



Heart to Heart

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CONGRATULATIONS TO MONSIGNOR WAYNE KIRKPATRICK, P.H., Chancellor of St. Catharines Diocese and Rector of St. Catherine's Cathedral on his appointment as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto. The happy news was announced in Rome earlier today!

AND TO MR. ROBERT O'BRIEN, K.S.G., whose name is being added to the Aldershot Community Honour Roll at a reception on the evening of Thursday, May 31st. The Honour Roll aims to tell the stories of Aldershot through the lives of current and former residents who have made significant contributions. Mr. O'Brien is being honoured in recognition of his remarkable community service. Well merited indeed!

AND TO PAMELA ALEMAN, Coordinator of our Diocesan Communication Office, who was elected Vice-President of the Central Region of the Association of Roman Catholic Communicators of Canada (ARCCC) at their annual conference in Edmonton last weekend. The honour acknowledges her many accomplishments in developing our Communications Office, and most especially the Diocese's excellent new website!

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE NEW PAGE ON OUR DIOCESAN WEBSITE which outlines the events and activities which are planned for the upcoming [YEAR OF FAITH](#) under the direction of our Pastoral Offices. As more details become available they will be included on this page. The logo for the Year of Faith has been specially designed for our Diocese – the first logo for this special year to be posted anywhere!

THE CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR LIFE AND FAMILY (COLF) has published a new brochure called *The Unborn Child: a gift, a treasure and a promise – A Reflection on Abortion*. The document answers ten questions designed to educate, challenge, and to promote life, while maintaining a realistic and compassionate approach to this important issue. I strongly recommend parishes and individuals to download the document from COLF at www.colf.ca, or to order it from our Diocesan Family Ministry Office. We have a fundamental belief in the right to life; let's promote this excellent resource wherever we can.

OUR LADY OF HOPE MAUSOLEUM is almost ready for occupancy! The final certificate should be received by next week. A formal blessing and official opening is scheduled for July 21st. Congratulations to John O'Brien, Diocesan Director of Cemeteries, and to Carrier Mausoleums Construction Company Inc. for seeing the project through to completion. You are well advised to visit Resurrection Cemetery in Ancaster to have a look at this remarkable building.

THE ANNUAL CEMETERY MASSES BEGIN THIS WEEKEND. I will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Paris, Ontario, on Saturday for a Mass that begins at 11 a.m. These Masses are a blessed opportunity to remember and pray for our loved ones who have gone ahead! Consider praying with us.

THIS MORNING I AM VISITING BISHOP RYAN HIGH SCHOOL IN HAMILTON. This is my first visit to the High School and I am looking forward to meeting the students who are so enthusiastic and full of the Spirit! Bishop Ryan supported the development of Catholic Schools throughout the Diocese and would be proud of the school that bears his name!

WELCOME TO FATHER AIDAN KERR, a priest from the Diocese of Down and Connor in Northern Ireland. He is spending a week visiting with his brother, Monsignor Vincent Kerr. We are pleased to have you with us!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde invicem, + *Douglas*, OMI