



Heart to Heart

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LOTS OF WORK BEING DONE AT THE CATHEDRAL THESE DAYS! The steel structure holding the carillon in the bell tower is being reinforced and the parish elevator is being replaced by a larger and newer model. It means the side entrance is closed off for a few weeks, and it is a bit noisy in the parish office, but what a difference there will be in a few short months! Monsignor House is beaming, as usual, and goes about reminding everybody just how good it will be!

DAVID DAYLER ATTENDED A NATIONAL MEETING of the Canadian Association of Pastoral Ministers in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, recently. It is a gathering of lay people who minister in a variety of capacities in dioceses and parishes across the country. He returned enthused and full of new ideas! In 2013, the Diocese of Hamilton will host the event – a moment for us to shine!

THE WATERLOO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD celebrates its 175th Anniversary these days. I am speaking this morning at a gathering of their entire staff! On Wednesday evening the Wellington Catholic District School Board held their annual *Bishop's Dinner for Catholic Education* – a fundraiser for various projects. They honoured both the Jesuits and the Loretto Sisters for their invaluable contribution to Catholic Education in Guelph and area. So much to be thankful for!

A MASS FOR IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES is being celebrated at the Cathedral of Christ the King on Sunday afternoon (1:30). It is a time to give thanks for the safety our country offers, to pray for the continued good work of our Diocesan Office for Immigration and Refugees under the capable direction of Barbara Dollak, and to pray for those who have no place to call home!

THE ASSEMBLY OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF ONTARIO (ACBO) meets next Monday through Wednesday in Toronto. During their meeting the Bishops will discuss matters relating to Catholic Education in the Province, formation for international priests, reorganization of northern dioceses, and other matters of common interest and concern. Archbishop Thomas Collins is the capable Chairman of the session.

THE DIOCESAN FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETS NEXT THURSDAY to provide advice and direction on matters that impact the Diocese in a financial way. In addition to Monsignor Edward Sheridan, V.G., and Monsignor Vincent Kerr, Chancellor, the members of the Diocesan Finance Committee are: Mr. Allan Beaupre, Mrs. Shari Guinta, and Mr. Rob McGowan. We are grateful for their helpful insight and guidance.

PRIESTS WHO HAVE NOT ALREADY REGISTERED FOR THE PRIESTS' SEMINAR should do so in the coming days. The hotel wants a final listing of those who require rooms. Additionally, it will help the organizers to ensure that info material is available for all. I shall be calling those who have not registered during the coming week to encourage participation. This is a most important gathering of the priests who are serving the faithful in our Diocese. Moreover, this year we will be celebrating the ordination anniversaries of many of our priests during the Seminar!

SISTER JOAN CRONIN, GSIC, is the recipient of the Chancellor John Sweeney Award for Leadership in Catholic University Education, at the annual St. Jerome's University Feast which takes place tonight in Waterloo. Sister Joan is well known for her life-long commitment to Catholic education in the Province of Ontario and most especially for her current service as Director of the Institute of Catholic Education (ICE). We congratulate her on this honour!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde,

+ *Douglas*, OMI