



Heart to Heart

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GERALD CYPRIEN CARDINAL LACROIX, Archbishop of Quebec and Primate for Canada is visiting the Diocese next weekend. He will accompany the relic of St. Francois de Laval, first Bishop of New France. Next Friday he will visit the Carmel of St. Joseph in the morning and the Precious Blood Monastery in the afternoon. He will preach at all the Masses at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on the Titular Feast, and he will preside at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. We welcome him warmly and we look forward to learning more about the saintly and historic Bishop Laval.

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES IS 70 YEARS OLD! Director Cindy Kinnon is holding a celebratory tea party at their Main Street head office next Tuesday afternoon. It will be an opportunity to offer expressions of gratitude to the organization for the care and attention they have offered to people in need over those years. In recent years the agency has redesigned where and how their services are offered, always striving to make themselves more accessible to those who benefit from their care. St. Martin's Manor is probably their most successful program, reaching out to young mothers and their babies! Blessings!

THE SERENDIPITY AUCTION is the main fundraiser for CCASH – the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton. It takes place next Thursday evening, November 21st, at Carmen's Banquet Centre. The agency offers care to children in distress and helps build family life when it is at risk. The auction is a great place to do a bit of Christmas shopping, all the while supporting a life-saving organization!

CONGRATULATIONS TO SAM CINO who has been named 2019 Italian Citizen Of The Year by the Order of the Sons and Daughters of Italy – Triest Lodge in Hamilton. Sam is well-known in Hamilton for his many good works. Currently Sam serves as Chief of Corporate Strategy and Human Resources at Good Shepherd Hamilton. He initiated many programs promoting good Italian-Canadian relationships. A quiet, unassuming gentleman, Sam has a heart for service. It is a recognition that is well-deserved!

WELL INTO THEIR 61ST YEAR of providing programs for young people, the Catholic Youth Organization (C.Y.O.), continues to sponsor athletic and outdoor education throughout the Diocese and in several Catholic School Boards. Since 1958, over 400,000 children have attended summer day and overnight camping programs, including 12,700 children with special needs. The CYO leadership program builds strong and effective leaders, many of whom serve the community throughout their lives! Keep up the good work!

THE GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES will light their Christmas tree on November 21st in Good Shepherd Square! It is an Advent harbinger of the Christmas season that is just around the corner! Already, staff and volunteers at the Good Shepherd Ministries are preparing for their annual Christmas Dinner Wonderland on December 15th. Over 2500 dinners will be served in two sittings that afternoon. It is important to remember that Christmas is a tough time for many people. Reach out to help if you can!

CONFIRMATIONS CONTINUE! This weekend St. Benedict Parish in Milton and St. Gabriel Parish in Burlington will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. St. Benedict Parish will celebrate seven Confirmations in school gyms this year. Next year, the number of Confirmations should be reduced when the new church is the venue! Thanks to the Pastors and the teachers for assuring the excellent preparation of the young people!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, *+ Douglas*, OMI