



## *Heart to Heart*

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**BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS**, an Italian teenager who died of leukemia at the age of 15 was declared “Blessed” by Pope Francis in the Fall of 2020. He was born on May 3, 1991, and died on October 12, 2006. He was known for his joy and simplicity, his computer savvy, and his love of the Eucharist and the Blessed Mother. A recently published book about his road to sanctity is being sent to Priests serving in the Diocese, for their information and edification. Pope Saint John Paul II often said that the young would be Saints – and so they are! To learn more: [www.carloacutis-en.org](http://www.carloacutis-en.org).

**MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup> IS THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH** – celebrated this year in the Holy Year dedicated to St. Joseph by Pope Francis last December. Information, prayers, and reflections will be sent to Pastors and Parishes in advance of the Feast Day. Pope Francis has a special devotion to St. Joseph. One of his early acts as Pope was to include St. Joseph by name in the Eucharistic Prayers II, III, and IV, of the Mass (he was already included in Eucharist Prayer I). St. Joseph, pray for us!

**PATRICK KELLY IS NOW THE SUPREME KNIGHT** of the Knights of Columbus world-wide. He assumed his new duties on March 1<sup>st</sup>, following the retirement of Carl Anderson after more than 20 years of service as Supreme Knight. The new Supreme Knight has served as Deputy Supreme Knight for the past four years and is a well-rounded public servant, with diplomatic and military experience. He is a husband, and father of three young daughters – a man of deep faith! Such significant transitions in the Order happen only occasionally. We express gratitude to Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, and pray for God’s blessing on Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly – and on the entire Order!

**THE LOYOLA HOUSE RETREAT AND TRAINING CENTRE** at the Ignatius Jesuit Centre in Guelph, in collaboration with the County of Wellington, Welcome In Drop In Centre, and other community social service agencies, opened its accommodation rooms to facilitate temporary housing for up to 40 people who were living without a home. This provides 24/7 health and social support according to need. The goal is for each person to move to permanent housing. This initiative will continue to November 2021 when the community plans to purchase and renovate a motel to continue supportive housing following the pandemic. The Guelph Jesuit Community is committed to this project which aligns with one of their four Universal Apostolic Preferences – to work with “those whose dignity has been violated, in a mission of reconciliation and justice”. A noble work!

**MISION ROSARIO** is an international youth-led campaign hoping to pray one million Rosaries by Easter: for “peace, liberty, and life”, in the Americas (North and South). Mision Rosario started in Chile after two churches were burned down, and quickly spread throughout America. The intention for peace applies also to widespread political unrest and the threat of new laws promoting euthanasia and abortion here in Canada. Young people in the Diocese pray the Rosary every day on ZOOM. Add this intention to your daily Rosary and then add your Rosary at [www.misionrosario.org/us](http://www.misionrosario.org/us).

**THE PROMISED CORONAVIRUS VACCINE** is now being offered to certain groups according to need. Priests in the Halton Deanery are scheduled to receive their “shots” in the coming days. It is a relief, especially for those with pre-existing conditions, and for those who visit hospitalized parishioners or those in Long-Term Care Centres. Priests who are “on call” at hospitals have also been offered the vaccine. Little by little, we can see the light at the end of this tunnel!

St. Joseph, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI