



## *Heart to Heart*

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**WELCOME HOME TO FATHER ADAM VOISIN WHO RETURNED FROM ROME** last Friday with his Canon Law degree (JCL) in hand after three years of intense study at the Pontifical Gregorian University. He has been appointed Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Hamilton, effective immediately. Application has been made to the Toronto Regional Marriage Tribunal for his appointment as Associate Judicial Vicar for the Hamilton Branch of the Tribunal. Father will be in residence at St. Ann's Parish in Ancaster, helping in ministry as he is able. We wish him blessings in his service to the Diocese.

**FOURTEEN JUBILARIANS OF THE SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME** celebrate 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 70<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> anniversaries on Saturday at Notre Dame Convent in Waterdown. Ten Sisters from the Atlantic-Midwest Province who are also celebrating 50 and 60<sup>th</sup> anniversaries have traveled to Waterdown for the celebration. We offer good wishes to the Jubilarians and our prayers for God's richest blessings for such significant commitments.

**HAMILTON DIOCESE HAS RESPONDED TO AN EMERGENCY APPEAL** from the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace to assist the people of Western Africa and the Sahel. The \$125,000.00 donation represents one thousand dollars for each parish in the Diocese. If parishes choose to respond to the emergency appeal themselves, funds can be sent directly to the CCODP offices. Special envelopes are available from local CCODP animators if needed. More information about the appeal is available on their website.

**THE EPISCOPAL BOARD WILL REVIEW** the Audited Diocesan Financial Report for 2011 at their annual extended meeting which begins on Sunday evening and continues through until Wednesday of next week. We will also review development plans and projects foreseen for the coming year. Both Mr. Jim Long, Comptroller, and Mr. John O'Brien, Business Manager and Director of Catholic Cemeteries, will provide information to assist the Board. The extended meeting gives us time to look down the road and develop plans for the coming year and beyond.

**THE SUMMER SCHOOL FOR LITURGICAL MUSICIANS** is being hosted by our Diocese from July 29-August 1 at St. Michael's Church in Waterloo. Registrations are coming in and there is still room for a few more participants. You might want to encourage musicians and choir members in your parish to participate. The event will surely facilitate prayer and praise in the Diocese and beyond!

**THIRTY-TWO CHAPLAINS AND CONSULTANTS FROM HIGH SCHOOLS** and Boards met recently with David Dayler, Anne Jamieson and Fr. Con O'Mahony in a very spirited and fruitful conversation about High School Masses and the relationship between Pastors and High School Chaplains. Priests will have the opportunity to have a similar conversation at the Fall Deanery meetings.

**FATHER NIAZ TOMA WAS THE QUINTESSENTIAL HOST** during my recent visit to the Chaldean Catholic Community which gathers at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Hamilton every Sunday. The visit provided me the opportunity to meet the community, to participate in their Sacred Liturgy and to offer words of welcome and support. Father Toma offered generous words of gratitude to Father Ted Slaman and to parishioners at Blessed Sacrament Parish for the welcome given to the Chaldean community for several years now.

**ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY WILL BE HOSTING A "THANK YOU" CELEBRATION** for Father David Perrin, OMI, who completes his five-year term as President and Vice-Chancellor of the University at the end of July. [Click here to read more.](#) We wish him well during his coming sabbatical year.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI