



Heart to Heart

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WELCOME TO MR. JIM LONG, WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED COMPTROLLER for the Diocese of Hamilton. A formal notice of appointment is attached to this week's edition of Heart to Heart. He will begin his service to the Diocese in early November.

OUR PRAYERS AND GOOD WISHES TO DEACON RETO DAVATZ, OFM Conv., who will be ordained to the priesthood at St. Raphael's Parish tomorrow morning. This is a blessing for the Franciscan community and a blessing for us. Father Davatz has been assigned to serve with his Franciscan brothers at St. Raphael's for the coming year. We welcome him to the Diocese. His ordination will be my fourth priestly ordination this year.

AFTER A YEAR OF FURTHER DISCERNMENT, MR. JUSTIN RUISS has asked to return to the Diocese to complete his studies for the priesthood. The staff at St. Augustine's was delighted to hear he was returning. He will resume his studies in January. November and December will be spent in one of our parishes, providing him the opportunity to reconnect. We welcome him back with us.

CHANCERY OFFICE STAFF HAD A SPECIAL GATHERING ON WEDNESDAY to honour Sarah Lintott, Receptionist, and Dominy Williams, Archivist/Librarian, who will soon begin long-awaited maternity leaves! Both are excited to welcome new babies into their families – a first child for each. We wish them safe and healthy deliveries!

CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH IN BRANTFORD on the occasion of its 75th anniversary. I will celebrate a special Mass of thanksgiving on Saturday evening, which will be followed by a banquet in the parish hall.

NEXT WEEK IS THE ANNUAL PLENARY MEETING OF THE CCCB which will take place in Cornwall ON. The agenda is full! As Co-Treasurer of the Conference, I present the Financial Statements on Tuesday. As well, I am the presider at Mass on Wednesday. Other than that, I have no other particular duties during the week. I always look forward to meeting the bishops from across the country, and this year it will be especially pleasant to meet the bishops from Atlantic Canada once again.

THE PUBLICATIONS SERVICE OF THE CCCB has begun this week to ship the Revised Roman Missal to parishes which have already placed orders. All parishes and other institutions in the Diocese of Hamilton are reminded that they are responsible to order the Roman Missal directly from the CCCB (or a religious bookstore). The Missals will be shipped directly to you and you will be invoiced accordingly. Orders may be placed on-line or by telephone.

FR. TOM MOISAN is looking for some Chapel items for St. Teresa Catholic School in Kitchener. If you have a portable altar, a large crucifix, or a statue that might fit nicely into a 4'x 6' area, please give him a call.

WWW.WORDONFIRE.ORG is a wonderful website that I recently discovered. Father Robert Barron, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, is a wonderful teacher and preacher, and has many resources that might benefit you in your parish programs. His weekly homily reflection on the Sunday scripture is particularly helpful. You might want to check it out.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI