



Heart to Heart

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FATHER PHIL SHERLOCK, PASTOR OF ST. CLEMENT'S PARISH, CAMBRIDGE, celebrates his 50th anniversary of Priesthood this weekend. Parishioners and family look forward to honouring their always energetic pastor and showing him their great respect! We add our good wishes and look forward to celebrating with him at the special celebration during the Seminar for Priests later in the year!

OUR VOCATION DIRECTOR, FATHER KEVIN CULL, leaves next Thursday for the Eucharistic Congress in Dublin, Ireland. Travelling with him on the pilgrimage are newly ordained Father John Redmond and Deacon Justin Ruiss, and ten of our seminarians. The pilgrimage was made possible thanks to several groups and parishioners who were generous in their support. May the pilgrimage be an occasion to deepen faith and knowledge and to meet new friends! Please pray for the Diocese. Safe travels!

CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER TED HUGHES, Ontario Regional Director of Chaplaincy Services for Corrections Canada, who was recently awarded third place from the Canadian Church Press Association for his article *What Parishes Can Do To Minister To Prisoners*. The article was published in the Fall 2011 edition of *CELEBRATE*. It is a well-written article and worth the read. So say we all!

FATHER LAWRENCE MARTIS DEFENDED HIS DOCTORAL THESIS at Wilfred Laurier University in the department of Social Work last week. His thesis involved research in health care issues in Canada and his native India. The new Reverend Doctor has been in residence at St. Michael's Parish in Waterloo since 2007. He will remain there for the time being to complete some writing and teaching commitments. We offer our congratulations!

POPE BENEDICT XVI ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK THAT Bishop Richard Malone was appointed as Bishop of Buffalo, NY, succeeding Bishop Edward Kmiec, whose resignation was accepted in the same announcement. The Buffalo Diocese has 716,000 Roman Catholics, 425 Priests, 127 Permanent Deacons, and 1,075 Religious. We offer our prayers for God's blessing on his ministry.

THE ASSEMBLY OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS IN ONTARIO (ACBO) has submitted a brief to the Social Policy Committee receiving comments on Bill 13 and Bill 14 currently proposed for legislation by the Ontario Government. Additionally, Cardinal Thomas Collins held a media conference during the week to explain and clarify the concerns of the Bishops. He is the spokesperson for the Ontario Bishops on this matter. Both documents can be accessed on the ACBO website (www.acbo.on.ca). An *unofficial* summary for your easy reference is attached.

NEXT THURSDAY EVENING OBLATE DEACON MARCIN SERWIN will be ordained a priest at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Mississauga, ON. It will be a pleasure to meet several Oblate confreres again for the joyful occasion. Father Marian Gil, OMI, Provincial of Assumption Province, invited me to ordain the new priest, which is always a great joy!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI