



Heart to Heart

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THE NATIONAL ROSARY FOR THE FAMILY, sponsored by the *CCCB Standing Committee for Family and Life*, will be prayed on Sunday, June 19th, beginning at 3:00 p.m. EDT (a time chosen to accommodate the various time zones across Canada). The nation-wide ZOOM prayer time is part of the preparation for the 19th World Meeting of Families (WMF) which will be held in Rome from June 22-26, 2022. You are invited to share in this prayer experience with your family and friends. The registration link can be accessed [here](#).

THE ANNUAL NOVENA TO ST. ANN (July 18th-26th) will be hosted again this year by St. Ann Parish, Hamilton. The nine days of prayer will invoke the intercession of St. Ann, the Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Grandmother of Jesus Christ. Mass will be celebrated each evening of the Novena at 7:00 p.m., with the Novena prayers said before the relic. The homilies will be part of our “*Faith in Stained Glass*” series highlighting nine of the stained-glass windows that beautify the church and artistically teach the faith. You are invited to submit your prayer requests through the link on the parish [website](#). All are welcome.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 is scheduled to be held in Lisbon, Portugal, August 1st-6th, **2023!** Diocesan Offices are already beginning to consider the benefits provided to young adults, 18 to 35 years-old, from our Diocese, who would participate in the event in person. They are also studying the possibility of gathering young people at a venue *within* the Diocese to join in the events virtually. At the invitation of the Holy Father, World Youth Day is a gathering of young adults from around the world to celebrate faith. “*Mary Arose And Went With Haste*” (Lk 1:39) is the theme chosen by Pope Francis. It highlights Mary as both a woman of charity and a missionary.

THE CANADIAN CATHOLIC BIOETHICS INSTITUTE publishes an informative newsletter almost every week, chalk full of timely stories, helpful advice, and encouraging activities, all related to Catholic ethical reflection on life issues. You can access the newsletter [here](#) or register [here](#) to have it sent directly to your email address. Be well-informed!

THE SUDDEN AND RARE *DERECHO* WIND AND RAIN STORM that passed through parts of Ontario last Saturday afternoon caused tragedy and havoc as it passed. Strong winds, falling trees and branches, power outages, severe hail and rain storms, arrived almost without warning and passed through quickly. Several people were killed by falling trees and overturned boats. We offer our condolences and prayers. Some communities are still experiencing power outages as crews work to repair the damage! While it was not long-lasting, the storm was devastating in some communities.

THE ONTARIO SQUIRES, young Catholic men who aspire to become Knights of Columbus, are holding their annual convention in Burlington this weekend. I look forward to celebrating Mass with them on Saturday evening. I am impressed by their mature dedication to the faith and to their many good works, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus! *Be Worthy!*

WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY is marked this Sunday, May 29th. Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (films, radio, television, newspapers, audiovisuals) and how they influence our lives. The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The media can help promote the Gospel, something we can support and encourage!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI