



OUR NEW WEBSITE WAS LAUNCHED ON MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2012! Congratulations to Pam Aleman, Communications Coordinator, for working so diligently with our professional advisors to develop our “new look”. We hope it will provide helpful information about the Diocese, our diocesan services, our parishes, and the many programs we offer to promote and nurture a life of faith. Thanks to all the priests and deacons who have activated their new diocesan email address accounts. Those who have not yet done so are reminded that these accounts must be activated by May 1, 2012. After that date, all diocesan e-mail correspondence will be communicated to clergy via these e-mail accounts only. If anyone needs help in activating their account, please contact Pam Aleman (paleman@hamiltondiocese.com).

21 COUNCILS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN HAMILTON gave me a cheque for \$75,000.00 as the proceeds from the Bishop’s Charities Dinner Dance, held in late February. The presentation was a made by Mr. Fred Miscio, coordinator of the dinner, at a special meal held in the auditorium of Christ the King Cathedral. The funds will be distributed in the coming days to deserving good works in the Diocese and to a special charity in Newfoundland. I am deeply grateful to the Knights and to those many individuals and companies who supported the dinner, making such a generous donation possible! Thank you sincerely.

A WARM WELCOME AND GOOD WISHES FOR THEIR SERVICES

... **TO REVEREND MR. PETER GITTENS**, who began his duties as Assistant Director of Formation for the Permanent Diaconate. He will be working closely with Father Mark Gatto in developing this program,

... **TO MR. MAURICE (MOE) KOWAL**, who has recently accepted the part-time position of Renovation and Construction Consultant in the Business Administration Office. Moe will be available Wednesdays and Thursdays,

... **TO MR. SCOTT WHITFIELD**, who will be assisting us with some research projects at the Chancery Office in the coming months. He has been serving as a Pastoral Assistant at St. Joseph’s Parish in Hamilton for the past several months.

LEADERS OF RELIGIOUS CONGREGATIONS GATHERED AT ARDREE mid-week for prayer and discussion. This bi-annual gathering is an important way for us to be informed about the good work of several of the Religious communities in the Diocese and it gives me the opportunity to show support and encouragement.

DEALING WITH GRIEF? OUR FAMILY MINISTRY OFFICE is sponsoring two workshops with Dr. Bill Webster who offers practical advice on communicating with those who are grieving after a loss. The first workshop is in Hamilton on April 24th, the second in Waterloo on April 25th. If interested, contact the Family Ministry Office for more information.

OVER 200 COUPLES HAVE REGISTERED FOR OUR ANNIVERSARY MASS scheduled this year for September 9th at Christ the King Cathedral! The popular Mass is an opportunity for couples who celebrate 25th, 40th, 50th, and 60th anniversaries to celebrate in thanksgiving and prayer. After the 60th anniversary, you are welcome to come EVERY year! We have changed the date from May to September for logistical reasons and that doesn’t seem to be diminishing the popularity of the event one little bit! Plan now to be there!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde invicem, + *Douglas*, OMI