



Heart to Heart

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HUMANKIND: GIFTS THAT MATTER, a new gift shop at 398 Main Street East, is a store with a difference. 100% of the profits will support the *DeMazenod Door Outreach*, a program that feeds guests daily at St. Patrick Parish in Hamilton. Following a blessing on Wednesday afternoon, the freshly painted and decorated store will open its doors on Thursday, November 24th, at 1:00 p.m., in time for Christmas shopping. Thanks to Natalie Mancini who oversees the shop – and to the entire volunteer staff! Stop in and purchase a gift or two that will benefit both the recipients and the hungry!

THIS WEEK, 70 PRIESTS serving in the Diocese of Hamilton completed two 3-day formation sessions entitled *Empowering the Shepherds*. The program, a modified version of *Good Leaders, Good Shepherds*, was offered by the *Catholic Leadership Institute*. The program helps Priests understand and appreciate their natural leadership strengths and assists them in developing new skills for ministry.

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo, celebrates its 60th anniversary this Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King. A special Mass will be celebrated at 2:30 p.m. to give thanks to God for the occasion. The CWL has enjoyed a rich history of service both in the Parish and beyond, and the “sisters in the League” have developed long lasting friendships. Shari Guinta, a long-time St. Michael CWL'er, was voted *President-elect* of the *National Council of the Catholic Women's League* at the annual convention this past summer. It is expected that she will take office as National President in the summer of 2024 – a proud and historic moment for our Diocese.

THE HAMILTON WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD *Awards for Distinguished Service* will be presented to Manuel Madaleno and Josie Pini following a Mass celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King next Tuesday evening, November 22nd. The annual event is a recognition of individuals and groups who make significant contributions to Catholic Education in the Hamilton Board. Congratulations to the recipients. Let your light shine!

ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTHCARE HAMILTON celebrates the *Sisters of St. Joseph Mission Legacy Awards* next Wednesday, November 23rd, at the Charlton Campus. The awards honour individuals who emulate the mission, vision and values of the Sisters of St. Joseph, founders of the hospital and the health care system! Congratulations to the 12 recipients, who will be honoured next week. Thank you for your service!

PRIEST PRAYER DAYS FOR ADVENT are scheduled for November 29th at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton, and November 30th, at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Waterloo. Monsignor Martin Valley, Pastor of Holy Rosary Parish, Burlington, will offer a reflection at both locations as part of the time of prayer. The days are also a time for fraternal sharing. A copy of *Walking Together*, a collection of the talks of Pope Francis during his penitential visit to Canada, published recently by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, will be given as gifts to the Priests. See you there!

70 YEARS AGO TODAY, in 1952, Archbishop John McNally died in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Before he became the Archbishop of Halifax in 1937, Bishop McNally was the 5th Bishop of Hamilton (1924-1937). During his 13-year term, eight new parishes were established, several Catholic elementary schools and two new Catholic high schools were opened, and two high schools were relocated. One was Cathedral Boys High School which moved to a new building on Main Street East in Hamilton in 1928. As well, the construction of the new Cathedral of Christ the King was completed in 1933, surely the crowning legacy of his ministry here.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, *† Douglas*, OMI