



THE THREE EPARCHS OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH serving in Canada published a Pastoral Letter recently “to the Clergy, Religious and Faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada, and to all Good People”, calling for prayer, fasting, and action as “the war in Ukraine rages on with no end in site.” They compare the current dire situation of the people of Ukraine to “the Holodomor-Genocide (Ukrainian Famine) of 1932-1933, which claimed the lives of millions of people in Ukraine”. They implore people to pray daily for peace in Ukraine, to fast for the people of Ukraine and for peace in their country, and to give alms as a way to identify with the needs of the people of Ukraine. It is a clear roadmap to making a difference in Ukraine. Their entire letter can be read [here](#).

THE ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR PRIESTS is scheduled to be held at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton, on November 29th and at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Waterloo, on November 30th. Priests are invited to gather in the parish hall for coffee between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. and make their way upstairs to the church for the morning session. Monsignor Martin Vallely, Pastor of Holy Rosary Parish, Burlington, is the guest presenter for both days. The prayer time helps us build priestly fraternity and draws us all closer to the Lord as we begin this new liturgical year. We pray with and for our Priests.

THE EX CORDE FOUNDATION held its Annual Meeting earlier this week with a review of the many grants awarded this year and an overview of the grants awarded since the creation of the Foundation. Thanks to Ersilia DiNardo who completed a five-year commitment of service on the Board, and to Denise Mauro for accepting to serve as Chair of the Foundation moving forward. Welcome to Nancy DiGregorio who begins a five-year commitment. Thanks to the Board for the remarkable support provided to so many good works in the Diocese and beyond!

THE FIRST OF TEN CONVERSATIONS AT ARDREE for Priests serving in the Diocese of Hamilton was held yesterday. Each session involves a dozen or more Priests, active in ministry. The focus of the day-long session is the *Forward Together With Christ* experience, directed by Bishop Wayne Lobsinger. The sessions provide an occasion for Priests to reflect on the overall response to the sharing by Priests, Deacons, and Lay Pastoral Associates. The conversations will help determine how best to respond to the priorities that have been identified. Two more of the ten sessions will follow next week.

BISHOP RYAN ASSEMBLY 868 OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS celebrates its 100th Anniversary this weekend at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Stoney Creek. It was one of the first of the Assemblies of the Knights in the Diocese of Hamilton. The Parish Mass of Thanksgiving will be followed by a celebratory dinner in the parish hall! Current-Ontario State Deputy, Marcel Lemmen is a son of the Stoney Creek Assembly! Congratulations to the entire Assembly on such a significant anniversary!

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS TO BRIAN GUEST whose service as *Executive Lead* of the *Nunavut Program* of St. Joseph Health System concludes on November 6, 2022. It brings to a close his long and dedicated service to St. Joseph's Health System, most recently as Corporate Secretary, and working with the Department of Health, Government of Nunavut! In the interim, John Woods, President of St. Joseph's Villa and Interim President of St. Joseph's Home Care will provide support as *Interim Executive Lead for the Nunavut program*, working closely with Elizabeth Buller, President of St. Joseph's Health System.

THE ANNUAL ALL SOULS DAY CEMETERY MASS at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Burlington, will be celebrated at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. All are welcome to come to pray for relatives and friends who have returned to the Lord.

All holy men and women, pray for us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI