



Heart to Heart

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THE CANADIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY NETWORK CONFERENCE – HOPE COMES HOME – begins today. On Wednesday, five participants from the Diocese of Churchill-Hudson Bay, arrived in Hamilton. Three Inuit women, a Priest, and a lay minister, all from Whale Cover and Naujaat, Nunavut, were hosted at a dinner sponsored by our Youth Ministry Office last evening. It was a fine start to the Conference that will welcome 170 participants from across the country! Exciting times!

CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER TIM UNIAC, C.R., Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener, who was recently elected by delegates of the Ontario Kentucky Province of the Congregation of the Resurrection to be their Provincial Superior. His three-year term begins on July 1st. Thank you to Father Murray McDermott, C.R., who will complete two terms in leadership on June 30th. We are very grateful for the ministry of the Resurrectionists in the Diocese of Hamilton over many, many years. We wish you well, Father Tim, in your new service to your Community and to the Diocese!

FATHER ROMELITO GUILLEN, Pastor in Durham, Markdale, Glenelg, and Dornoch, was incardinated into the Diocese of Hamilton, on February 4, 2020. We welcome him warmly to the Diocese and pray for God's blessing on his ministry here!

JOE GIGLIOTTI FROM STONEY CREEK AND PAUL MULLIGAN FROM ELORA were called to Ordination to the Order of Deacons. Their Ordinations will be celebrated on June 6, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. We thank them for their desire to serve the Diocese of Hamilton as Deacons, and their commitment to the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program over these past four years!

BISHOP FRED HENRY, BISHOP EMERITUS OF CALGARY, is coming to the Diocese of Hamilton to preach the annual retreat to the Precious Blood Sisters at their convent in Dundas, March 11-19. The focus of the retreat will be the Apostolic Constitution *VULTUS DEI QUAERARE*, in preparation for their General Chapter in June. May the retreat be a time of blessing for the Sisters!

THE PARISH RECTORY FOR ST. PATRICK PARISH has moved to Emerald Street. The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board will soon be preparing to demolish the old St. Patrick's Catholic Elementary School and build a new one on site. *The DeMazenod Door* has moved into the former Rectory and begun another exciting chapter in its important ministry of feeding the hungry! Congratulations to the entire Team at St. Pat's for the seamless changes you have recently undertaken!

BISHOP GERARD BERGIE welcomed a few of us to his recently renovated Cathedral this morning. We wanted to see the results of the hard work undertaken over the past several months. It is a remarkable makeover! He can be very proud indeed. The Bishop will be in Hamilton tomorrow evening to preside at the Mass which will close the Youth Conference at the Convention Centre.

LENT BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY. Ash Wednesday is a time to stop, and a time to start! Let's make the Lenten journey an opportunity for important life changes!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, *+Douglas*, OMI