



## Heart to Heart

June 19, 2020 (#406)

**WE ARE READY TO WELCOME YOU!** Most Parishes in the Diocese are prepared to celebrate Masses with some parishioners this weekend with certain restrictions. We are permitted to welcome up to 30% of the capacity of the Church at each Mass. We must also practice social distancing. Hand sanitizer will be used on entry into the Church. Please bring a protective cloth mask which is strongly recommended in the enclosed environment. You will remove your mask just before you receive Holy Communion. Pews and floors have been marked to assist with appropriate physical distancing. This first gathering for us might seem a bit daunting, but we will soon be used to the restrictions which are meant to keep us safe! Remember that CHARITY is the primary law of the Gospel. We count on everybody to do their part so that we can worship together safely and joyfully!

**FATHER MICHAEL KING**, Director of Priestly Formation for the Diocese, has prepared the following assignments of our Seminarians. **One year assignments:** *Luis Inacio Cordeiro* – with Father Ian Duffy at Basilica of Our Lady in Guelph; *John Dang Ha* – with Father David Reitzel at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Stoney Creek; *Deacon Robin Mendonca* – with Father Mark Gatto at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Hamilton; *Mauricio Munoz* – with Father Wayne Lobsinger at St. Ann Parish in Ancaster; and *Jonathan Reitzel* – with Father John Redmond at St. Pius X Parish in Brantford. **Summer assignments:** *William Meehan* – with Father Tim Theriault at St. Anthony Daniel Parish, Kitchener; *Patrick Ohl* – with Father David Wynen at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton; and *Paul Hoan Nguyen* – with Father Peter Tuyen Nguyen at St. Clement Parish, Cambridge. **Concluding Pastoral Year in July:** *Carlos Diaz* – with Father Mark Gatto at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Hamilton; *Daniel Naim* – with Father Bill Trusz at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Stoney Creek; and *Kevin Upendran* – with Father Wayne Lobsinger at St. Ann Parish, Ancaster. Seminarians, we are grateful for your desire to service the Church as Priests, and for your commitment to the formation program. We wish you well in your assignments!

**ON SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2020, WORLD REFUGEE DAY** is led by the United Nations. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and anti-racism protests across the globe, World Refugee Day offers an important reminder that we need to continue the fight for a more inclusive and equal world. Imagine: every minute 20 people are forced to leave everything behind to escape war, persecution and terror. There are currently 79 million people in the world who have been forcibly displaced from their homes! Let Saturday be a day for reflection and an opportunity to pray for all those who have been left behind. “Everyone makes a difference. Every action counts.”

**THE RE-OPENING OF THE CHANCERY OFFICE AND PARISH OFFICES** was the main topic for ZOOM conferences on Wednesday and Friday. 190 Pastors and Parish office personnel called in during two calls on Wednesday. Chancery staff participated on a ZOOM call this morning. Parish offices may open between June 24<sup>th</sup> and July 2, 2020 – on a date to be determined by Pastors and the Bishop. Discussion focused on the safety of the workplace for the staff and for visitors. There will be certain restrictions and the provision of protective equipment. After three long months of closure, it will be good to gather again – safely!

**HAPPY FATHER’S DAY** to Fathers throughout the Diocese! Because of the “pandemic pause”, we missed the opportunity to bless Mothers on their big day. So ... we extend our wishes to BOTH Mothers and Fathers! Your role as parents is vitally important as you nurture the world builders of tomorrow! We pray in gratitude for the blessings of our Mothers and Fathers – living and dead!

Our Lady of Canada (Health of the Sick), pray for us.

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI