



Heart to Heart

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MORE THAN 20 MEMBERS OF THE SPIRITUAL CARE TEAM for St. Joseph's Health System under the direction of System Manager of Spiritual Care, Gary Payne, gathered with me in the Bishops' Board Room at the Chancery Office on Wednesday as part of the celebration of *Spiritual Care Awareness Week*. All health care sites were represented at the gathering. Dr. Tom Stewart, President and CEO of St. Joseph's Health System was also present. Earlier in the week he wrote a [letter](#) in which he expressed his admiration for the work of the Spiritual Care providers in our health care institutions! Stories were shared that touched the heart. Prayers were said that touched the soul. A meal was served that nourished the body. And photos were taken to remind us of a blessed time together!

THE BISHOPS' BOWL TAKES PLACE TODAY AT 3:00 P.M.! The new trophy will be won at the junior level, by the winner of the annual regular season game between the *Bishop Tonnos Titans* and the *Bishop Ryan Celtics*. The Titans junior football Coach, Anthony Macaluso, said, "It is to highlight the contribution of the two Bishops, Bishop Ryan and Bishop Tonnos, after whom the schools are named!" The Bishops' Bowl will bring a greater excitement to the game which already enjoys a friendly rivalry!

A PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION NIGHT will be offered on Monday, November 4th, at the Chancery Office in Hamilton, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Interested in serving the Church as a Permanent Deacon? All the information you need will be provided at the session. Please RSVP to Deacon Joseph DiLoreto at 905-528-7988 (x 2258) or at diaconateformation@hamiltondiocese.com.

THE CANADIAN ROSARY BRIGADE began to make Rosaries in St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo, on October 19, 2009. Subsequently they made Rosaries in several Catholic elementary schools in the Waterloo Catholic District School Board, and eventually all five of the Catholic secondary schools in the Board. On average the group makes about 5000 Rosaries per year, leaving them in the back of Church in the Waterloo region, sharing them with other groups, including two Legions of Mary, and the Canadian Armed Forces. There are 12 members of the group who meet weekly. Congratulations on your 10th anniversary! May you be richly blessed for your service!

CONGRATULATIONS TO GAGAN GREWAL AND HER HUSBAND SUKHPAL on the birth of baby girl Jeeya Jap Kaur Gill, on October 9, 2019, at 9:03 a.m. Recently, Nicole Laczko visited the Chancery with her beautiful twin girls. We have had a blessing of babies this year at the Chancery. We anxiously await news from Christina Mines who has begun her maternity leave. Janine Doyle, wife of Francis, is expecting their fourth child late in December or early January. Plans are being made for a children's Christmas party at the Chancery in December. It should be a noisy celebration!

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FROM WALKERTON celebrate their 100th Anniversary as a Council this Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Parish. Later in the day the Knights of the Northern Zone celebrate their annual Bishop's Dinner at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Port Elgin. Thanks to the Knights for their consistent good work in the Diocese!

THE 2019 CONVENTION OF THE CATHOLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO began yesterday in Toronto and concludes today with their Annual General Meeting. It is always an interesting time to meet others engaged in providing Catholic health care throughout the Province. We share vision and values, and the convention is a time to update and renew our common mission. Pray for the health care providers in our Catholic hospitals!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, *Fr. Douglas*, OMI