



## *Heart to Heart*

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**IT IS A “TWO CARDINAL” WEEKEND** for the Diocese of Hamilton! Cardinal Thomas Collins is visiting his home city of Guelph where the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate and the Newman Centre of the University of Guelph will jointly host an evening celebration in honour of the recent canonization of St. John Henry Newman. The evening will begin with sung Evening Prayer on Sunday in the Basilica at 7:00 p.m., followed by a talk on the Saint by the Cardinal. At the end of his presentation, the Cardinal will present a relic of St. John Henry Newman to the Guelph Newman Centre. All are welcome! As announced in last week’s *Heart to Heart*, Cardinal Gerald Lacroix will celebrate all the Masses at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King and speak about the ministry of St. Francois de Laval. Two great ways to celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King!

**THE 2019 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS** for Catholic education will be presented on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, following a Mass of Thanksgiving at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Once again, congratulations to Roman Caruk, Jos Nederveen, Michael Prokopich, and the Regina Mundi Catholic Women’s League (for all the Hamilton Parish CWL’s). You represent the best ideals of Catholic education!

**THE INTERFAITH SOCIAL ASSISTANCE REFORM COALITION (ISARC)** holds a *Religious Leaders’ Forum* at the Ontario Legislature on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. They have sponsored listening sessions in communities across the Province called *Voices From the Margins*, where people receiving social assistance share their experiences and recommendations. Sarah Guinta, Coordinator of our Diocesan Justice and Peace Office, has worked with other faith coordinators to organize the sessions in our community. We pray that recommendations of faith leaders will be heard by MLA’s and government personnel!

**ST. BENEDICT CHURCH IN MILTON** is starting to take shape! The contractor is hoping to have the building closed in by December 6<sup>th</sup>, so that it can be heated and worked on throughout the winter months. The Cross for the tower has arrived and will be installed at a later date as a crowning symbol for the building! Thanks to Father Jim Petrie for his oversight of the work, and for his assurance that it is “on time and on budget”!

**THE DIOCESAN PARISH MINISTERS’ ASSOCIATION (DPMA)** is holding their 2019 Conference next week, November 27-29<sup>th</sup>, at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre. Facilitator Anne Walsh will guide the Parish Ministers through the book *On Good Soil: Pastoral Planning for Evangelization and Catechesis with Adults*. To date, 29 Parish Ministers have indicated their intention to attend. There are still some spaces available for any Parish Minister who has not yet registered. Please contact Sandra Gould at (905) 522-5744 or Mary Tessari at (905) 632-6114.

**THE INSTITUTE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION (I.C.E.)** has formed an Advisory Committee for the development of programs to respond to some of the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The Committee, composed of representatives from Catholic stakeholders, reviews programs proposed for use in the classroom. The Committee meets again next week to continue its work.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, *+ Douglas*, OMI