



Heart to Heart

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THE DEDICATION OF ST. BENEDICT CHURCH IN MILTON will take place this Sunday, November 28th, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Father Jim Petrie, Pastor, is preparing for the event. While COVID-19 restrictions are still in place, the size of church will allow for significant attendance at the event. Welcome to Peterborough Bishop Daniel Miehm, the founding Pastor of the Parish. With Auxiliary Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, he will have the unique privilege of anointing the walls of the beautiful building. Congratulations and thanks to Father Petrie, the Building Committee, the architect and builders. The “green technology” makes it one of the few churches in the country that can “contribute” to the grid!

THE CONFERRAL OF PAPAL HONOURS on one Priest and 14 Lay Faithful by Cardinal Gerald Lacroix last Sunday was an uplifting event. “They’ll know we are Christians by our love!” sang the Cardinal – a refrain sung by all present. The biographies of the recipients, read by Monsignor Murray Kroetsch, inspired the congregation. While the event was a year late in occurring, it was well worth the wait. Congratulations again to the honourees!

TWO PERSONNEL CHANGES TAKE PLACE THESE DAYS. Father Gregory Merkley is appointed Associate Pastor at St. Margaret Mary Parish in Hamilton, and Father Patrick Ohl is appointed Associate Pastor at St. Benedict Parish in Milton. Thank you to both Priests for their availability and generous response.

THE FOUR UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY TEAMS MET YESTERDAY at Sweeney Hall Board Room at St. Jerome’s University to share information about Synod preparation, to plan shared Chaplaincy events, to receive information from the Evangelization and Catechesis Office, and to share a lunch. The four Chaplaincies welcome students at St. Jerome’s University (Waterloo), St. John Paul II Student Centre (Waterloo), Canadian Martyrs’ Student Centre (Hamilton), and Newman Centre (Guelph).

THE ADVENT VIDEO SERIES, prepared annually by the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), features Regina Archbishop Donald Bolen this year. He focuses his five presentations on current Indigenous concerns leading to healing and reconciliation. The first two talks are already available on the CCCB [website](#). This series is a prayerful way for Catholics to prepare for Advent and for the Indigenous Delegation to Rome, December 12, 2021.

CHRISTMAS IS MEANT TO BE A TIME OF HOPE, but for those who are coping with separation or divorce, it can also be a time of great challenge. The Family Ministry Office invites anyone in this situation to join them on Tuesday, December 14th, at 7:00 p.m. for a ZOOM session offering practical tips and ways to find joy this holiday season. For more information check out [Upcoming Events](#) on our website.

ST. MARY AND THE MISSIONS PARISH IN OWEN SOUND is presenting an Advent retreat online. All are welcome to join the livestream on the four Wednesday evenings of Advent (December 1, 8, 15, 22), at 7:00 p.m. Join the program live or watch it later. ([YouTube channel](#)).

TWO YOUNG, UNRELATED ERITREAN REFUGEES will be arriving from Israel on the same plane on December 1st, to join their respective cousins in Hamilton. As well, Fr. Brian Quigley, MCCJ, and the Refugee Committee at St. Anne Parish in Kitchener will be welcoming an Iraqi family of five to reunite with their loved ones. Two long-separated brothers will be together again. We are grateful for the good work of the Refugee Office. Free registration for an online lecture hosted by the Centre for Migration Studies of New York is available [here](#). The title: *Christianity and the Law of Migration: A Dialogue in Social Responsibility*.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI