



Heart to Heart

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CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, Mark Daly, has had it in his mind from day one to celebrate the history and the legacy of Catholic students who attended the flagship school! Teacher, historian and artist Vince Lepore spearheaded a *Historic Mural and Alumni Wall of Distinction* featured on the walls of the school. It was a labour of love! Years were spent researching and accumulating archival documents! The mural is a testament to all that can be accomplished through Catholic education when we work together! An amateur video of the wall is available [here](#). If you want to visit the *Cathedral Wall of Distinction* in person, email Mr. Lepore at leporev@hwcdsb.ca. Congratulations on a remarkable project!

FATHER DAVID WALTER, Pastor at Holy Cross Parish in Georgetown, has accepted the additional responsibility of Episcopal Vicar for Priests in the Diocese of Hamilton. As Episcopal Vicar, he is a member of the Episcopal Board, which meets monthly, the Priest Personnel Committee, which meets four or five times annually, and he attends meetings of the Presbyteral Council. The appointment is effective on June 29, 2022. A new Dean will be appointed to complete his term as Dean of Halton. Thank you for this additional service to the Diocese!

EXCITING TIMES AT SACRED HEART PARISH IN PARIS! The *One Heart One Soul* project, building a long-desired parish hall, is now underway. One step at a time, the “makeover” of the historic church and the new build is moving forward. As part of their Catholic Education Week “news”, Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board teachers presented a five-minute video giving an idea of the extent of the work [here](#). Congratulations to Father Okoko and his team on undertaking such an important initiative!

THE ANNUAL BISHOP’S DINNER, sponsored by the Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board, was a Catholic Education Week celebration held in Cargill. One of the many highlights of the evening was a moving announcement by Trustee Bev Eckensweiler of the creation of the *Norm Bethune Catholic Culture of Deep Caring Education Fund*. The fund will support classroom programs and projects and honours long-time Board teacher, administrator, and Trustee Norm Bethune. Mr. Bethune dedicated his entire life to Catholic education, and after retirement served 25 years as a Trustee. A remarkable testament indeed!

FROM INFORMATION TO TRANSFORMATION, a Catholic leadership formation program offered through the Catholic Education Partnership of the Diocese of Hamilton, celebrated the completion of its third “cohort” earlier today – and the beginning of its fourth! Under the careful direction of Tamara Nugent, diplomas were presented at a ceremony at Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre, Ancaster. Congratulations to all graduates!

AGING WITH WISDOM AND GRACE is the fifth talk in the Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series being held on Wednesday, May 18th, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Dr. Elizabeth Bookser Barkley uses her own experiences and the wisdom of her contemporaries to explore some of the physical, emotional and psychological issues we all face as we age. Dr. Bookser Barkley, is a professor of English at Mount St. Joseph University, Ohio and author of four books, including *Life after Death: Practical Help for the Widowed*. Register [here](#).

GRIEF RELIEF! Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person’s presence in your life? The Office of Family Ministry will offer a six-week online grief program on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m., on May 17th, 24th, 31st and June 7th, 14th and 21st. Register [here](#).

AFTER SEPARATION OR DIVORCE: support, care and tools for the journey! Join us for one or both of two online sessions that will help you understand your feelings and help you to begin the process of moving forward. Wednesday, May 11th and Thursday, June 9th 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Register [here](#).

St. Francois de Laval, pray for us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI