



## *Heart to Heart*

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**FUNERAL RITES FOR DIOCESAN CHANCELLOR MONSIGNOR VINCENT KERR** were enhanced by the presence of family members from Northern Ireland. His brothers, Father Aidan Kerr and Declan Kerr, and his sister Eithna Egan, were joined by the Bishop of Down and Connor (Belfast), the Most Reverend Noel Treanor, and long-time friend Rory Lynch. All travelled some distance to participate with us in the rites. Both the Wake Service and the Mass for Christian Burial were well-attended and uplifting for those who gathered to pray. The Burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hamilton was a peaceful conclusion to a highly emotional farewell to a beloved brother, priest and friend! May he rest in peace!

**ST. BENEDICT PARISH IN MILTON WILL BE FORMALLY ESTABLISHED** on July 11, 2012. The name of the new parish and its boundaries were approved by the Diocesan Consultors at a recent meeting. Father Dan Miehm will be the parish's first pastor. A house has been purchased in Milton which will serve as the rectory for the new parish. We pray for God's blessing on this exciting new initiative in Diocese.

**PARISH BOUNDARIES WERE REDEFINED FOR THREE OTHER PARISHES** in the Diocese at the same meeting of Diocesan Consultors. Because of the establishment of St. Benedict Parish in Milton, the boundaries of Holy Rosary Parish are also changed effective on July 11<sup>th</sup>. The boundaries between St. Michael Parish and Mary Mother of God Parish in Oakville were also redefined following advice and recommendations from current pastors. These new boundaries are effective immediately.

**FATHER DAVID WYENEN HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO SERVE** on the Diocesan Finance Committee, completing the term of Monsignor Vincent Kerr. Father Wynen serves also as a Consultor for the Diocese, so will benefit from the regular meetings of the Finance Committee. I offer my thanks to him for his willingness to accept this new duty in addition to his responsibilities as Pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Georgetown.

**HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CEMETERY IN HALTON HILLS (GEORGETOWN)** has been approved for operation by the Ministry of Consumer Services. The blessing and dedication of this new site for The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton is scheduled for June 16, 2012.

**FATHER STEPHEN MURRIN HAS ACCEPTED TO BE THE VISITING PRIEST** at St. Basil Parish in Brantford, providing some consistent pastoral care and priestly ministry in the absence of Father Mark Sullivan. His service begins immediately. He is a priest who is incardinated in the Archdiocese of St. John's and has served in the Toronto Archdiocese. We welcome him to the Hamilton Diocese and pray for God's blessing on his ministry!

**MR. DOUGLAS ROCHE WILL RECEIVE AN HONORARY DOCTORATE** from St. Jerome's University at their Convocation Mass on June 14, 2012. Father David Perrin, OMI, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University published the announcement earlier this week. Mr. Roche has been widely recognized in Canada and abroad for his work for peace and non-violence.

**THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2012 BEGINS THIS WEEKEND IN DUBLIN, Ireland.** This important international gathering to reflect on Eucharistic devotion in the life the Church has an even greater importance given the difficulties suffered by the Church in Ireland over these past several months. We pray for the success of the event and that participants from the Hamilton Diocese who have travel to Ireland will be deeply moved and spiritually enriched by the experience.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI