



## Heart to Heart

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**THE AMORIS LAETITIA YEAR** of the Family was opened earlier this year by Pope Francis. A [Pastoral Letter](#) to the Diocese of Hamilton, dated today, was sent to Pastors and Parishes earlier this week for distribution to parishioners. Today is the Feast Day of Saint John Paul II, an appropriate day for such a letter. The sainted Pope was a great advocate of the family; he published *Familiaris Consortio*, which *Amoris Laetitia* draws from, and he wrote *Theology of the Body*. Many of his works relate to the importance of marriage and family!

**FRENCH-SPEAKING PRIESTS** throughout Ontario are preparing for the launch of the most recent French translation of the Roman Missal on the First Sunday in Advent, 2021. Bishop Serge Poitras of Timmins, who represents the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on the *International Episcopal Commission for French-Language Translations* (CEFTL), is offering preparation sessions both in person and virtually to assist Priests to prepare themselves for the change. French-speaking Priests in the Diocese of Hamilton will participate in a virtual session next Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. France, Belgium, Monaco, Luxembourg, Switzerland, French Africa, and French Canada are affected by this most recent French translation.

**DR. PETER MEEHAN, PRESIDENT OF ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY**, will celebrate his official installation on November 4, 2021. The event will be a mix of "in person" and "virtual". He has already begun the second year of his service, much of the first year being "from home" due to the COVID-19 restrictions. We congratulate him, and wish him well in his service, so important to the many students who choose to study at a Catholic University.

**DR. CATHERINE FERRIER, PRESIDENT**, of *Physician's Alliance Against Euthanasia* has invited Doctors and other supporters to sign an open letter unequivocally rejecting euthanasia. *Doctors Say No to Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide* is available in English, French, Spanish, and Irish. Check it out [here](#).

**THE WELLINGTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD** celebrated the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop's Dinner in a virtual format this year. Last night's event raised about \$20,000.00 in support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Centre Wellington Foodbank, Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington, and the Canadian Mental Health Association–Waterloo-Wellington. Congratulations to the organizing committee for succeeding even with the challenges of a virtual program. Next year – please God – in person!

**THE HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD** announced this year's recipients of the *Award for Distinguished Service to Catholic Education*. The awards will be presented on November 23, 2021, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, to Yvette Beach, Retired Principal, Morris Hucal, Superintendent of Education, Marnie Jadon, Manager Media and Communications, and Kelly Lazure-Valconi, Employee Assistance Counsellor, Pastoral Services. We congratulate the honourees, and we commend the Board on conferring the annual award which affirms the good works of those who serve.

**ON NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>, PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE** have been invited to gather with me at St. Benedict Church in Milton to pray for brother Priests who have died in the past year. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, the number of people who could gather to pray for the Priests who had died was limited. Now that those restrictions have been relaxed to some degree, and because of the size of St. Benedict Church, which facilitates sufficient social distancing, we will gather to pray and commend our deceased brothers to the Lord.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI