



## *Heart to Heart*

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**THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS ON THE NEW EVANGELIZATION** concluded last Sunday with a Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI. Synod members singled out the parish as being of particular importance because it is "the primary presence of the Church in neighbourhoods, the place and instrument of a Christian life, which is able to offer opportunities for dialogue". They went on to say that to ensure parishes are places where the faithful can have a personal encounter with Christ, parishes should offer ways for parishioners to grow in their faith, and to reach out to the community in which they are located. (from Salt + Light TV)

**ALL SOULS PARISH ON BARTON STREET IN HAMILTON** celebrates its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this weekend. I will celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving at the Parish beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. It will be an occasion to meet parishioners and to thank Fr. Peter Ciallella, C.S., and the Scalabrini Fathers for their service to the Parish.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. JOHN O'BRIEN WHO MARKS HIS 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY** of service to the Diocese of Hamilton! Over the years he has held many positions, more recently serving as Business Administrator and Director of Catholic Cemeteries. Our profound thanks to him for his dedication and for all that he has done for the good of the Diocese over the years.

**ARCHBISHOP JAMES WEISGERBER FROM WINNIPEG** will be the main speaker at a special convocation of Priests which will take place at Holy Family Parish in Kitchener next Thursday. Sister Margaret Kane, CSJ, will facilitate the event. The focus of the day will be a review of professional boundaries that lead to more effective ministry. This will be the first of three "convocations" dedicated to professional development.

**THE HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD** holds their 2012 Parents' Conference this weekend at Cathedral High School in Hamilton. The celebration of Mass is always an important part of the event. Next weekend, a similar conference is being sponsored by the Halton Catholic District School Board at Corpus Christi Catholic Secondary School. Mass is the first event on Saturday morning.

**THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS** of the Knights of Columbus is on Saturday morning at St. Eugene's Parish, Hamilton, beginning at 10:30 a.m. The families of Knights who died during the past year are consoled by the remembrance of brother Knights. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace!

**SETH LONG, SON OF OUR COMPTROLLER, JIM LONG,** will be spending the day at the Chancery on Wednesday morning, as part of *Take Our Kids to Work Day*. If it is like other days at the Chancery, the place will be buzzing, and Seth should learn a lot about what goes on here – and what his Dad does all day!

**BLESSED KATERI SCHOOL IN KITCHENER IS HAVING A SPECIAL CELEBRATION** to mark her canonization last month by Pope Benedict XVI. Elders from the First Nations community in Brantford will participate in the event, doing some drumming so that students learn more about their culture. It is a fine initiative that will help in mutual respect and understanding.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI