



Heart to Heart

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THE CHANCERY OFFICE IS RE-OPENING next Thursday, July 2nd, following a three-and-a-half month shutdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The re-opening will take place under careful constraints mandated by the Government of Ontario, including the use of hand sanitizers, face coverings, physical distancing guidelines and certain office protocols to protect office personnel and visitors. Plexiglas shields have been placed at desks situated in public areas. Visitors to the Chancery will be welcomed by appointment only. The Chancery will be operating at summer hours until Labour Day in September!

THE RE-OPENING OF OUR PARISH CHURCHES went well – and carefully – last weekend. From a survey of Parishes, the average attendance at Sunday Masses throughout the Diocese was about 60 people per Mass, well under the 30% of capacity authorized by the Government of Ontario. Motivated by the supreme law of the Gospels – the law of Charity – we are moved to care for one another!

THE WELLINGTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES announced the appointment of Mr. Michael Glazier as Director of Education succeeding Tamara Nugent. The appointment is effective on September 1, 2020. Mr. Glazier came to the Wellington Catholic Board a few years ago from the London Catholic District School Board, where he had served as principal and Superintendent of Education. Marino Gazzola, Board Chair, affirmed both incoming and outgoing Directors beautifully by saying, “This leadership transition is moving the Board from strength to strength!” May God bless the ministry of Mr. Glazier, and the retirement of Ms. Nugent!

ANOTHER MIGRANT FARM WORKER in Haldimand Norfolk County died of the COVID-19 virus in the ICU in London last Saturday evening. He was 55 and is survived by his wife and children in Mexico. Father Peter Ciallella, Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Burford, joined Dr. Shanker Nesathurai, Medical Officer of Health for the County, in conveying the news to all of the Migrant Farm Workers over seven bunk houses in the area. Doctor Shanker and Father Peter responded to several questions and offered prayers for him and his family. We are grateful that Father Peter can provide pastoral care to these men, many of whom are Catholic, and whose work benefits us all by providing nourishing food for our tables! May he rest in peace!

THE ONTARIO STATE COUNCIL of the Knights of Columbus has achieved the level of “Circle of Honour” conferred by the Supreme Council in New Haven, Connecticut. The honour is attributed to Councils that have significantly increased their membership during the year. The Ontario State Council has been credited with the honour in the past four out of five years! State Deputy, David Peters, was delighted with the news!

THREE RETIRING EMPLOYEES of the St. Joseph’s Health System were presented the Diocesan Medal of Honour at a recent “virtual” meeting of the Board of Directors: Olga Consorti, who as President and CEO built up the St. Joseph’s Lifecare Foundation in Brantford for over 30 years; Winnie Doyle, who has served in many leadership capacities over the years at St. Joseph’s Healthcare in Hamilton, including Interim President of the hospital; and Susan Hollis, who was the Chief Financial Officer for the System, were given the award honouring their significant contribution to the Catholic Health System, and to the Church! Thank you for your generous service!

Our Lady of Canada, Health of the Sick, pray for us!

Ex corde, *+Douglas*, OMI