



Heart to Heart

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MY THANKS TO FATHER JAMES McSHARRY who has accepted an appointment as Associate Pastor at St. Mary's Parish (and missions) in Owen Sound. He will serve the northern portion of our Diocese with Father David Reilander, Pastor, and Father Jason Kuntz, Associate Pastor. The appointment is effective February 17, 2012.

THE ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION has published a document called *Respecting Difference*, which was sent to Trustees, Directors of Education, Superintendents and Principals in Catholic schools throughout the Province. It is a resource to assist School Boards in decision-making and implementation as deemed necessary in response to bullying in Catholic schools. For those who are interested, the document is attached to this e-mail.

MORE THAN 650 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN THE ECUMENICAL CELEBRATION last Sunday at the Legion Hall in Acton. It is the 19th occasion that the Ministerial Association in Acton has sponsored the annual event. My thanks to Father Bob Bulbrook for his kind hospitality and his invitation to participate in such a significant ecumenical initiative!

BROTHER JUSTIN AND BROTHER RICHARD, Brothers of the Good Shepherd, took Monsignor Kerr and me on a tour of Good Shepherd Square in Hamilton. It is nearing completion – the first residents being able to move in next month. There are 156 one, two, and three-bedroom apartments available and it is expected that they will all be filled within 6 weeks. Retired Priests and Religious may submit applications to the Brothers, if interested, for a certain number of units. The accommodations are bright, clean, and secure. The project is a major accomplishment for the Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd, and will greatly benefit the City of Hamilton.

OUR LADY OF MERCY LITHUANIAN PARISH ON DUNDURN STREET IN HAMILTON is celebrating the 10th ordination anniversary of the Pastor, Father Audrius Sarka, at a Mass and reception tomorrow afternoon. We offer good wishes to Father and commend the parishioners for honouring him!

FATHER TOBY COLLINS, C.R., IS LAUNCHING A NEW WEBSITE as part of his ministry as Vocation Director for the Congregation of the Resurrection. He invites us to join him on-line as we work and pray together to create a culture where God's dream for each of us is revealed and celebrated. www.vocationculture.ca – to be launched on January 28th!

SERRA INTERNATIONAL SPONSORED A DINNER IN HALTON REGION last night for parishioners interested in founding another Council for the region. Currently parishioners in the region participate in the Hamilton Council. The new Council will hold its first meeting on February 16, 2012. Father Michael Anderson will serve as the Chaplain. Officers will be elected at the first meeting. There was much enthusiasm last evening and much encouragement among prospective members! Serra prays for and fosters vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Consecrated Life.

SERRAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live; grant we beseech You, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, Saint Joseph her Spouse, Blessed Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of labourers for Your Church, fellow labourers with Christ, to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde invicem, + *Douglas*, OMI