



Heart to Heart

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A **NOVENA** to *The Sacred Heart of Jesus* has been published by the Institute for Catholic Education for use by families, in classrooms, or privately. The nine-days of prayer leading up to the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11th, gives us an opportunity to “*find our sure comfort and rest in the Sacred Heart of Christ’s love for each and every one of us.*” The Solemnity is also the World Day of Prayer for Priests. Wednesday, June 2nd, is a day of preparation for the Novena which begins in earnest on June 3rd. The brief daily prayer provides opportunity to bring personal intentions before the Lord. The Novena can be found on our Diocesan [website](#).

THE DEATH OF FATHER MARIJAN MIHOKOVIC, Pastor Emeritus of Holy Cross Croatian Parish in Hamilton, has brought profound sadness to the parish community, to Croatian communities throughout the Diocese, and beyond. Adding to the sadness, were the COVID-19 restrictions prohibiting large gatherings at yesterday’s funeral and burial. It is one of the difficulties of these COVID-19 days that we are unable to provide community support to those who grieve. Nonetheless, our prayers of commendation were heartfelt, and we believe the Lord will welcome his good and faithful servant to the heavenly banquet!

THE FEAST OF ST. EUGENE DE MAZENOD is today, May 21st. Born in France in 1782, Charles Joseph Eugene de Mazenod was ordained a Priest in 1811. He founded a missionary institute of Priests and Brothers in 1826 – the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. In response to a request from Bishop Ignace Bourget of Montreal, de Mazenod sent Priests to Canada in 1841. He was named Bishop of Marseilles in 1837 and continued as Superior of the Oblates until his death on May 21, 1861. He was declared a Saint by Pope Saint John Paul II on December 3, 1995. I will join the Oblate community at St. Patrick Parish for Mass at 12:15 p.m., praying for the Saint’s intercession on behalf of the needs of the Diocese of Hamilton!

THE YEAR OF IGNATIUS was formally inaugurated yesterday by the Superior General of the Society of Jesus, Father Arturo Sosa. The Mass which opened the year of prayer and conversion was celebrated in Pamplona, Spain, where Ignatius, the young soldier, was badly wounded by a cannonball 500 years ago. It was a life-changing experience for the soldier, and led to his conversion of life and the eventual foundation of the Religious Order that has drawn people to God the world over. Pope Francis, a Jesuit himself, has invited “everyone to join in this journey of conversion with the pilgrim, Ignatius, so that we may be renewed and see all things in Christ.” May it be a blessed journey for us all!

THE CCCB STANDING COMMITTEE for Relations with Movements and Associations has published its annual Pentecost Message to Catholic Movements and Associations. “*The earliest disciples, who had encountered Jesus during his time on earth, had sufficient teachings and instructions to continue His mission on earth. But they lacked the Spirit. With the coming of the Holy Spirit, they had the confidence and courage to proclaim Jesus and His message. The Church was indeed born.*” Read the entire text [here](#).

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARCEL LEMMEN who was recently elected State Deputy of the Ontario State of the Knights of Columbus. The two-year appointment begins in July 2021. Brother Knight Marcel has served as Ontario State Secretary for the past two years, and has had been actively involved with the Knights for many years, following in the footsteps of his father. We wish you well!

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL is a partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library and Archives and Development and Peace. On May 27th (7-9 p.m.) the film *The End of Immigration* will be featured. The documentary examines the realities of temporary foreign workers in Canada and reveals an inequity that is impacting our society. Afterwards, film producers Marie Bondi and Malcolm Guy will answer questions, and our own Sarah Guinta and Father Peter Ciallella will speak about ministry to migrant workers in our Diocese. Watch the film! Join the discussion!

St. Eugene de Mazenod, pray for us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI