



Heart to Heart

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THE RECENTLY BLESSED VETERANS' MEMORIAL at Marymount Cemetery in Guelph will be the site of a memorial service today. Students from Ignatius College in Guelph will gather to remember and pray for the war dead. Parishes and schools throughout the Diocese will remember them in a variety of ways at Sunday Masses, some having a minute of silent prayer prior to beginning the liturgy. *"They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."*

ABOUT 170 PRIESTS WHO SERVE IN THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON gathered at Holy Family Parish Croatian Centre yesterday for a professional development session facilitated by Sister Margaret Kane, C.S.J. The main speaker at the convocation was Archbishop James Weisgerber from Winnipeg. His presentation, coming from a lifetime of experience (50 years as a Priest, 17 years as a Bishop), provided the foundation for reflection on the roles and responsibilities of Priests. The day concluded with a fine meal prepared by the staff at the Centre.

FATHER LASZLO AMASZKA AND PARISHIONERS AT ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH in Hamilton are to be commended for welcoming the *Out of the Cold* program to their Parish Centre for two nights this winter: Mondays and Tuesdays. The program, under the direction of Sr. Nancy Sullivan, CSJ, provides meals and relief during the cold winter months! The Parish, with other churches in downtown Hamilton, provides much needed support. Well done!

THE THEME FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WEEK (NOVEMBER 18-25) is *Diverse Needs: Unique Responses*. The Churches' Council for Justice and Corrections (CCJC) of which the CCCB is a founding and contributing member, provides resources for this initiative. Check out the website for more information: <http://ccjc.ca/restorative-justice-week-2012/>

BARBARA BISHOP, DIOCESAN CHAIR FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE, announces that Nana Kojo Damptey is the new D&P animator for Southwestern Ontario. He began his service on September 20th. His first project is to get the annual Fall education program up and running in the Parishes. Check out the D&P website for more information: <http://www.devp.org/>

THE NEW HOME FOR THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN KITCHENER will be blessed on Saturday afternoon. The Guelph Street building is within the boundaries of St. Anne's Parish in Kitchener, so Father Peter Meyer, Pastor, assures us that everything is ready!

FATHER JEROME MASCARENHAS, OCD, WILL BE FORMALLY INSTALLED as Pastor of St. Aloysius Parish in Kitchener in a ceremony at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday morning. He and Father Vijay Martin, OCD are members of the Discalced Carmelite community who have come to the Diocese this year. We welcome them and pray for God's blessing on their ministry.

THE FINAL SESSION OF CONVERSATIONS AT ARDREE FOR 2012 takes place next Wednesday at the Bishop's Residence (Ardree). Over the past three months about 150 priests have participated in the conversations about Diocesan structures and the importance and value of Catholic Education in our Diocese. The sessions are also an important opportunity for the Priests who serve in the Diocese to get to know one another in a relaxed and friendly environment. My thanks to Monsignor Murray Kroetsch and Father Con O'Mahony for their participation in all the sessions, and to Cindy Ferreira for preparing the lunch each time.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI