



ARCHBISHOP JAMES WEISGERBER IS READY for the Seminar for Priests which begins next Wednesday, October 25th, at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Burlington. The theme is *The Wellness of Priests*. He assures me that his presentations will both interest and challenge the priests who participate in the gathering. For the final time, I strongly encourage those who have not registered to do so now. It is only “too late” once the session is over. Opportunity lost!

AT THE PLENARY MEETING OF THE CCCB this year, I was elected Co-Treasurer (English Sector) for a further two-year term. This commitment takes me away from the Diocese for six meetings of the Executive Committee and Permanent Council each year. There are a couple of additional meetings which take me away as well. Thank you for your understanding of these absences, and for your support of the work of the Conference.

THE THIRD TYPICAL EDITION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL was launched on Monday. Archbishop Pedro Lopez Quintana, Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, was presented with the “second” copy. The first will be presented to the Holy Father during the visit of the CCCB President to Rome in November. I was recipient of one of the first copies as well. It will be on display in the foyer of the Chancery next week. The mail-out to those who have ordered copies has begun! You will be pleased with the high quality of the publication!

2000 CANADIAN PILGRIMS are expected to participate in the 2012 Eucharistic Congress, June 10-17 in Dublin, Ireland. Our Diocese is sponsoring a pilgrimage for priests and parishioners who are interested in participating. The Irish planners want the registrations by November 1st!!! Please encourage interested parishioners to register now! Given the challenges being experienced by the Church in Ireland recently, the Congress provides an opportunity to show solidarity and to celebrate the One who unites and heals and saves! Contact the Chancery if you need forms.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. JIM JOHNSTONE, C.R. on the occasion of his 60th anniversary of priestly ordination. The parishioners of St. Joseph’s Parish in Brantford will be marking the event in a special way!

SINCEREST THANKS TO FR. HENRY BENIN, C.S. who has given faithful priestly service to the people of All Souls’ Parish in Hamilton during two tours of duty in our Diocese. Fr. Henry, who celebrates his 78th birthday today, will be returning home to Verona, Italy at the end of the month. We wish you a blessed retirement!

CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL IN HAMILTON holds their 8th annual “Walk for Jesus” and Mass this Sunday morning. It is a spirited affair and a witness of faith for the community. Pray for good weather!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde,

+ *Douglas*, OMI