



Heart to Heart

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THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA announced a national initiative to plant 100 trees across Canada for the celebration of the *100 year anniversary* of the League. The major celebration of the anniversary, scheduled to take place at their National Convention in Montreal this summer, was cancelled because of COVID pandemic concerns. The tree planting project became their major effort. The League Council at St. Michael Parish in Waterloo, with the encouragement of enthusiastic President Shani Pregejl, committed to planting one of the 100 trees! Last Saturday, in the presence of several Past Presidents from the Parish, most of the current Parish CWL Executive, and our own Shari Guinta from the National CWL Council, a flowering pear tree was planted and blessed. Photos were taken to mark the occasion. Congratulations to the Catholic Women's League nationally on such a significant milestone. The Diocesan Council of the League also marked their 100th anniversary this year – the planned celebration was also cancelled! A note of interest: Frances Lovering, from the Hamilton Diocesan CWL, became the second National President of the League. She is buried at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Burlington. For 100 years members of the Catholic Women's League – the largest grass-roots organization of women in Canada – have been carrying out good works *For God and Canada!* We wish you many more happy years!

THE DEATH, FUNERAL AND BURIAL OF MONSIGNOR VICTOR MCNAMARA over these past several days, was occasion for the gathering of brother Priests, family members, and former parishioners and friends. COVID restrictions meant smaller numbers, but the Vigil Service, led by Father Cornelius O'Mahony, and the Funeral Mass, at which Monsignor Murray Kroetsch preached, assured that Father Victor's priestly demeanor, his love for the ministry, and his care for parishioners were remembered and honoured. He was buried at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery within sight of the graves of other family members. May he receive the reward due a good a faithful servant!

THE CONGREGATION OF THE RESURRECTION published *Resurrection Bulletin* (Fall Edition) last week. New Provincial Superior, Father Tim Uniac, reflects on his new work for the Ontario-Kentucky Province. He was installed during a private ceremony at St. Mary Parish in Kitchener on July 1, 2020. Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, CR, was installed as Vicar Provincial at the same ceremony. Thank you to the Resurrectionist Priests and Brothers who have provided significant service in the Diocese for many years. You are a blessing for us! We pray for Father Uniac and his entire team!

BRIANNE FOOTE BEGINS HER MATERNITY LEAVE TODAY. The short wait for the birth of her first child begins in earnest! We pray for a safe delivery – and a happy few uninterrupted months with baby and Dad! Anne Lamanes will assume the responsibility as Acting Administrative Assistant for Father Michael King, Vicar for Priests, Vocation Director, and Formation Director. Vicky Odom has already reassumed her duties as Administrative Assistant for Monsignor Murray Kroetsch, Vicar General and Chancellor.

FORMATION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE continues this Saturday at Mount Mary Retreat Centre, Ancaster. Dr. John Dool, Professor at St. Peter's Seminary, will be teaching Fundamental Theology to first year candidates. Dr. Eric Mabry, Professor at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, MD, will be presenting on The Trinity to third year candidates. Their presentation will be by Zoom. Three women who are seeking consecration as Women in the World, will join the theological, pastoral and spiritual formation parts of the program. We pray for them all!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI