



Heart to Heart

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SPONSORED BY THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS, the first session of the webinar titled *FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: Communion, Participation and Mission*, took place earlier this week. Dr. Moira McQueen and David Dayler gave an informative and historical presentation about synodality with the theme *Communion: Journeying Together*. The webinar continues on May 25th, when Sister Chantal Desmarais, from the Diocese of Joliette in Quebec, presents on *Participation: A Co-responsibility*. The webinar concludes on June 1st, when Cardinal Gerald Lacroix, Archbishop of Quebec, presents on *Going Forth: A Missionary Church*. The sessions begin at 1:00 p.m. and conclude by 2:30 p.m. EDT. Contact m.shea-lawrence@cccb.ca for more information or to register.

FATHER STEPHAN KAPPLER, president of The Southdown Institute was the guest speaker at a Convocation of Priests at Holy Family Parish Hall in Kitchener earlier this week. This was the first “in-person” convocation for the Priests in three years. It was well-attended and the conversation and fraternal interaction was rich! Thanks to the Priests serving in the Diocese for your dedication and cooperation over the past pandemic months and years. Your service is treasured!

THE HONOURABLE GRAYDON NICHOLAS will present *REFLECTIONS FROM AN INDIGENOUS CATHOLIC ON EVANGELIZATION* on Saturday, May 28, 2022, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. EST. Graydon Nicholas is a distinguished, highly respected Elder, lawyer, judge, social worker, educator, and activist. He was the first Indigenous person to hold the position of Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick. He is a devout Catholic and a founder of the Indigenous Catholic Research Fellowship. Sponsored by Concerned Lay Catholics, the registration is free. All donations will support Graydon Nicholas’ work of reconciliation. Register [here](#).

THE HALTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD celebrated the blessing and dedication of St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School in Oakville earlier this week. The new school brings together students from the former St. James and St. Joseph schools. This afternoon we celebrated the blessing and dedication of the Thomas Merton Centre for Continuing Education in Oakville. This school provides opportunities for people to undertake and complete educational programs thus opening up new educational opportunities moving forward.

FORWARD TOGETHER IN CHRIST continues to bring together Priests, Deacons, Parish Ministers and Pastoral Staff in the Diocese of Hamilton. The sessions provide opportunity to discuss current realities, challenges and opportunities. The next phase will be gatherings of Priests in three different locations in the Diocese. Priests are invited to attend one of the three sessions – at a location of their choice. The 2 hour sessions are scheduled for June 2nd at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown, June 8th at Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, and June 10th and Holy Family Parish, Hanover. The process will encourage dialogue and listening. See you there!

“THE CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE OF CANADA has worked in the parishes and diocese of our country in support of the Church’s mission for more than a century! Members of the League are often among the most committed and active parishioners priests can rely on to support the pastoral care of parishioners and address social issues” said Bishop Stephen Jensen, Bishop of Prince George and National Spiritual Advisor of the League. He has asked Bishops to promote the League in the Diocese and encourage Pastors to better know and support the organization as a valued collaborator in the mission we all share. As the largest grassroots organization of women in Canada, we encourage women to become members of the League.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF CURA PASTORUM, our fraternal organization supporting retired Priests, takes place at St. Matthew Parish Hall in Oakville, on June 3rd. Priest members are encouraged to attend, to receive the reports and to elect the executive for the coming year.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI