

Heart to Heart

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FATHER KYRAN KENNEDY DIED LAST SUNDAY MORNING and was buried at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery following a moving Funeral Mass at Christ the King Cathedral. Students from the high schools of the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board provided a long honour guard as the procession left the Cathedral. We offer our sincerest sympathies to his only remaining sister, Brenda, his nieces and nephews and their children, and to Pat and Carol Daly and the entire Daly family who were his dear friends.

GOOD SHEPHERD SQUARE ON KING STREET WEST IN HAMILTON was officially opened and dedicated today. The Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd and their bevy of supporters deserve high praise for the completion of the apartments which already house over 400 residents! Monsignor Bill O'Brien and Father Mike Myroniuk, who moved in a few weeks ago, sing the praises of the place. May God bless the residents, the staff, and the building itself!

THE SERRA CLUB OF HALTON WAS OFFICIALLY INAUGURATED last night at a Mass and dinner at Holy Rosary Parish in Burlington. Dr. Moira McQueen is the first President of the Halton Council and Father Michael Anderson is their Chaplain. There are now 1,110 councils making up Serra International, three in the Diocese of Hamilton! Father Wojciech Kuzma, our Vocation Director, was delighted with the support promised by the new Council.

MARYMOUNT CEMETERY IN GUELPH BOASTS A NEW MEMORIAL for fallen soldiers which was blessed last Saturday. Bishop Donald Theriault, Bishop of the Military Ordinariate joined me for the event. Congratulations and thanks to Mr. John O'Brien, Director of Catholic Cemeteries and to Dominic Tersigni, Director of Marymount Cemetery, for seeing the project through to completion. It was supported by financial contributions from the Federal Government, the local Legion Council, and individual donations. It is worth a visit.

ARCHBISHOP GUIRE POULARD, ARCHBISHOP OF PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI, and his Chancellor were visitors to Hamilton last weekend. They celebrated Mass with me at St. Margaret Mary Parish which provides generous support to St. Gabriel's Parish in Beau Sejour, Haiti. It provided the Archbishop with the opportunity to thank parishioners for their help. Father Pierre Philippe Jean-Pierre and Father Archange Kebe, Haitian priests from Notre Dame Parish in Hamilton were pleased to welcome the Archbishop.

FESTITALIA IS A MONTH-LONG CULTURAL CELEBRATION in the city of Hamilton. Regina Mundi Parish welcomed the community for a lively Sunday morning Mass last weekend. The celebration of faith is an important part of the Festitalia event, and Mr. Sam Cino, this year's Chairman, wanted to be sure it was highlighted. All good!

ST. ANN'S PARISH IN ANCASTER CELEBRATES IT'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR. It has been a year-long celebration. An Oblate, Father William Loftus, was the founding Pastor, followed by another Oblate, Father Don Brennan. Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki, succeeded Father Brennan as Pastor. It was during his term that he was named Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton. I look forward to celebrating the Masses in the parish this weekend.

A MASS AT ST. PAUL'S PARISH OPENS THE *40 DAYS FOR LIFE* EVENT IN HALTON. I will preside at the Mass at 3 p.m. on Sunday, praying for all who participate in the prayerful and peaceful event.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + Douglas, OMI