



Heart to Heart

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PERMANENT DEACON NORBERTO (BERT) CAMBRE, who served most recently at Holy Rosary Parish in Burlington, died on March 29, 2012. He was active in the parish until last November when he became ill. He was ordained a Deacon by Cardinal Gerald Emmett Carter and served in several parishes in Toronto, eventually becoming Director of Deacons for the Archdiocese in 2000 until 2010 when he moved to Burlington. We offer our condolences and prayers to his wife Terry and their family.

SIX MEN HAVE BEEN CALLED TO THE ORDER OF DEACON in our Diocese following a long period of preparation. Stephane Joseph Vincent Zara, Joseph Frank DiLoreto, Trevor Robert Klein, Carmelo Campanella, Michael Patrick Foulger, and Samuel Edward Landman will be ordained during a Mass at Christ the King Cathedral on June 2, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to the ceremony. Congratulations to the candidates. We thank them for their desire to serve the Church and the Diocese of Hamilton.

REVEREND MR. PETER GITTENS IS THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR of our Deacon Formation Program. He will assist Father Mark Gatto, who is the Director. Deacon Gittens serves at St. John the Baptist Parish in Burlington. The new Deacon Formation Program for the Diocese of Hamilton will be launched in September 2012. Deacon Peter Gittens has an extensive background in education and was ordained a Deacon in 1984. We wish him well in this new service.

FATHER TONY O'DELL, OMI AND FATHER JAREK PACHOCKI, OMI, have been appointed Co-Administrators of Holy Family Parish and Sacred Heart Parish in Hamilton following the recent resignation for personal reasons of Father Michael McHugh. They will provide priestly services to the parish until a new Pastor is appointed effective the end of June. We hold all three priests in our prayers.

THE OFFICE OF DISCIPLESHIP AND PARISH LIFE IS SPONSORING *Pastoral Counseling 101*. This is a professional development day on Pastoral Ministry to Young People with Same-Sex Attraction. This timely workshop will be of great value to all Clergy, Lay Ministers, Campus Ministers and all members of the Education Community. The day will explore the 2011 Canadian Bishops' document on this issue and will be facilitated by three renowned presenters: Dr. Myroslaw Tartaryn of St. Jerome's University, Dr. Moira McQueen, Director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute, and Dr. Josephine Lombardi, Professor at St. Augustine Seminary. To register, contact David Dayler at ddayler@hamiltondiocese.com

THE SACRED TRIDUUM, THE HOLIEST DAYS OF THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR begins today. Thank you to priests, deacons, and parishioners who work so hard to make the celebrations prayerful and moving. During these holy days, please pray for the Church throughout the world, and most especially where she suffers persecution. I have sent an Easter message to recipients of Heart to Heart earlier this week. It is also available on the front page of our Diocesan website: www.hamiltondiocese.com

THE BISHOPS OF ONTARIO ARE ON A RETREAT BEGINNING NEXT MONDAY. Father James Mallon from the Archdiocese of Halifax is the retreat preacher. It will provide an opportunity for the Bishops to reflect and pray together during these joyful Easter days. I shall be home in time for the blessing of St. Basil Catholic Elementary School in Brantford on Wednesday evening.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde invicem,

+ *Douglas*, OMI