



Heart to Heart

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THIS IS NATIONAL CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE WEEK 2020, and it is sponsored by the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada (CHAC)! The theme of the week is *AWAKEN: Revealing the Courageous Gift of Catholic Health Care*. A few facts about Catholic Health Care in Canada: There are 129 Catholic health care organizations in Canada, offering 19,575 beds. Staff numbering 88,000+ serve more than 5 million people annually, with a 6 billion dollar operating budget! Catholic Health Care in Canada is inspired by the example of the Founding Sisters – visionary women who for generations advocated and cared for the most destitute people in their communities. Their ministry has become the mission of a multitude of leaders and this mission makes the Canadian health care system and Canadian society stronger! What a blessing you are for us!

SPECIAL MASSES WILL BE OFFERED IN THE PARISHES throughout the Diocese this weekend for all those who died during the COVID shutdown – whether they died from the dreaded virus, or from any other cause. Parishes have provided names of the deceased which have been collated and returned to the Parishes to be laid on the altars or posted on bulletin boards. There are over 14 pages of names listed. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed in the mercy of God rest in peace!*

ENVELOPES FOR THE ONE SPECIAL COLLECTION to be taken up in our Parishes this Autumn have been sent to our Parishes. They will be provided to parishioners at Masses this weekend, to be returned next weekend or at another convenient date. Seven charitable causes will benefit from your generosity. They are listed on the envelopes. Thank you for your customary generous support!

DR. MOIRA MCQUEEN, Executive Director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute, has been honoured by the Board of Governors of Assumption University as the recipient of the 2019 Christian Culture Gold Medal Award! The award, recognizing Dr. McQueen as an outstanding exponent of Christian ideals, is being conferred at the University tonight! The eminently worthy recipient will present a special lecture as part of the event. We offer our congratulations!

THE ANNUAL AWARD FOR SERVICE TO CATHOLIC EDUCATION sponsored by the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board will be presented to three recipients at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on November 24, 2020 (by invitation only due to COVID restrictions). This year's award recipients are Paola Pace-Gubekjian, Andy Burns, and Teresa Hartnett. The award recognizes those who have made an outstanding contribution to the Catholic school system! The event is always a highlight of the school year – and this year is no different! Congratulations to the honourees.

THE PETITION OF 1 MILLION has been presented in the House of Parliament by Mr. Ted Falk, Member of Parliament for Provencher. The Clerk of Petitions accepted only 35,255 signatures as being signed correctly. It still reflects strong support from across the country for the protection of the unborn reports Jakki Jeffs from *Alliance for Life (Guelph)*! Much work – well worth it!

THE RECENT ENCYCLICAL OF POPE FRANCIS is being read and re-read these days. An informative five-minute video gives the themes of the 45,000 word letter, *Fratelli Tutti*. The YouTube video is available [here](#). Enjoy!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI