



Heart to Heart

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TODAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION of the Lord. It is the *Patronal Feast of the Diocese of Hamilton, under the mantel of Mary, Our Lady of the Annunciation*. Today is also an historic day in the life of the Church. Pope Francis, joined by Bishops, Priests, Religious and Lay Faithful around the world, is making an *Act of Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary*. The Holy Father has been assiduous in decrying the inhuman destruction of the lives, homes, and livelihood of the Ukrainian people. He has repeatedly called for a ceasefire to allow humanitarian relief for the people and safe access out of besieged cities. The Act of Consecration calls upon Mary, Mother of God, Mother of the Church, and Queen of Peace, to intercede before the throne of grace – so that hearts might be turned away from the evils of hatred and the destruction of war! To join your voice to the Act of Consecration you may access the prayer [here](#).

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY to His Excellency Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki! His birthday is March 25th, the Patronal Feast of the Diocese of Hamilton. Bishop Ustrzycki has given his life in service to the Diocese of Hamilton, from Parish Associate, to Pastor, to Rector of the Cathedral, and to Auxiliary Bishop (40th Anniversary next year!). His love for the Church, his service to the faithful, and his fraternal concern for the Priests of the Diocese, have made him the beloved Bishop he is. We wish you good health and much happiness. *Ad multos annos!*

SISTER ANNE ANDERSON, C.S.J., Chair of the Board of Directors of the St. Joseph's Health System in the Diocese of Hamilton, announced yesterday that *Elizabeth M. Buller* has accepted the appointment as [*President and CEO of the St. Joseph's Health System*](#). She will take up her new duties in the coming weeks, replacing Winnie Doyle who has served as Interim President and CEO for the past two years. Ms. Buller comes to her new duties from the Scarborough Health Network where she has been President and CEO since 2017. Previously she also served as President and CEO of St. Joseph's Health Centre in Toronto. We welcome her enthusiastically and pray for God's blessing on her service!

BISHOP JOSEPH DABROWSKI, Auxiliary Bishop of London, has been appointed liaison Bishop between the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario and the Ontario State Council of the Knights of Columbus. He will serve as State Chaplain for the Ontario State Council. The five-year term begins with the new fraternal year of the Knights, on July 1, 2022. Currently, I am completing the term of Archbishop Marcel Damphousse, Archbishop of Ottawa, who resigned two years ago following his appointment to the Archdiocese. May Bishop Dabrowski experience the same degree of kindness and encouragement as did I from the State Deputies, State Board, and State Council!

THE CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE (CCODP) financially supports development and aid projects in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America, and the Caribbean. It also provides information to Canadian Catholics on international social justice questions. NEXT Sunday, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, also called Solidarity Sunday, a special collection is held in Parishes across the Diocese to support the many projects and programs of CCODP. The Diocese of Hamilton has always been strong in our support of the Organization. Because of the COVID challenges of the past two years, our support is more important than ever! Please be especially generous this year!

THE FOUR BISHOP MEMBERS OF THE CCODP NATIONAL COUNCIL have invited Priests (English-speaking) to participate in a virtual meeting on the ZOOM platform to receive information and exchange on the Share Lent Campaign 2022. The meeting is scheduled for [Wednesday, March 30th](#), from 1:30-3:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time. A similar meeting in French will be held the day before, on [Tuesday, March 29th](#)! If you are able to join one or other session, please do!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI