



**CARDINAL-DESIGNATE THOMAS COLLINS WILL VISIT OUR DIOCESE** for a liturgical celebration and a reception on **March 22<sup>nd</sup>**. The event will take place at the **Church of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph**, beginning at 7 p.m. This is the Cardinal's home parish – where he was baptized. The visit will be the occasion for the Diocese to offer our congratulations and best wishes on his elevation. Save the date! We will send you more information as it becomes available.

**THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY BEGAN ON JANUARY 18<sup>th</sup>** and continues until January 25<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of St. Paul the Apostle. This year's theme for the Week of Prayer is ***We Will All Be Changed!*** It is one of the oldest, most widely observed ecumenical events in the world. We find ways to pray together during these days, putting us in harmony with people around the world and bringing special graces. Thanks to the Canadian Council of Churches for making available resource material to facilitate parish events.

**MONSIGNOR BILL O'BRIEN, P.H.**, has moved into Harbinson House with the Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd, following his recovery time at Atrium Villa. He is improving quickly and well from the heart surgery that he underwent in November. We thank the Brothers for their care and attention – and we continue to offer our prayers for the return to full health of Monsignor O'Brien.

**SISTER ANNE ANDERSON, CSJ, CHAIR OF ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH SYSTEM**, informed me about Dr. Claire Kenny-Scherber, CCFP, MD, BSc (Eng), who is the Medical Director of *Refuge: Hamilton Centre for Newcomer Health*. She and several other young physicians, nurses, physician's assistants, and others, donate their time to help immigrants and refugees who are either not covered by OHIP or who by virtue of language issues have not accessed what is available. St. Joseph's Health System is supporting Dr. Claire and this marvelous initiative which is linked so closely to the Mission of St. Joseph's Health System and the service of the "dear neighbour".

**DR. VICKY CHEN RECENTLY RECEIVED THE SISTER JOAN O'SULLIVAN AWARD**, which is given annually to a physician who exemplifies the Mission of St. Joseph's Health System in his/her life and professional practice. Dr. Vicky is an anatomic pathologist who has served with distinction for 28 years at St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton and will retire at the end of this academic year. Her expertise at the end of the microscope has provided many diagnoses which have changed/saved people's lives! In 2006 she received a Master of Theological Studies from the Faculty of Theology at the University of St. Michael's College, and in 2008, a Diploma in Spiritual Direction from Regis College! On Sundays, the Doctor can be found directing the choir at Holy Rosary Parish in Burlington! Remarkable indeed! We offer our congratulations!

**THE EXECUTIVE OF THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS (CCCB)** will meet in Ottawa on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. (Since I arrive on Monday afternoon, I'll have the evening for a meal with my family.) For the two Co-Treasurers (Bishop Lionel Gendron, from St. Jean Longueuil, and me), the Executive Committee meetings are normally preceded by a review of Conference finances and a meeting of the Publications Service review committee. The days are full! A meeting planned for Bogota, Colombia was cancelled because of the timing of the Consistory of Cardinals. It is rescheduled for next year.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde invicem,

+ *Douglas*, OMI