZED ON SUNDAY** by Pope Francis at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Thousands of pilgrims are making their way from England and more specifically from the Diocese of Birmingham. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Anglican Church of Canada have issued a joint [statement](#) of thanksgiving for his Christian witness to the world. The statement is signed by Archbishop Richard Gagnon, President of the CCCB, and Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Primate of the ACC.

**THE SECOND COHORT FOR FROM INFORMATION TO TRANSFORMATION** has their final gathering NEXT Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. The leadership program is sponsored by the Partnership for Catholic Education which is made up of the seven Catholic District School Boards, St. Jerome University, and the Diocese of Hamilton. It runs over two years and brings together 25 dedicated participants. Congratulations on seeing the program through to the end!

**“LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD!”** “It is right and just, *our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks*, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.” We have much for which to give thanks! Let us do so especially this weekend!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI