



## *Heart to Heart*

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**A SLIGHT CLARIFICATION TO THE RECENT HEALTH UPDATE** about Monsignor Vincent Kerr. Today's visit to St. Joseph's Hospital is for "pre-op" tests that will lead to surgery, not for the surgery itself. I am very sorry for the misunderstanding which comes, no doubt, from an ardent desire to know that as much is being done in the medical sphere as possible! Please God, it will take place soon.

**THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE EX CORDE FOUNDATION** occurred on March 27th, at the Chancery Office. Fr. Dan Hinsperger chairs the Foundation of five members including Monsignor Edward Sheridan, Mr. John Devine, Ms. Patricia McConnell and Ms. Vincenza Travale. Now that the legal matters have been addressed, the Board of Directors will be able to get down to the business of receiving requests and providing grants once the dedicated funds have produced interest. After months of prayer, consultation and legal preparation, the good work of the Foundation now begins.

**FOLLOWING VISITS TO THE SEMINARIES AND REVIEW OF THE REPORTS** from the Rectors, the following men have been called to Sacred Orders: to the Order of Priest – Reverend Deacon John Redmond; to the Order of Deacon – Mr. Justin Ruiss and Mr. Allen Varlaki. Following the longstanding tradition in the Diocese, Deacon John Redmond will be ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral on May 5th. Justin Ruiss will be ordained Deacon at St. John's Parish in Guelph, on May 31st, and Allen Varlaki will be ordained Deacon at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Waterloo on June 22nd. We offer our thanks and good wishes to these young men.

**THE FAMILY MINISTRY OFFICE IS SPONSORING DR. GARY CHAPMAN**, an internationally known speaker, to give a presentation at Mohawk College on Wednesday, April 18, from 7 to 9 p.m. His book on the Five Love Languages helps couples to relate more fully in a profound and often relationship-altering way. For only \$5.00 per person, couples (married or dating) or individuals can learn how to better understand others. We count on parishes to promote this event. Please encourage parishioners to nourish their relationship by attending and to spread the word to others! Let's fill the auditorium!

**FATHER MICHAL KRUSZEWSKI, C.R., WAS ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD** recently in his native Poland, and returned to Canada in early March to begin his pastoral ministry as Associate Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Hamilton with Father James Link, C.R. Congratulations on your priestly ordination Father Michal and welcome back to the Diocese! May God bless your good work!

**LAST WEEKEND I CELEBRATED CONFIRMATION AT ST. CLEMENTS AND LINWOOD** where I was warmly welcomed by Father Robert Hetu and parishioners. This Saturday I will be at St. Andrew's Parish in Oakville, where there will be two Confirmation Masses.

**THE CHRISM MASS IS CELEBRATED AT THE CATHEDRAL ON APRIL 2nd.** This is truly "the Bishop's" Mass, which gathers the priests and parishioners from across the Diocese. At this Mass, the priests renew their commitment to serve with the Bishop; the sacred oils are blessed and the Sacred Chrism is consecrated. Priests are asked to bring a white stole. A reception in the Cathedral auditorium will follow. All are welcome.

**215 PRIESTS AND DEACONS ARE EXPECTED** for the dinner prior to the Chrism Mass. I look forward to greeting you and having the opportunity to address you.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde invicem,

+ *Douglas*, OMI