



Heart to Heart

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THE SUDDEN DEATH of Father John Redmond last month, during a family wedding, was a very sad loss for his family, friends, parishioners, and for the Diocese. Thank you for the messages of condolence and assurance of prayers. They console us, strengthen us, and confirm us in faith! Father Andrew Czarny generously accepted to return to St. Pius X Parish, Brantford, as Administrator, until a Pastor is appointed. We are grateful for his service.

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD SISTERS began the *Fifteenth General Chapter* of their Congregation in London yesterday. It concludes next Friday, September 10th. The theme of the Chapter is “*Seeking the face of God, let us build community in the heart of the Church, as living witnesses of Christ to the world*”. On Monday, the Sisters will elect a General Superior with a five year mandate, and on Tuesday, they will elect a General Council. The current General Superior, Sister Eileen Mary Walsh, has requested prayers. We pray that the Holy Spirit will pour out rich gifts to guide this time of community discernment.

SEMINARIAN KEVIN UPENDRAN was ordained a Deacon at Holy Cross Parish, Georgetown, by Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, on August 10th. It was the Bishop’s first diaconal ordination. Deacon Upendran returns to St. Mary’s Seminary and University in Baltimore, Maryland, to complete his studies. We wish him a safe return!

SISTER ELAINE ARSENAULT CELEBRATES her 25th Anniversary as a *Sister of Social Service* next Sunday, September 12th. It is a bittersweet event because it also marks her reassignment to Toronto – the last Sister of Social Service in the Diocese of Hamilton! We thank Sister Elaine, and the General Director of the community, Sister Jeanine Scarfone, for their long presence in the Diocese.

DURING THE SUMMER, POPE FRANCIS APPOINTED Waterloo University Physics and Astronomy Professor *Dr. Donna Strickland*, winner of the 2018 Nobel Prize for Physics, as a member of the *Pontifical Academy of Science*. And the Holy Father appointed *Dr. Anne Jamieson*, Executive Director of the Institute for Catholic Education, to the Vatican’s *International Council for Catechesis*. We are proud of these two brilliant leaders who live and serve among us!

ST. JEROME’S UNIVERSITY had several important announcements during the summer months. Following a six-month recruitment process, *Carol Ann MacGregor, PhD*, was appointed Vice-President Academic and Dean, effective August 16th. The University also welcomed *Michael Pautler* as Chair of its Board of Governors. Formerly Director of Education of the Halton Catholic District School Board, and Executive Director of the Institute for Catholic Education, he brings with him a long commitment to Catholic Education. Finally, it was announced that *Steven Lubczuk* is the 2021 Sweeney Award winner. The annual award is the University’s highest honour for recognition of Catholic leadership. He is a Partner with Miller Thompson law firm, and is highly involved in the community in the Kitchener-Waterloo area! The award will be presented at the St. Jerome’s Feast, online on Saturday, October 2nd. Congratulations to all.

FORMER SEMINARIAN FOR THE DIOCESE, Reverend Frater Peter Adrian Curtis Miller, was ordained a Priest at St. Michael’s Abbey, Silverado, California for service with the Norbertines. Bishop Kevin Vann, Bishop of Orange, was the ordaining prelate. We offer our congratulations and good wishes to Frater Peter Adrian! May your ministry be blessed.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, *+ Douglas*, OMI