



Heart to Heart

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THE DIOCESE WELCOMED FOUR NEW PRIESTS to its ranks on August 15th! Congratulations to Father Paul Edmondstone (St. Matthew Parish, Oakville), Father Francisco Sordo, (St. Michael Parish, Oakville), Father Pawel Stankiewicz (Blessed Sacrament Parish, Kitchener) and Father Hayden Starczala (Holy Cross Parish, Georgetown), who were ordained Priests at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Because of COVID-19 protocols, the number of clergy and lay people who gathered for the celebration was restricted. Still, a spirit of joyful thanksgiving marked the event! We wish them well in their new ministry!

TWO NEW PERMANENT DEACONS WERE ORDAINED on August 14th at the Cathedral Basilica! Congratulations to Rev. Mr. Joseph Gigliotti (Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Stoney Creek) and Rev. Mr. Paul Mulligan (St. Mary Immaculate Parish, Elora) who were joined by their wives and members of their family for the celebration. A limited number of Deacons from the Diocese were also present for the celebration. May their ministry be blessed.

SEMINARIAN PATRICK OHL, who was assigned to the Cathedral Basilica for the summer months, has been called to the Diaconate. He will be ordained during the Saturday evening (Sunday) Mass on October 3, 2020. We offer our congratulations and good wishes to Patrick who is completing his studies at St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario!

IT IS AN EXCITING TIME FOR PERMANENT DEACON FORMATION! The formation sessions begin tomorrow at a new location, the beautiful Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre. For the past many years it has been held at the Diocesan Chancery Office. There are four men beginning the first year of formation, and five men entering their third year of the four-year program. Two women who are discerning vocations as Consecrated Women in the World are also joining the sessions. Thanks to Deacon Joseph DiLoreto and Kyle Daly who are working together to assure that the new venue works well. We pray for them as they begin a new year!

THE DIOCESE HAS POSTED A MINISTRY POSITION: Director of Evangelization and Catechesis. With the recent retirement of Mr. David Dayler, and the appointment of Dr. Anne Jamieson as Director of the Institute for Catholic Education, the two positions are being drawn into one new position. The posting can be accessed on the [Diocesan website](#).

ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY has also posted a position for the Director of Campus Ministry. The position description can be viewed on the [University website](#). Applications for the position can be submitted up to September 25, 2020.

ON THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ENCYCLICAL *LAUDATO SI'*, Pope Francis has initiated a year-long anniversary to celebrate the letter and to deepen our understanding and appreciation for its focus on "the precarious state of our common home". Check out the website established for the year: www.LaudatoSiYear.org. We will be hearing more about this as the year unfolds!

THE CHANCERY STAFF GATHERED THIS MORNING for our annual Labour Day Breakfast, when we also bid farewell to Anne Jamieson who has already begun her new work. On October 7th we will gather again to bid farewell to Gloria Settini who retires after a remarkable 44 years of service in the Chancery! We have been blessed by the service of such dedicated employees!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, *+ Douglas*, OMI