



Heart to Heart

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THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH (HAMILTON) celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial on Monday past for Sister Dymphna Cunningham who died last Friday in the 57th year of her religious life! Sister was cared for by the CSJ community and family members for several days before she died. We offer our sympathy and the assurance of prayers for her repose.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TERESA HARTNETT who is being honoured by St. Thomas More Catholic High School in Hamilton. She is one of two recipients of the Alumni Award for Distinguished Community Service. The award will be presented as part of their 40th anniversary celebrations tomorrow. They got it right!

THE ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION (OCSTA) IS MEETING at their annual convention this year in Kingston. I will be addressing the assembly this afternoon (right after lunch!). This will provide another opportunity to share my thoughts on the value of Catholic Education, the challenges we face, and the resources we have. Following the presentation, I travel to Montreal for the installation of the new Archbishop, the Most Reverend Christian Lepine, previously Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese. On Saturday, I will be in Ottawa for a family celebration, returning in time to celebrate at St. Luke's Parish in Hamilton and to speak to the Catholic Women's League on Sunday morning! A busy few days!

FATHER MAURICE (MOE) SCHROEDER, OMI, IS A MEDICAL DOCTOR who has spent the best part of his life caring for the Peruvian people in the vicinity of Santa Clotilde on the Napa River in Peru (near Iquitos). The University of Waterloo recently announced that he will receive an Honorary Doctorate – well merited indeed – on the occasion of their convocation, June 14th. I visited the mission in the mid-80's and was greatly impressed by his dedication to the people and his contribution to their spiritual and medical well-being. It will be good to meet him again and welcome him to the Diocese of Hamilton.

SPEAKING OF UNIVERSITIES, FATHER DAVID PERRIN, OMI, President of St. Jerome's University, is participating in the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) mission to Brazil, April 25-May 2, 2012. The mission is being led by Waterloo native, His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada! It will be an excellent opportunity to make new contacts for the university.

INTERNATIONAL PRIESTS MAY BE INTERESTED IN A PROGRAM offered on-line by Saint Meinrad University, Institute for Priests and Presbyterates (IPP). The accent modification training program uses video technology and is conducted by a certified trainer. It is a 12 weekly one-hour session running from mid-May to late-August. To register or for more information contact smipp@saintmeinrad.edu or 1 (800) 357-8477.

THIS SUNDAY IS THE 49th WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS. Catholics throughout the world pray for a generous response to the call to Priesthood and Consecrated Life. Many of our parishes have special initiatives to pray in thanksgiving for our seminarians and to pray that others might respond to serve in our Diocese. The Catholic Women's League at the Cathedral of Christ the King is sponsoring a time of adoration and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the Marian Chapel.

VOCATION PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS: *Most High and Glorious God, cast your light into the darkness of my heart. Grant me right faith, firm hope, perfect charity, profound humility, with wisdom and perception, O Lord, so that I may always and everywhere seek to know and do what is truly Your holy will.*

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI