



## *Heart to Heart*

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO DEACON JOHN REDMOND** who will be ordained a Priest tomorrow for service in the Diocese of Hamilton. The Rite of Ordination will take place during a Mass at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Hamilton. Priests are welcome to concelebrate and participate in the “laying on of hands”, an impressive and important part of the rite. The new priest will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday afternoon at his home parish in Dundalk, Ontario. This is a time of great joy and thanksgiving for the Diocese of Hamilton.

**CARDINAL THOMAS COLLINS**, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, will join us at the 11 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of Christ the King on Sunday. The Cardinal will be the homilist at the Mass. Cardinal Collins was ordained a Priest and a Bishop in the Cathedral and served the parish briefly as a young priest. Parishioners and visitors will have an opportunity to meet the Cardinal after Mass. The event will be a happy celebration and another opportunity to congratulate Cardinal Collins on his recent elevation.

**“WALKING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST”** is the theme of Catholic Education Week which is marked next week throughout Ontario. I will celebrate a Mass inaugurating the week at Cathedral High School in Hamilton. The Mass draws together representatives from the schools in the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board. It is always a lively and impressive gathering. On Wednesday evening, I will be speaking at a Catholic Education Week Dinner in Walkerton, sponsored by the Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board. And on Thursday, about 1100 students, with teachers, staff and parents of the Halton Catholic District School Board, will participate in the Board’s third annual *Walk With Jesus*. The walk provides the students with an opportunity to demonstrate their Catholic faith as they walk for social justice. A busy and happy week ahead!

**THE ALTAR SERVER AWARDS**, presented by the Kitchener-Waterloo Serra Club, were celebrated at St. John’s Parish in Arthur and at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Waterloo recently. Bishop Ustrzycki presided over the celebrations. It is good that these young people receive such positive recognition for their Christian service to their parishes. Some continue to serve right through the high school years! It is another opportunity provided by our Serra Clubs to promote vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. The Altar Server Awards at the Cathedral will be celebrated on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**ANNE JAMIESON, DIRECTOR OF OUR OFFICE FOR CATECHESIS**, is hosting sessions around the Diocese in May for Priests, Deacons, Sisters, Parish Ministers, and all involved in preparing children for the Sacraments of Initiation. The Sacramental Preparation Fair will be held at St. Anthony Daniel Parish in Kitchener on May 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Cathedral of Christ the King on May 16<sup>th</sup>, and at St. Peter’s Parish in Durham, on May 24<sup>th</sup>. The resources that will be made available at that time will help in the implementation of the recently released Sacramental Guidelines for our Diocese. This should be a very practical and helpful event for parishes and an important way to assure that everyone is well informed about our Sacramental Guidelines. Please contact Anne or Monica at the Catechetical Office for more information.

**SEVERAL BUS LOADS OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS WILL PARTICIPATE** in the annual *March For Life* which takes place next week on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. The *March For Life* is an important opportunity to demonstrate to government leaders, parliamentarians, and the media that we promote the right to life for unborn children and that we regret the current lack of legislation protecting such an important and fundamental right.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde invicem,

+ *Douglas*, OMI