



## Heart to Heart

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**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** is celebrated this Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>! This year it is marked in the context of the Extraordinary Mission Month which was inaugurated by Pope Francis on October 1<sup>st</sup>. *“The missionary mandate touches us personally: I am a mission, always; you are a mission, always; every baptized man and woman is a mission. People in love never stand still: they are drawn out of themselves; they are attracted and attract others in turn; they give themselves to others and build relationships that are life-giving. As far as God’s love is concerned, no one is useless or insignificant. Each of us is a mission to the world, for each of us is the fruit of God’s love!”* (Excerpt from Pope Francis’ letter of June 9, 2019, Pentecost Sunday, in which he convoked the Extraordinary Mission Month.)

**PRIESTS ARE REMINDED OF THE CONVOCATION** scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Basilica of Our Lady! It begins at 1:30 p.m. Following the Convocation, we will celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of Priesthood at a Mass of Thanksgiving and banquet. If you have not already responded to the invitation sent late last month, please do so today. It is especially important to assure that we are prepared for your arrival.

**OVER 100 SISTERS, BROTHERS AND PRIESTS** gathered in McNally Hall at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King for a *Celebration of Consecrated Life*. Father Wayne Lobsinger, Episcopal Vicar for Consecrated Life, hosted the event and welcomed participants, lead the Evening Prayer, and invited those who had arrived in the Diocese after a similar gathering in 2017 to introduce themselves. Following a delicious meal served by dedicated Cathedral parishioners, a member of each community presented current “news” in the life of their community. Dr. Eric Mabry spoke eloquently on the Christology of Pope Francis. It was a lively and informative presentation! We are blessed by the many Consecrated women and men whose presence and ministry in the Diocese enriches us all!

**WELCOME TO FATHER KIWOOK KIM** who assumes his duties as the new Pastor of St. Peter Yu Korean Catholic Parish in Hamilton. Father Kim visited the Chancery earlier today, along with Jason Lee, faithful translator, to meet with me and to assure us of his joy in serving here for the coming few years. We welcome him warmly!

**RECIPIENTS OF THE 2019 AWARD** for distinguished service to Catholic education were announced earlier this week by Dave Hansen, Director of Education for the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board. This year’s recipients are: Roman Caruk, Retired Teacher; Jos Nederveen, Retired Teacher; Michael Prokopich, Retired Superintendent, and Regina Mundi Catholic Women’s League, on behalf of Hamilton Parish Catholic Women’s Leagues. The Awards will be presented on November 26<sup>th</sup>, following a liturgy at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Congratulations to the well-deserving honourees!!!

**GARY PAYNE, DIRECTOR OF SPIRITUAL CARE** for the St. Joseph’s Health System, has published an impressive poster of all 29 of the Spiritual Care providers at the various sites throughout the System. The poster will be prominently displayed at all of the System organizations during *Spiritual Care Awareness Week* (October 21-25). The entire group will gather at the Chancery Office on October 23<sup>rd</sup> to meet with me, to share about their ministry, and to enjoy a lunch together. Dr. Tom Stewart, President and CEO of the SJHS, will join us! It is an important opportunity to thank the team for being a caring presence, providing reassurance of God’s abiding love when health fails!

**THE SAME DR. TOM STEWART** announced the appointment of Ms. Lee Fairclough as the incoming President of St. Mary’s General Hospital. John Woods, Interim President at St. Mary’s, will continue to lead St. Mary’s until early January 2020 when Ms. Fairclough begins her role. We congratulate the incoming President and wish her well, and we thank the interim President for providing excellent leadership and assuring quality health care at St. Mary’s.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, *+ Douglas*, OMI