



Heart to Heart

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THE OFFICE FOR EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS is celebrating the *Diocesan Day of Prayer for Youth and Young Adults* at St. Margaret Mary Parish, Hamilton on November 21, 2021 beginning at 6:00 p.m. The Holy Father's Message for the *2021 World Youth Day* is available [here](#). Young adults (ages 18-35) can register for the Diocesan event [here](#). This spiritual pilgrimage is a long-range preparation for *World Youth Day 2023* in Lisbon.

BISHOP WAYNE LOBSINGER travelled to Sacred Heart Seminary in Milwaukee this week to preach a retreat to the seminarians. The visit also gave him the opportunity to visit Hamilton Diocesan Seminarian Jonathan Reitzel who is studying there this year. Seminarian Luis Cordeiro Inacio will join Jonathan at Sacred Heart Seminary for further studies in January. We pray for safe travel for the Bishop and we look forward to hearing about the Seminary.

WE OFFER SINCERE SYMPATHY TO BISHOP GERARD BERGIE on the death of his father, Gerald, on November 2nd. A devoted son, Bishop Bergie returned from St. Catharines to Hamilton often to visit his father. Please pray for the repose of his soul. The funeral will be celebrated at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Hamilton on November 10th. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace!

THE DECREE OF IMPLEMENTATION of the *New French Translation of the Roman Missal* was published earlier this week by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. The [Decree](#), signed by the Most Reverend Raymond Poisson, President of the CCCB, and co-signed by Father Jean Vezina, General Secretary, comes into effect on November 28, 2021. Use of the preceding French translation remains possible until March 6, 2022, the First Sunday of Lent, after which time the new French translation of the Roman Missal will become the only one approved for use in the dioceses of Canada. This decree affects the French-language Parishes in the Diocese of Hamilton, and whenever Mass is celebrated in French.

THE CHANCERY STAFF WILL GATHER in McNally Hall next week for a luncheon to celebrate the retirement of Lena Settimi after 32 years of dedicated service to the Diocese! Lena was the "voice" of the Diocese for many years, serving at the Reception desk. As the first contact for people phoning or visiting the Chancery, hospitality and good humour was her forte. In more recent years she served as the capable Administrative Assistant to Teresa Hartnett in the Family Ministry Office. We are grateful for her service and wish her good health, long life and much happiness in retirement.

THE WINNERS OF THE READERS' CHOICE AWARDS, promoted annually by The Hamilton Spectator, were published yesterday. Congratulations to Art Smith and Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for receiving Diamond recognition as the best cemetery in the area. Congratulations also to Father Tony O'Dell, OMI, and St. Patrick Parish, Hamilton, for receiving Platinum recognition for Churches, and to Father Joe Durkacz and Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Hamilton, for receiving Gold recognition! Well merited indeed! Thank you for your exemplary service.

CANADIANS PAUSE ON REMEMBRANCE DAY, NOVEMBER 11th, to remember those who died in war and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world. This is a day to pray for peace, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community and as a nation to bring the peace of Christ into our world. This is a day when our believing community can rededicate itself by prayer and action to the ideals Jesus gives us in the Beatitudes. We pray to the Lord.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI