



THE CLERGY APPOINTMENTS FOR THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON were published on Tuesday. The appointments follow a lengthy period of consultation with the Personnel Committee and many of the priests of the Diocese. I am grateful for the openness and generosity of the priests, and pray that the current appointments will be a blessing for the parishes, the Diocese and for the men who have accepted the new positions. The changes are effective, June 27th.

MONSIGNOR VINCENT KERR FELT LIKE A NEW MAN YESTERDAY EVENING following surgery at St. Joseph's Hospital! Grateful for all the prayers, he spoke in the superlative about the care he received and about the new state-of-the art facility where the operation occurred. He will remain in the hospital for the coming 4 or 5 days, then continue his recovery at home.

DR. KATHERINE M. BERGMAN HAS BEEN APPOINTED PRESIDENT and Vice Chancellor of St. Jerome's University by the Board of Governors. Maureen O'Donoghue Rich, Chairperson of the Board, published the information on Monday. Dr. Bergman grew up in the Waterloo region and comes to St. Jerome's following an illustrious career at the University of Regina and more recently at Nipissing University. She takes up her duties on August 1st. We offer our congratulations and good wishes.

ST. BASIL'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BRANTFORD WAS BLESSED AND OPENED at a ceremony on Wednesday evening. It has been in operation since January 9th. The beautiful new facility is home to about 250 young people (K to 7), many of whom had a part to play in the opening ceremony. Congratulations to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board on this wonderful gift to the young people in your care!

THE NEOPHYTE MASS IS CELEBRATED ON SUNDAY at Christ the King Cathedral at 4 p.m. This Mass brings together all the new Catholics who received sacraments of initiation in their parishes at the Easter Vigil Mass last weekend. I look forward to greeting our newest members and to thanking them for their witness of faith!

THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH (HAMILTON) CELEBRATE THE 160th ANNIVERSARY of their arrival in Hamilton next Thursday at a Mass at their Motherhouse. This will be one of several celebrations marking the important milestone. The legacy of the Sisters in Hamilton and area is significant. Healthcare, education, and social outreach to the needy, has marked their ministry. We pray to God in gratitude for their contribution to the Church and to the wider community.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PICKS UP IN EARNEST during the Easter Season. I will be celebrating at St. Anthony Daniel Parish in Kitchener next Wednesday evening and at Holy Rosary in Guelph next Saturday. Please pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the hundreds of young people who come forward to be confirmed in faith. They will bring a new dynamism to our Church!

THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL OFFICES ARE MEETING THIS MORNING at the Chancery. Our main concern this morning is the review of plans for *The Year of Faith* which begins on October 11, 2012. These will then be presented to the Presbyteral Council prior to being sent to Pastors. It will give parish pastoral councils and other committees the opportunity to do some planning and preparation.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde invicem, + *Douglas*, OMI