



Heart to Heart

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BISHOP WAYNE LOBSINGER was ordained Bishop last Sunday, April 18th. When we learned about the impending restrictions on church services to be imposed on Monday, April 19 at 12:01 a.m., we thought it best to proceed with the ordination rather than risk a similar restriction in June. Several phone calls and email messages later and it was all arranged. Even Monsignor Matjaž Roter, *Chargé d’Affaires* at the Apostolic Nunciature in Ottawa was able to attend, bring the *Papal Bulla* (Apostolic Letter signed by Pope Francis announcing the appointment), and offer greetings and good wishes on the Pope’s behalf. We pray that the Bishop’s ministry will be richly blessed!

STEPHEN KADUULI was a Chancery colleague and friend who completed a one-year contract with our *Office for Refugees* in late 2017. Stephen continued his refugee protection and advocacy work with *Citizens for Public Justice* in Ottawa. We recently learned of his sudden death on April 15, 2021, from COVID-19. Stephen will be remembered for his generous smile and his warm heart. May Stephen rest in peace! Please keep his family in your prayers during this time of sorrow!

DR. PETER MEEHAN, President of St. Jerome’s University is the second speaker in the “2021 Lectures in Catholic Experience” series, sponsored by the University. His topic: “*Progressive or Conservative? Archbishop Pocock and the Renewal of the Church in Canada*”. The lecture takes place tonight, April 23rd, at 7:30 p.m. He will address how the Roman Catholic Church and the Catholic University meets the challenges of today while remaining connected to its past. [Here](#) to participate in the lecture.

THE SISTERS OF THE CONGREGATION OF ST. JOSEPH IN CANADA have elected their *Congregational Leadership Circle* for a four-year term of office beginning May 16, 2021. The Congregational Leader (second term) is Sister Margo Ritchie, CSJ; Assistant Congregational Leader: Sister Loretta Manzara, CSJ; Councillors: Sister Sheila Fortune, CSJ, Sister Helen Russell CSJ, and Sister Nancy Sullivan, CSJ. Blessings on the new Council! And blessings on the good works of the Congregation into the future!

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK is being celebrated across Ontario starting Sunday, May 2, 2021. The theme this year is *Catholic Education: Nurturing Hope*. The Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association (OCSTA) will be offering a livestreamed Provincial Mass on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, presided by His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins. Catholic schools across the Province will be participating in this online Mass [link](#). Additionally, the Diocesan Office for Evangelization and Catechesis is preparing a message that will be sent to the School Boards in our Diocese and available on our website. Publically funded Catholic Education in the Province of Ontario is a rich blessing for our young people. We celebrate and give thanks!

FIVE PRIESTS AND TWO NUNS were part of a group of people abducted in Haiti recently. Three other lay persons were also abducted at the same time. The incident took place in the north-east of Port-au-Prince, while the group was preparing to attend the installation of a new parish priest. We pray for the safe return of those abducted and for all affected by the ongoing strife affecting Haiti. And we pray for the Haitians who serve here in our Diocese who are deeply affected by the troubles in their homeland!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI