



## *Heart to Heart*

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**OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> IS NATIONAL CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE WEEK.** The week recognizes the inspiring work of Catholic health care organizations in our Province and across Canada. At the heart of Catholic health care is a deep respect for the intrinsic value and dignity of every human being and an unwavering commitment to serving all people, from all backgrounds and faiths – especially society’s most vulnerable. The COVID-19 pandemic has called us to reflect on the importance of human connection, quality of life, and the meaning of well-being – body, mind and spirit. We give thanks for the courageous gift of Catholic health care during these challenging times – in hospitals, community health centres, and senior care centres. For more information visit the [website](#) of the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada.

**AFTER 44 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE DIOCESE,** Gloria Settimi retires later this month! The Chancery staff will honour her service at a reception on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Gloria has served in the Chancery administrative services for her entire career, and leaves with the admiration and gratitude of all. She has been a remarkable support for Parish secretaries and bookkeepers, and with Anne Gibbs, has assured that the Diocesan financial records are in good order. We wish her long life, good health, and much happiness in her retirement!

**THREE PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATES** from Hamilton Diocese begin their formation this month. Mr. Camille Johnson (St. John the Baptist Parish, Burlington), Mr. Michael Kuhl (Blessed Sacrament Parish, Kitchener), and Mr. Richard Olson (St. Mary Parish, Kitchener), were invited by the Permanent Diaconate Admissions Committee to begin the four year journey. Mr. Anthony Calacay from the Diocese of St. Catharines will also join the group. We wish the candidates and their wives all good blessings as they begin the formation process!

**LIFE CHAIN 2020 SPREADS THE MESSAGE OF HOPE THAT LIFE MATTERS!** On Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, you are invited to gather at various locations across the Diocese from 2:30-3:30 p.m. It is a time of silent prayer to end abortion. With COVID-19 protocols in place, all groups will adhere to strict safety measures, including physical distancing, use of hand sanitizers and the wearing of a personal mask. Check with your local pro-life organization for details in your area!

**THE CATHOLIC ARCHIVIST GROUP** will host the Annual Conference this year “virtually”. It had been scheduled to be held here in Hamilton, but was cancelled due to the coronavirus shut-down. From September 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, a mix of live presentations on ZOOM and static articles shared via email will be offered. A full schedule can be found on the [conference website](#) and [BlogFeed](#). Diocesan Archivist, Dominy Williams says, “We are thrilled to be able to offer the professional development and community building that our conference provides – even if it isn’t in person!”

**THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON WILL HOLD ONE SPECIAL COLLECTION** on October 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> to support the many good works whose special collections were missed during the pandemic shutdown or would have been held this autumn. The funds collected will be distributed to the organizations according to the percentage of the special collections from 2019. Envelopes will be made available to parishioners at all Masses on Thanksgiving weekend. The charities that will be supported are: Development and Peace (Share Lent); Holy Land (Good Friday); Papal Charities; Needs of the Canadian Church; World Mission Collection; Cura Pastorum (care of retired Priests). Please be especially generous.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, *+Douglas*, OMI