

Heart to Heart

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DEACON KEVIN UPENDRAN has been called to the Priesthood in the Diocese of Hamilton. His priestly ordination will take place at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 11:00 a.m. on May 7, 2022. Following his ordination, Father Upendran will serve in St. Ann Parish, Ancaster for the summer months. He will return to St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore in September, to complete his STL in Licentiate of Moral Theology. We congratulate Father, and wish him God's richest blessings!

WELCOME TO SISTER MIRACLES, PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR of the *Sisters Poor of Jesus Christ*, and to Sr. Agape, Vice General Superior, who are enjoying a two-week pastoral visit of their communities in North America, including the Sisters who serve here in the Diocese of Hamilton. We wish them a joyful and productive visit!

THE PRIESTLY ORDINATION OF FATHER MICHAEL MASCARENHAS, a Capuchin Franciscan, will take place at St. Philip Neri Parish in Toronto, next Thursday, April 28th, at 4:00 p.m. Born and raised in Hamilton, he was inspired to pursue a vocation to Religious Life and Priesthood by many Priests from the Diocese. He will celebrate his First Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Margaret Mary Parish, Hamilton at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 1st. Father Mascarenhas invites Priests from the Diocese to concelebrate at the Ordination Mass or the Mass of Thanksgiving.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER JOE DURKACZ and *Sts. Peter and Paul Parish* in Hamilton! The Parish was voted "*Readers Choice*" in the Mountain News – a good sign of support from the flock!

BISHOP WAYNE LOBSINGER celebrated the *first anniversary* of his Episcopal Ordination last Monday, April 18th! He spent Holy Week and Easter presiding at liturgical events in several Parishes. We congratulate him on his anniversary and thank him for his dedication to our Parishes, Priests, Religious, and seminarians!

BISHOP DANIEL MIEHM celebrated his *fifth anniversary* as Bishop of Peterborough earlier this week. He presided at a Mass at St. Peter-in-Chains Cathedral in Peterborough, followed by a reception in the Parish Centre. We congratulate Bishop Miehm on his anniversary, and wish him many more happy years of ministry!

DR. ANNE JAMIESON has published a new book, *Joining the Divine Conversation – A Guide to Listening to the God who Speaks*. Published by Novalis, the book reflects on conversations that occur in scripture while, at the same time, helping readers to discern how God speaks to them now! Anne Jamieson serves currently as the Executive Director of the *Institute for Catholic Education*! Congratulations on this new and valuable resource!

ST. PETER'S SEMINARY ALUMNI **REUNION** will take place on Tuesday, May 10th. It is a "hybrid" event, with some alumni participating in person, and others on ZOOM. Gerald Cyprien Cardinal Lacroix, Archbishop of Quebec and Primate of Canada will be the special guest speaker! Mass is planned to begin at 4:00 p.m. in St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel; followed by a reception in the Folz Family Dining Room; followed by dinner in the Refectory.

THE ONTARIO STATE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS hold their 119th Convention at Sheraton on The Falls Hotel, Niagara Falls, April 22nd-24th. It is their first full convention in two years! We wish State Deputy Marcel Lemmen well at this first convention of his two-year term. May it be an opportunity to encourage the entire State Council as they restart their many good works that have been "put on hold" during the pandemic shut down!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + Douglas, OMI