



IT IS ALL ABOUT GRADUATION AND THE FUTURE! Enthusiasm, energy, and joy mark the ceremonies of graduation from elementary and secondary schools and universities in the Diocese. Several of the celebrations took place at the Cathedral of Christ the King. I consider it a privilege to preside at some of these events and to hand the well-earned diplomas to young people whose lives are moving in new directions. We pray that God will bless the thousands of young people, giving them the grace to be good and do good for a world sorely in need!

THE CHANCERY STAFF GATHER AT ARDREE AT NOON TODAY for our annual summer barbeque. The luncheon will provide an opportunity to bid farewell to Father Kevin Cull, who has begun his new duties as Pastor of St. Dominic's Parish in Oakville, and to Father Dan Miehm, who is founding the new Parish of St. Benedict's in Milton. Both men have contributed generously to the spirit of the Chancery! We will also welcome Father Wojciech Kuzma who has taken on the responsibility of Diocesan Vocation Director. Fortunately the weather cooperated again this year!

THE DIOCESE HAS PURCHASED A RECTORY FOR ST. BENEDICT'S PARISH in Milton, effective July 3rd. The parish, which will be formally established on July 11th (Feast of St. Benedict), now has an address: 1069 Kelman Court, Milton L9T 2W3. Father Dan Miehm, Founding Pastor, will move in a bit later in the month. And so it begins!

ST. JOHN'S PARISH IN KITCHENER CELEBRATES ITS 75th ANNIVERSARY this weekend. I will join the community for a Mass and dinner on Saturday evening, which will mark the milestone. The recently named Pastor, Father Stephen Crowley, has done a remarkable job since his arrival in the parish. It will be a good occasion to thank him for his ministry!

FATHER DAVID WYNEN WAS ELECTED CHAIR FOR THE COMING YEAR of The Halton Catholic Children's Foundation at its inaugural meeting at the Halton Catholic District School Board Office last week. The Foundation supports programs for students of the Board. Congratulations to Father Dave! Another great initiative to be supported.

TWENTY CATECHISTS OF THE CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSE gathered with Anne Jamieson, Director of the Diocesan Office for Catechesis, late last week. The recently published *Sacramental Guidelines* were the focus of the day. Time was also given to reviewing initiatives for the Year of Faith. An added feature of the day was the artistic display of scenes from the life of Jesus by Danka Gocova.

KEYS TO THE COUNCIL IS AN EXPLORATION OF THE DOCUMENTS OF VATICAN II led by Monsignor Murray Kroetsch and David Dayler, Director of our Discipleship and Parish Life Office. The 10-session program will be offered at the Chancery Office in Hamilton and at St. Michael's Parish, Waterloo. It is a perfect way to become better informed about the decisions of the Council that have affected the Church for the past 50 years! Check our website for more information.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS AT THE CHANCERY. During July and August the offices will be open Monday to Thursday from 9 to 4. On Friday the offices will be open from 9 to 1. This will provide opportunity for staff to get a head start on the weekend during the summer. *Heart to Heart* will be published irregularly in July and August – depending on the need. Have a great summer!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI