



## *Heart to Heart*

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**THE FIRST SUNDAY MASSES FOR ST. BENEDICT PARISH IN MILTON** take place tomorrow in Our Lady of Fatima School. Father Dan Miehm was formally installed as Pastor at a Mass at Holy Rosary Parish in Milton last Saturday evening. The process of building a parish has already begun. The parish house not only provides a residence for the Pastor, it is also the parish office and Chapel. Blessing on your ministry, Father Miehm!

**THE SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA** takes place this weekend in all the parishes of our Diocese and throughout the country. This collection helps the Diocese pay its part of the *per capita* to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Anything collected over and above our assessment will be used in the Diocese to finance *Year of Faith* activities. Pastors are asked to encourage parishioners to be generous.

**THE OPENING OF THE YEAR OF FAITH** will take place in our Diocese on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> with a Celebration of Evening Prayer at the Cathedral of Christ the King. Following Evening Prayer a presentation on Vatican II will be given by Dr. Michael Attridge, Associate Professor at St. Michael's College, Toronto. A reception will conclude the celebration. Pastors are asked to encourage their parishioners to attend this historic event.

**FATHER MARK GATTO AND DEACON PETER GITTENS** are preparing for the second session of the Diaconate Formation Program to take place in October. The first session occurred on September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Chancery Office. These first months are dedicated to a time of spiritual preparation and discernment for the five aspirants and their wives. In January, the long road of study and formation begins. We pray for them.

**OCTOBER 21<sup>st</sup> IS THE DATE OF THE CANONIZATION** of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. The Martyrs' Shrine at Midland, Ontario, will mark the canonization with a procession with the relics and statue of Blessed Kateri at 11:00, and Mass and a blessing with the relics at 12 noon, followed by refreshments. Pastors might wish to inform parishioners of this special event.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA PARISH** on its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and to St. Gabriel's Parish, Burlington, and Corpus Christi Parish, Hamilton, on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of establishment. The Hamilton Spectator gave fine coverage St. Stan's Parish last week. I look forward to being part of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary events this weekend.

**THE CCCB PLENARY CONCLUDES AT NOON TODAY** and I will be returning to Hamilton and heading to Waterloo for the annual St. Jerome's Feast. Mr. Bruce Rodrigues, Director of the Toronto Catholic District School Board, (St. Jerome's graduate and former Superintendent for Waterloo Catholic District School Board) is the 2012 recipient of the prestigious Chancellor John Sweeney Award for Catholic Leadership. Next week the Ontario Bishops hold their semi-annual plenary meeting in Toronto. I return in time for the annual Bishop's Dinner sponsored by the Wellington Catholic District School Board at the Italian-Canadian Club in Guelph. Nothing like a good meal to bring a Bishop home!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI