



THE CARMELITE NUNS at the Carmel of St. Joseph will *celebrate their 70th Anniversary* at a special Anniversary Mass presided by Bishop Wayne Lobsinger at St. Mary Parish, Kitchener, on Monday, October 24th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. In gratitude for their 70 years, the Nuns have arranged dinner for Mass participants from Tiny Home Takeout. N.B. Donations of \$250 per couple can be mailed to the Carmel of St. Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd., RR1, St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0. Please RSVP by emailing the Carmel of St. Joseph at saintagatha@thecarmel.ca. We are profoundly grateful to the Nuns for their long and prayerful support for our Diocese!

THE SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA is taken up this Sunday, September 25th. Every year, the Bishops of Canada appeal for financial assistance to assist each diocese in making its annual contribution to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and to the respective regional episcopal assemblies (for us, the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario – ACBO). Please be generous!

MARGARET'S PLACE HOSPICE at *St. Joseph's Villa* celebrated its first year of service to the community this week. Major donors were invited to gather for a donor appreciation luncheon to learn how the year had gone. There was much laughter and joy, and there were tears of sadness and gratitude for the caring services provided at the hospice. Congratulations to Margaret's Place staff for creating such a welcoming and wholesome environment for the final journey home!

A CONSULTATION AMONG THE PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE to determine three new members of the *Personnel Board* was concluded recently. Father Mark Gatto was elected by Priests who have served for 31+ years; Father Ed Henhoeffler was elected by Priests who have served between 16 to 30 years; and Father Bradley Markus was elected by Priests who have served from 0 to 15 years. The Personnel Board meets three or four times each year to provide helpful advice to the Bishop regarding the appointments of Priests to ministries in the Diocese. Pray for God's blessing on this service which is vitally important for our Priests and our Parishes.

THE CHANCERY PASTORAL OFFICES MET THIS MORNING after a long break over the summer. The long break did not mean that the services of the offices were on hiatus. The ministries continued throughout the summer. The morning meeting provided opportunity to share the developments of the past few months so that everyone "in-house" is informed of the ongoing life and ministry of our Chancery staff. A new pastoral year is well underway!

THE WORLD DAY FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES will be celebrated this Sunday, September 25th. Pope Francis' theme for 2022 is "Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees". In his Annual Message, the Holy Father asks us all: "*What does it mean to put the most vulnerable at the centre?*" In service to refugees, sponsors and all refugee sponsorship program stakeholders, our Office for Refugees aims to honour this message by applying an anti-oppressive and anti-racism lens to all decision-making. Take a moment of reflection this Sunday to consider how we are being called to serve the most vulnerable and what practical actions we can take in this regard. We hope this is the last year we will have to cancel our Annual Multicultural Mass. Vatican resources and reflection tools are available [here](#).

THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS CELEBRATING CATHOLIC EDUCATION, cancelled for the past two years because of the pandemic, was held last night at the *Basilica of Our Lady in Guelph*. Hosted by the Wellington Catholic District School Board, Yvonne Runstedler provided a powerful and uplifting presentation for representatives from the seven Catholic School Boards which provide elementary and secondary education throughout the Diocese, and from St. Jerome's University which provides tertiary and ongoing education. We are blessed by such educational opportunities providing foundational learning for a future filled with hope!

OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION pray for us!

Ex corde, *+ Douglas*, OMI