



Heart to Heart

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“THE LIVIN’ IS EASY” AT CAMP BREBEUF DURING THESE HOT SUMMER DAYS! Over 240 campers, counsellors, counsellors-in-training, and staff, the largest group ever, are spending a fun-filled week near the pool! John Spatazzo, CYO Director, and Sean McCowell, Chair of the CYO Board, brought me out for my annual “day at camp”. I was given a very informative tour of the facilities (and activities), celebrated Mass at the inspiring outdoor Pines Chapel and enjoyed a great meal miraculously served to an enthusiastic (and noisy) group. Father Frank Freitas was honoured and thanked for his ten-year commitment as Camp Chaplain, and seminarian Grayson Hope, who is working at the Camp this summer, assisted at the Mass. A great day!

OUR LADY OF HOPE MAUSOLEUM AT RESURRECTION CEMETERY in Ancaster, will be blessed tomorrow morning at a Mass which begins at 10:30. Many people have already purchased crypts and niches for themselves or their love ones. Congratulations once again to Mr. John O’Brien, Alice Puma– Director of this cemetery, and other Catholic Cemeteries’ personnel for a job well done! It is worth a “drive by” and a visit!

A WARM WELCOME TO FATHER PIOTR JURZYK, who is with us for the coming year from Poland to perfect his English. Currently living at the Cathedral of Christ the King, Father Peter will move to St. Francis Xavier Parish in Stoney Creek next month, where he will serve as Associate Pastor with Father Martin Vallely.

FIVE MEN WILL BEGIN FORMATION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE in the Diocese of Hamilton on September 8, 2012. Gerard Byrne from Holy Cross Parish in Acton, Rene Marechal from St. Margaret Mary Parish in Hamilton, John Moss from St. Matthew Parish in Oakville, Edward MacIntosh from St. Agnes Parish in Waterloo, and Taek-Jong Han from St. Paul Chung Parish in Kitchener will begin their propaedeutic period, a time for spiritual discernment, which takes up the first months of formation. The sessions will take place at the Chancery Office in Hamilton. You are in our prayers.

YES, THERE WILL BE AN UPDATED DIOCESAN PERSONNEL DIRECTORY IN 2012! Father Frank Freitas has agreed to serve as the Editor of the Directory and he hopes to have the first draft of the new edition ready for review by Thanksgiving. To ensure that the information is as up-to-date as possible, he will be contacting Priests and parish secretaries for accurate and recent information. Please do all you can to assure that the Directory is useful. Additionally, Pam Aleman has indicated that personnel information will be available on-line (secure setting) in the coming weeks. She will assist Father Freitas in the publication of the Directory.

THE ORDINATION OF BISHOP-ELECT WAYNE KIRKPATRICK as Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto takes place at the Cathedral of St. Catherine in St. Catharines next Wednesday, July 25th. He will be welcomed to the Archdiocese of Toronto at a Mass celebrated at St. Michael’s Cathedral the next day. These must be exciting and busy times for the new Bishop. We offer him our prayers and best wishes!

THE RECENTLY APPOINTED AUXILIARY BISHOP FOR EDMONTON, Bishop-Elect Gregory Bittman, has Hamilton roots! In the announcement of his appointment, it was stated that he was born in Hamilton in 1961. He was ordained in 1996 and was Judicial Vicar and Chancellor in Edmonton at the time of his appointment. His ordination will take place on September 3rd. We offer him our congratulations.

SEMINARIANS WHO ARE IN THE AREA WILL GATHER AT ARDREE on Sunday evening for prayer and a barbeque. It will also be an occasion to thank Father Kevin Cull for his ministry as Diocesan Vocation Director and to welcome Father Wojciech Kuzma to the job. The seminarians will be able to connect once again with brothers and to recount stories about their summer experiences.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO HEART TO HEART NEXT WEEK.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde,

+ *Douglas*, OMI