



**A PASTORAL LETTER TO YOUNG PEOPLE** from the Catholic Bishops of Canada was released on October 12, 2022, a day when the young Blessed Carlo Acutis is remembered – the first “millennial” to be proclaimed “Blessed”! Signed by Bishop Raymond Poisson, Bishop of St. Jerome – Mont Laurier and the President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, the letter is the result of many ZOOM conversations, which took place in both English and French, between over 200 young people from across the country and Bishops of the Conference. The lively conversations resulted in the letter of reassurance and encouragement available [here](#). A [video](#) summarizes the letter and makes it more easily accessible. Thanks especially to CCCB staffers, Marg Shea Lawrence and Michelle Dabrowski, for seeing this dynamic project through to such an encouraging completion.

**FATHER MATTHEW DURHAM** has been incardinated into the Diocese of Hamilton. As a member of the Congregation of St. Basil (Basilian Congregation), he received a Doctorate in Ministry from St. Michael University and worked closely with the St. Elizabeth Foundation in developing and managing the Journey Home Hospice in Toronto for homeless persons. Now, as a Priest of the Diocese of Hamilton, Father Durham will serve as the Bishop’s Delegate for Health Care in the Diocese of Hamilton. In this capacity, he will serve on the Board of the Public Juridic Person for St. Joseph’s Health System, and he will have a special concern for hospice care initiatives in the Diocese. We welcome Father Durham to the Diocese and pray that his ministry of encouragement and consolation is a blessing for our many health care institutions.

**LECTURES IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE** at St. Jerome’s University are back! Dr. Tia Noelle Pratt is the first speaker of the 2022-2023 series. Dr. Pratt is the Assistant Vice-President at Villanova University in Pennsylvania. A sociologist of religion by training, Dr. Pratt’s presentation is titled *Doing the Work: Anti-Racism and the Catholic Church*. She will discuss her research on the impact of systemic racism in the Catholic Church on African-American Catholics. She will also propose ways to engage the Church in anti-racism efforts. Meet her at Notre Dame Chapel at the University, on October 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m.

**DAVID WELLS – CATECHIST, EDUCATOR, AND DISCIPLE**, speaks from the heart with enthusiasm and great love for the Church. Enjoy his dynamic – in person – presentation at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Tuesday evening, November 8, 2022, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. The title of his presentation: *“IS THIS SPOT TAKEN?” The Church’s Call to Radical Hospitality in a Post-Pandemic World*. This public presentation is one of several presentations that David Wells will offer during a visit to the Diocese of Hamilton.

**THE HONORABLE GRAYDON NICHOLAS** is a remarkable man! An Indigenous man, born on the Tobique Reserve (Maliseet), he earned a Bachelor of Science and a law degree from University of New Brunswick and a Master of Social Work from Wilfred Laurier University. He served as Chair of Native Studies at St. Thomas University, and then as legal counsel for the Union of New Brunswick Indians. He became Chairman of the Board and President of the Union from 1974-1988. From 1991 to 2009 he served as Provincial Court Judge. He was appointed the 30<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick from 2009 to 2014, the first Indigenous person to hold this office. He is a recipient of the Order of Canada. In 2016, he was appointed to the Guadalupe Circle of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. In 2021, he was installed as the Chancellor of St. Thomas University. Through the years, he has held various leadership roles in the Knights of Columbus. We are pleased to announce that the Honorable Graydon Nicholas will speak – in person – at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 7:00 p.m. on **December 12<sup>th</sup>, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**. Plan now to join us for this historic event! More information will follow.

Blessed Carlo Acutis, pray for us!

Ex corde, *+ Douglas*, OMI