



FATHER VERNON CULLATON was laid to rest yesterday following a Mass celebrated at St. Patrick's Church in Cambridge. Father Stephen Sardo was the homilist. Thanks to Father Bill Foote for making the arrangements and welcoming us to the parish so warmly. We pray for the repose of Father Cullaton and the consolation of those who mourn his death.

DAVID DAYLER RECEIVED GOOD NEWS FROM NOVALIS THIS WEEK. They are going to publish his book entitled *Being A Man After God's Own Heart*. The book will present the lives of five "great ones", focusing particularly on their spiritual contribution to the world. Congratulations to you, David. I look forward to a good read!

CHRISTMAS MASS AT MIDNIGHT WILL BE TELEVISED LIVE ON CHCH from the Cathedral of Christ the King. It will be rebroadcast on Christmas (Sunday) morning at 8 a.m. Thanks to the Catholic Cemeteries of Hamilton for sponsoring the broadcast and to CHCH for making it possible. The Cathedral is always at its best for the production and this year is no different. Monsignor Ed House, Sandor Kollarich, Bert Bushey, Sister Lina, Alberta and Shari Gabriele, and their hard-working support crew have the place looking resplendent! Now, for the homily ...

MARTHA FAUTEUX, CAMPUS MINISTER AT ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY, has been recognized by the Canadian Catholic Campus Ministry (CCCM) with a certificate acknowledging that she meets their professional standards for campus ministry. We are fortunate to have such a competent trained leader for campus ministry at our Catholic University! We offer her our good wishes.

THE BROTHERS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD HAVE PREPARED AND DELIVERED over 3400 food hampers, and welcomed over 3000 guests to their annual Christmas dinner served by almost 800 volunteers at the Hamilton Convention Centre last Sunday afternoon. It was a grateful and joyful gathering, coordinated by Sister Rita Bohnert, CSJ. She assures that each table is beautifully prepared for the guests. It is an enormous logistical undertaking, and a supremely rewarding one! My job: to offer thanks to the Brothers and their staff, the volunteers, and to the One who makes it all possible!

OUR DIOCESAN SEMINARIANS ARE GETTING TOGETHER ON TUESDAY, December 27th, for prayer, Mass, and a meal, at St. John's Parish in Guelph. Thank you to Father Kevin Cull, Diocesan Vocation Director, who has organized the event, and to Father Ed Henhoeffler, Pastor of the parish, who is our host. As an added feature, Father Ian Duffy will be providing a guided tour of the recently dedicated St. Joseph's Church in Fergus following the luncheon. We pray for our seminarians, that God will bless and guide them.

THANKS TO ONE AND ALL FOR THE CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND MORE! Your kind words and good wishes are deeply appreciated and they are an encouragement. May the Christmas season be a blessing for each and for all! I pray your Christmas Masses will be joyful celebrations for all who participate in them. Please offer my thanks to all who share their gifts and talents to make the celebration special!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde invicem,

+ *Douglas*, OMI