



Heart to Heart

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THE KATERI TEKAKWITHA CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTRE at *Canadian Martyrs Parish* in Hamilton was blessed following Mass last Sunday. The Centre has been open for several months already, providing a welcoming space for students of McMaster University. Fr. Bradley Markus, Mr. Paul O'Hagen, and Sr. Mary McIntyre, CSJ, provide pastoral care. The construction included a make-over of the parish hall, giving improved meeting space for parishioners and students alike! A beautiful job, well-done!

MEETINGS OF THE CHAPLAINS and Campus Ministers of universities in the Diocese with the Bishops and Diocesan staff take place two or three times each year. Earlier this week, we met at the new Kateri Student Centre. These meetings are important opportunities to learn about the activities at our student centres, to review inter-chaplaincy events (retreats/pilgrimages), and to look forward to new initiatives. Plans are afoot for a *Leadership Summit* this summer, a *Marian Pilgrimage* in Waterloo in October, and the *Kairos Blanket Exercise* at St. Jerome's in the Fall. Exciting times!

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK is celebrated across the Province next week. A "live-streamed" Mass from St. Patrick Parish, Hamilton, on Monday, May 2nd at 10:00 a.m., opens the week for the *Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board*. Secondary Student Council Presidents will provide student representation. A variety of activities are being planned by Catholic School Boards throughout the Diocese, also see our Diocesan [website](#) for *Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together*. We pray in thanksgiving for our Catholic schools!

FATHER ALBERTO FERREIRA, PASTOR of *Our Lady of Fatima Parishes* in both Kitchener and Cambridge, will be formally installed in both Parishes this weekend – Cambridge at the Saturday evening Mass and Kitchener at the Sunday morning Mass. From Mozambique, Father was appointed to the Parishes last June, but COVID restrictions impeded his arrival until recently. We are grateful for his service to the Portuguese-speaking communities.

LISTENING TO INDIGENOUS VOICES is an 8-day retreat hosted by Loyola House at Ignatius Jesuit Centre in Guelph. The retreat is based on the workbook of the same title produced by the *Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice*. Check out the [website](#). Beginning May 18th at 7:30 p.m. to May 26th at 1:00 p.m., it promises to be a valuable encounter between peoples of goodwill that will foster mutual understanding, justice and love!

THE FEAST OF ST. PHILIP AND ST. JAMES (May 3rd) marks the 50th anniversary of *Ecole elementaire catholique Saint-Philippe* in Burlington. A Mass of Thanksgiving at the school will mark the occasion. The school is a centering place in the Francophone community and draws the community together for spiritual, cultural, educational and social events! "Felicitations!" Congratulations on 50 years of Catholic education and community life!

THE SERRA CLUB OF HAMILTON will *restart the Celebration of Priesthood and Consecrated Life* with a Mass – no dinner – on May 3rd. The Mass will take place at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King beginning at 7:00 p.m. We will pray in thanksgiving for the long ministries of Father Charles Galea, Father Bob Bulbrook, Father Bernard Carroll, S.J., Father Roger Yaworski, S.J., Father Pablito Lababo, Father Robert Dunn, Father Ronald Voisin and Sister Geraldine Garritty, RPB, all who have celebrated 50th anniversaries in the past two years. Recently ordained Priests will also be feted.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI