



## Heart to Heart

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**THE 106<sup>TH</sup> WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES** will be celebrated this Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is *Forced Like Jesus Christ To Flee!* Pope Francis encourages us to reflect on the community of *internally displaced* peoples across the globe – those who have been forcibly displaced within the borders of their country of citizenship. At the end of 2019, the UN Refugee Agency reported that an astonishing 45.7 million people were internally displaced due to armed conflict, generalized violence or human rights violations. It is noteworthy that this number is larger than the world's *refugee* population – those who have been forced to cross an international border in search of protection. While COVID-19 has undermined the ability of the Diocese of Hamilton to host our Annual Multicultural Mass this year, we encourage everyone to call to mind this important day in your prayers!

**THE HEALTH OF MSGR. VICTOR MCNAMARA** has seriously deteriorated in the past weeks following a fall. The 94 year-old Senior Priest in the Diocese is currently in hospital. Please keep him in your prayers!

**THE FUNERAL MASS FOR FATHER JAMES MALONE**, who died on April 5, 2020 during the COVID-19 shutdown, will take place on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Canadian Martyrs, at St. Anthony Daniel Parish, Kitchener. He was buried at Marymount Catholic Cemetery in Guelph. COVID-19 protocols are in effect for the funeral - seating is limited, masks are required, hand sanitizing necessary. We pray that he will receive the reward of a good and faithful servant! A funeral Mass for Father Antonio Cunha is scheduled for October 13<sup>th</sup>, at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Cambridge.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO NICOLE MCCOWELL** who was elected Chairperson of the Canadian Catholic Youth Ministry Network (CCYMN) succeeding Clare Bondy from London, Ontario. The network draws together coordinators of youth ministry in Dioceses across Canada. Nicole and Christina Mines organized the 2020 CCYMN National Conference that was hosted by the Diocese of Hamilton last February! Congratulations, Nicole.

**THE ONE HEART ONE SOUL CAMPAIGN** organizers were busy throughout the COVID-19 shutdown. *Blessings in the Midst of Trial* was published regularly outlining the courageous initiatives of Parishes to reach out to parishioners and provide pastoral care within the pandemic restrictions. Ten issues of the newsletter have been published to date and can be accessed on the [Diocesan website](#). Wave 2 Parishes begin the final stage of their fundraising objectives before the end of this month. Wave 3 Parishes are preparing for an end-of-year outreach, and a new and final wave will complete the campaign in the first half of 2021! Thanks to the Steiers Group who have faithfully guided us through the process, and to Francis Doyle who is our steadying hand!

**THE NEWS FROM ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH IS LOOKING GOOD.** Deacon Tom Vert, who is overseeing the project, advises that the building permit is within sight. Bids for construction will be sought before the end of the calendar year, and the project should be underway in the Spring. If all goes well, the church could be finished by the Autumn of 2022! Something to which we can look forward!

**BISHOP JOHN FARRELL, FOUNDING BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON**, died on September 26, 1873. His body is buried near the Chapel in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Burlington. Pray for him. Pray for the Diocese of Hamilton.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI