



## *Heart to Heart*

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**FATHER KYRAN KENNEDY IS BACK HOME AT ST. JOSEPH'S VILLA** following a brief stay in hospital for more intense personal care. His health is still fragile, so please keep him in your prayers.

**THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL COMES INTO EFFECT ON SATURDAY EVENING**, with the Vigil Mass of the First Sunday of Advent. The current Sacramentary is retired after the Saturday Masses. My profound thanks to Monsignor Murray Kroetsch for the many sessions he has given to help priests, deacons, music ministers, and parishioners to prepare well to receive this precious gift which will guide our worship into the future. These first days and weeks celebrating Mass with the new translation will require care and attention. It will be easier if time is taken before Mass to read the texts carefully. May God bless all our efforts to make our worship worthy.

**OBLATE FATHERS TONY O'DELL AND JAREK PACHOCKI** will be the guest speakers at the Advent Day of Prayer which begin at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> and again at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Waterloo, on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. The Prayer Day provides opportunity for the priests of the Diocese to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and for adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**THE WALLS OF THE NEW STRUCTURE FOR THE CATHEDRAL ELEVATOR** are going up these days. The elevator itself is not expected to arrive before mid-December. It is expected that the entire project will be finished mid-February. Monsignor House is delighted with the development and looks forward to seeing the finished product.

**THE NINTH CONVERSATION AT ARDREE CONCLUDES TODAY.** Over the past several weeks more than 130 priests who serve in the Diocese have participated in the gatherings. The main focus of the conversations was the draft Sacramental Guidelines and the Third Typical Edition of the Roman Missal. We will now assess the events to determine whether to embark on more sessions on different topics in the future.

**OUR DIOCESAN DEACONS GATHER AT ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH IN WATERLOO** tomorrow evening for their annual "Christmas Party". They provide a wonderful service to several parishes and special ministries in our Diocese. My thanks to Father Con O'Mahony for his hospitality and to Deacon Nick Cherri for organizing the event.

**I WILL BE IN OTTAWA MOST OF NEXT WEEK** at meetings of the CCCB Finance Committee, Executive Committee, and Permanent Council. On Wednesday evening, I will participate at the installation of Archbishop Paul-André Durocher as Archbishop of Gatineau. On Thursday and Friday, I will be in Pembroke directing a Day of Reflection for the priests of the Pembroke Diocese. (Pray for them- and me!) I arrive back home on Friday evening, in time for dinner! My apologies for the absence – the last before Christmas!

**IN THE CHANCERY WE ARE CELEBRATING THE ARRIVAL OF TWO BABIES!** Archivist Dominy Williams gave birth to a little girl, Hailey, last Saturday, and receptionist Sarah Lintott had her little girl, Dakota, on Wednesday. Both babies and mothers are healthy and happy. We send our best wishes and congratulations!

**I HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED MY FIRST CHRISTMAS CARDS!** The season of active preparation is upon us once again. May this Advent season be a time of blessed waiting for His coming into your lives!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI