



Heart to Heart

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THE FOURTH INDIGENOUS LEGACY GATHERING is scheduled to be held at Nathan Phillips Square in Toronto, on September 29-30, 2022. Sacred Fire, Indigenous music and dance, drumming and storytelling, workshops, artists and performers, Indigenous food vendors and artisans, will make the experience compelling. The program is sponsored by *Toronto Council Fire*. A multi-faith group which has been supporting the construction of the *Spirit Garden* will have a tent in which faith representatives including Catholic priests, will be available. The construction of the *Spirit Garden* has begun and should be completed by the Fall of 2024!

THE 2022-2023 FORMATION PROGRAM FOR PERMANENT DEACONS began last weekend at Mount Mary Retreat Centre in Ancaster. Candidates in Year 1 focused on *Prayer/Liturgy of the Hours*, and those in Year 3 received conferences on the *Holy Trinity*. Four Deacon-candidates began the program this year: Paul Dobrowolski from St. Patrick Parish, Hamilton; Gustao Ponce from St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Burlington; Adam Walker, from St. Mary Parish, Palmerston; and Ivan Zeljesnjak from Holy Cross Croatian Parish, Hamilton. Happily, the studies are once again “live and in person”! We pray for the eight Deacon candidates and their wives who are in the program this year – and for women preparing to be Consecrated Virgins who also follow the program.

FATHER MARK MORLEY has been appointed *Vocation Director* for the Diocese of Hamilton, continuing a long-time commitment in the Diocese of Hamilton of dedicating a Priest full time to the Vocation Office. Father Patrick Ohl, currently Associate Pastor at St. Benedict Parish, Milton, succeeds him as Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Rockwood, and Chaplain at the Newman Centre in Guelph. Both appointments are effective October 1, 2022. We pray for both Priests and for God’s blessing on their ministries!

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE/Caritas Canada continues to promote its *People and Planet First Campaign* until the end of the current calendar year. During the Fall, D&P will seek to strengthen the movement by reaching out to new members and supporters in our community and beyond. Young people are particularly interested in and supportive of the *People and Planet First Campaign*. To join the signature campaign for their due diligence campaign check [here](#).

THE DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE/Caritas Canada campaign to assist the Pakistan relief program is available [here](#). All funds contributed will be matched by the Canadian government until September 28th. Be generous! Make a difference!

THE HALTON SERRA CLUB met “in person” at Holy Rosary Parish, Burlington, for the celebration of their annual Charter Night Mass and dinner and sharing. Father Paul Patrick, OMI, Pastor of St. Gabriel Parish, in Burlington, is their new Chaplain. Following a wedding rehearsal, he joined the group and introduced himself to the delight of the members. I gave an update on the events of the summer months and of the seminarians who have already begun their studies for the current academic year. Members of the Serra Club pray in a special way for our seminarians and for vocations. We count on their prayers!

A HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS to the *Catholic Women’s League of St. Andrew Parish, Oakville*, who celebrate their 100th anniversary of their CWL Parish Council! It is a significant anniversary indeed. The League was founded 102 years ago – so the St. Andrew’s CWL was one of their earliest councils. Over 60,000 women are members of the Catholic Women’s League of Canada, making it the largest “grassroots” organizations of women in Canada! Every Catholic woman should consider being a member of the League, not least to support its important mission – For God and Canada!

Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI