



Heart to Heart

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OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO SISTER MARIE THERESE SLADE, S.O.L.I., who made her first profession on August 15th at a Mass presided over by Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki. May God bless her commitment and the service of the SOLI Sisters.

SHARI GUINTA WAS ELECTED TO THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL of the Catholic Women's League of Canada at their annual convention which took place in Edmonton earlier this week. She will chair one of the Standing Committees for the coming two years. Father Dave Wilhelm, Spiritual Advisor for the Hamilton Diocesan CWL Council attended the meeting.

MONSIGNOR JOSEPH SACH is hospitalized at the Hamilton General following a serious fall at St. Elizabeth Villa last week. Father Charlie Fedy, C.R. is in hospital in Kitchener and Father Art Busch has returned to his retirement residence following a brief stay in the hospital in Freeport. Please pray for these Priests and for Father Frank Ruetz, C.R., and Father Jerry Kroetsch, C.R., who are back home.

THANKS TO FATHER DAVID LEWIS who has accepted the position of Waterloo Deanery representative on the Presbyteral Council. The position had become vacant because of the assignment of Father Wojciech Kuzma as Vocation Director, and his move to Hamilton from Kitchener. The first meeting of the Presbyteral Council is September 11th.

FATHER TOBY COLLINS, C.R., is the recipient of the Distinguished Graduate Award for 2012, conferred by The Waterloo Catholic District School Board. It will be given at the October 4th graduation ceremonies of St. Mary's High School in Kitchener. Well-merited!

THE LITTLE BROTHERS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD celebrate the opening of Good Shepherd Square on September 14th. This remarkable accomplishment is a blessing in the City of Hamilton. If you plan to visit, do not miss the Chapel which is a jewel!

DR. KATHERINE BERGMAN HAS TAKEN OFFICE as President and Vice-Chancellor of St. Jerome's University. The formal celebration of her installation will be held on Sunday, October 21st at Siegfried Hall at the University. We wish her much happiness and many blessings in the coming years!

THE IGNATIUS JESUIT CENTRE IN GUELPH is celebrating an Organic Harvest Feast on September 22nd at which organic food grown right there will be served. It is a fund-raising event that supports their good work. Should be a fun time!

I AM OFF TO CALGARY TOMORROW for meetings of the CCCB Executive Committee with the Executive Committee of the USCCB. I return next Thursday for a few days before I travel to Thunder Bay to direct a retreat for the Priests of the Diocese there. The summer has been busy with several happy gatherings with groups of priests, family and friends. I hope it has been a good summer for you!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde,

+ *Douglas*, OMI