



Heart to Heart

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A WARM WELCOME TO MR. JIM LONG, DIOCESAN COMPTROLLER, who began work with the Diocese today. In addition to a meeting with the Diocesan Administration Office personnel, Mr. Long was introduced to the entire staff at the Chancery and given the “keys” to get around the place. We wish him well in his new duties and look forward to working closely with him!

THE NEW PRESBYTERAL COUNCIL HAS NOW BEEN FORMED. The elected representatives have accepted their responsibilities. The complete list of the Presbyteral Council is attached to this issue of Heart to Heart. Thanks to Father Wayne Lobsinger, Chair of the Council, and to Father Frank Freitas, Secretary to the Council, for their good work in assuring that the setting up of the Council has been well done. Presbyteral Council members are reminded of the NEXT MEETING of the Presbyteral Council, which is scheduled for November 8, 2011, beginning with lunch at noon in the Bishop’s Board Room.

785 YOUNG PARISHIONERS HAVE REGISTERED for the Catechetical Correspondence Program offered through our Office for Catechesis, under the care and direction of Anne Jamieson, with the capable assistance of Carol Daly. 300 of the above number are in parish-run programs. The registrations are growing. It demonstrates the value and importance of the service provided through this office!

150 CHOIR MEMBERS FROM ACROSS THE DIOCESE gathered at Holy Rosary Parish in Burlington for a music workshop last Saturday morning! The enthusiastic singers learned all the choral parts to three new pieces of music from CELEBRATE IN SONG. In the afternoon, 50 Choir Directors stayed to discuss matters of mutual interest and concern with Monsignor Murray Kroetsch!

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS IS THE TITLE of a program offered by our Office for Family Life. Christmas is a difficult season for those who have lost a loved one and find themselves experiencing anything but “Peace on Earth.” Navigating through these feelings is easier when they are offered tangible support. *Coping With the Holidays* provides care and practical tools for managing the holidays. Please encourage people who may need such support to attend the session on Saturday, December 3rd, from 2:00-3:30 at the Chancery Office.

CONFIRMATION SEASON IS UPON US ONCE AGAIN! I am at Mary Mother of God in Oakville tonight, and Regina Mundi in Hamilton twice tomorrow! It will be good to have an occasion to meet the young people who come forward. They are always well-prepared and ready for the Sacrament. Thanks to the Pastors, Teachers, and Catechists for the good work you do in assuring that all is done so well.

STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH IN HAMILTON IS SPONSORING MORNING PRAYER for Vocations on Friday, November 11th. The morning will begin with Mass at 8:00 and conclude with Benediction at noon. If you can be part of the event, you are welcome. If not, please pray for vocations wherever you may be.

THIS MARKS THE END OF THE FIRST YEAR OF THE PUBLICATION HEART TO HEART! Thank you for the positive comments and encouragement you have given over the course of the year. Not only is it a way for me to inform you about the many good things that are happening in the Diocese, it becomes a wonderful record for history about what the Bishop has been doing! May the second year be as blessed as the first!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI