



Heart to Heart

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A NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS, sponsored by the *Institute for Catholic Education*, begins on Wednesday, June 15th, and concludes on Friday, June 24th, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. An ancient form of prayer in the Catholic tradition, a novena consists of nine consecutive days of prayer leading up to a particular feast day during which a blessing or grace is sought. Students in Catholic schools learn about this form of devotion in the Grade 6 *Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ* program during Unit 5. You can access the Novena online [here](#). We are grateful for the gift of publicly funded Catholic education in the Province of Ontario!

BECAUSE THE SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS falls on June 24th, it coincides with the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. The *Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments* has advised that the Nativity of St. John the Baptist is transferred to Thursday, June 23rd. Evening Prayer II is omitted on the 23rd; it is replaced by Evening Prayer I of The Most Sacred Heart.

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS is marked on June 24th. The day was established by Saint John Paul II in 2002 with the objective of having Catholic faithful pray for the sanctification of Priests. The day coincides with the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. “*Jesus, Saviour of the world, sanctify your priests and sacred ministers!*”

ARCHBISHOP TERENCE PRENDERGAST, currently *Apostolic Administrator of Hearst-Moosonee Diocese*, published a remarkable Pastoral Letter on Pentecost Sunday, last June 5th. “*A NEW CREATION IN CHRIST*”: *Dreams for the Boreal Region of Northern Ontario* is a reflection on the beauty and importance of this boreal homeland to so many! He invites us to “imagine what might happen if we viewed our boreal homeland with the same comprehensive, integral dream offered by the universal Church in Pope Francis’ vision of the Amazon!” Having been born on the shores of Lake Superior in the boreal region of Northwestern Ontario, I find his vision of treasuring these lands with love to be compelling. You can enjoy it online [here](#).

BISHOP TERENCE DRAINEY, Bishop of Middlesbrough, UK, has asked to be excused from preaching the Retreat to Priests on August 22nd-26th. Father Tim Scott, CSB, has accepted the invitation to preach the retreat in his stead. A noted scripture scholar, professor, and more recently a Parish Priest in Montreal, he is well-prepared to lead a reflective and prayerful retreat experience for our Priests. Please pray for him – and for them!

TODAY IS WINNIE DOYLE’S LAST DAY with the *St. Joseph’s Health System*. Winnie has served The System for over 37 years, including, most recently as Interim President and CEO! Winnie is recognized by her colleagues throughout the system as a compassionate, caring, inspirational, thoughtful, visionary leader. The Board of Directors expressed endless gratitude for her total dedication to its mission, vision and values! Sr. Anne Anderson, C.S.J., Board Chair, speaks of her qualities [here](#).

CNEWA – Catholic Near East Welfare Association – has received donations of an historic \$4 million in the past 100 days. The funds have been sent to support CNEWA’S partners in Ukraine to provide emergency services and humanitarian and pastoral support to Ukrainians from all walks of life, and to provide the displaced, the elderly and the sick with care, medical supplies, food, clothing and shelter, as well as educational programs and support for local priests. Online donations can be made to CNEWA at: www.cnewa.ca. Indicate it is for Ukraine.

THANKS TO THE PRIESTS OF THE HALTON DEANERY for the invitation to join them for dinner tonight at St. Dominic Parish, Oakville. It has been a long time since we have had such an opportunity to enjoy each other’s company. Thanks to Father Ranjan D’Sa, OCD, for hosting the gathering. Bishop Lobsinger, Monsignor Kroetsch and I look forward to a pleasant fraternal evening with brother priests!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI