



Heart to Heart

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THE 2020 PENTECOST MESSAGE FROM THE CCCB – Standing Committee for Relations with Movements and Associations was released this week by the Conference. The message of encouragement and hope is addressed to Catholics who are “alive in the Spirit” and engaged in the world! “As was the case for the two disciples (*on the road to Emmaus*), the compass of a heart that is burning for God guides our hopeful gaze. Many initiatives and examples of willingness to help have revealed the greatness of caregivers and health-care workers”! The letter is available [here](#).

THANKS TO THE FINANCIAL RESULTS OF THE ONE HEART ONE SOUL CAMPAIGN in the *pilot* and *first* wave Parishes, and the reopening of some businesses following the pandemic shutdown, some Pastors have been authorized to begin approved renovation projects. Father Wayne Lobsinger, St. Ann Parish in Ancaster, has undertaken a major update of the interior of the church. A new ceramic floor in the nave and sanctuary, strengthening of the choir loft for the return of the organ, a fresh paint job, all done without disruption during the continuing shutdown of the Parish. Similarly, Father David Wynen, completed an LED lighting project in McNally Hall at the Cathedral Basilica which both brightens the hall and reduces hydro expenses. The benefits of the *ONE HEART ONE SOUL* campaign are beginning to be revealed!

AT THE BASILICA OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE IN GUELPH, there was a huge sigh of relief yesterday. The City issued the long-awaited *Certificate of Occupancy* for the renovated Parish residence and offices. The long-awaited move began yesterday. In the coming weeks, landscaping will be completed, giving the new facility a new “feel” for *The Hill*! Thanks to Msgr. Dennis Noon, for beginning the process, to Father Ian Duffy for seeing it through, and to Joe Finocchio for overseeing the entire effort! A job well done!

WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT from the Ontario Government on Wednesday past, the Chancery Office will remain CLOSED until June 9th. Mr. Jim Long, Chancellor-Temporal Affairs, announced the ongoing closure to Diocesan personnel in an e-mail on May 27th. He also informed staff that guidelines for the reopening of our Diocesan Offices are being developed and will be communicated to them in an upcoming teleconference. We look forward to the “new normal”!

OUR SYMPATHY TO FATHER LUC TARDIF, OMI, Provincial Superior of the Notre-Dame-du-Cap Province of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, on the recent death of *Father Frank Morrissey, OMI*, the world-renowned Canon Lawyer who died last Saturday following a brief illness. Father Morrissey spoke to a large contingent of leaders of the St. Joseph’s Health System last November 5th, at McNally Hall. His presentation emphasized the value and importance of the Juridic Person in carrying forward the Catholicity of the Health System. May he obtain the reward of a good and faithful servant!

THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS have launched their new and improved website on May 20, 2020. It is modern, user-friendly, multi-device compatible, and located at the same internet address: www.cccb.ca or www.cecc.ca (French). The announcement from the CCCB includes an expression of gratitude to the Ex Corde Foundation, which provided financial support for the creation of the new website. Thanks to the Ex Corde Board of Directors for responding to the request of the Conference so generously! During these quieter days, visit the website. It is full of interesting and helpful information!

TOMORROW, MAY 30, POPE FRANCIS is presiding at the recitation of the rosary from a variety of Marian Shrines worldwide. “The Pope will once again be close to humanity in prayer, to ask the Virgin Mary for help amid the pandemic.” The prayer will be broadcast live to the world from the Grotto of Lourdes in the Vatican Gardens at 5:30 p.m. Rome time. (12:30 p.m. EDT). A blessed initiative!

Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us!

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