



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CSJ JUBILARIANS** who are being feted tomorrow morning at their Motherhouse. The Sisters have spent themselves improving the life and well-being people throughout the Diocese. The Mass tomorrow gives me another opportunity to thank them for the good they have done – and continue to do for us all!

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN WALKERTON** held their 25<sup>th</sup> annual dinner to honour and express gratitude to the Priests and Deacons who serve in the Bruce-Grey Deanery. A very large number of parishioners and friends turned out for a delicious meal and good-humoured banter, and for the warm expression of thanks to the clergy of the region. It is a fine initiative, well appreciated by the Priests and Deacons!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. CHRIS ROEHRIG** who was appointed Director of Education for the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board. He will succeed Mrs. Cathy Horgan whose resignation is effective August 31, 2012. The Waterloo Catholic District School Board is currently interviewing candidates for same position to succeed Mr. Roger Lawler who resigned the position in February. Our prayers for wisdom!

**SIX FINE MEN ARE PRESENTING THEMSELVES FOR THE ORDER OF DEACON** (Permanent Deacon) for the Diocese of Hamilton. They have completed four years of intensive study during which they strengthened their relationship with the Lord. All are enthusiastically supported by their wives who participated in the studies with them, and by their families. They have experienced ministry in a variety of services in parishes in the Diocese, and are ready to offer themselves for service in the Church. We are blessed by their commitment. The ordination is scheduled for NEXT Saturday (June 2<sup>nd</sup>), beginning at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral. Mark your calendars and join us for the happy event!

**BOTH JUSTIN RUISS AND ALLEN VARLAKI** are preparing for their ordinations to the diaconate as well. Justin's ordination takes place at St. John's Parish in Guelph, on Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m., where he has served during his formation. Allen's takes place on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Waterloo, where he served last year. Both are excellent candidates and will continue their studies for the priesthood during the coming year. We pray for all our Deacon candidates in a special way this week.

**ARCHBISHOP TERRENCE PRENDERGAST, S.J. IS THE RETREAT DIRECTOR** for the first week of Priests' retreats which takes place at the Mount Carmel Retreat Centre in Niagara Falls. I am hoping to participate in the bulk of the retreat – and sneak out to fulfill a few commitments that I have made! Not very often can a Jesuit convince an Oblate of much!

**THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA** holds its annual convention this weekend in Guelph. I will preside at the closing Mass at the Church of Our Lady Immaculate. It is always an energetic and encouraging gathering of women in the Diocese. I am always impressed by their commitment to the parishes and forward thinking *FOR GOD AND CANADA*. Blessings on their gathering!

Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us.

Ex corde invicem, + *Douglas*, OMI