



Heart to Heart

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OUR SYMPATHIES TO FATHER DUY NGUYEN on the death of his father, Van Dong Nguyen in Vietnam yesterday. The funeral will be held tomorrow. Father Duy travelled to Vietnam on November 16th to be with his father and his family at this time. Thanks to Father Ed Henhoeffler for keeping us informed about these events. We pray for the repose of the soul of Mr. Nguyen and for the consolation of the Nguyen family.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SISTER VERONICA O'REILLY, CSJ, who was elected this week to be the General Superior of the newly-formed Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada. Sister Loretta Manzara, Sister Jean Perry, Sister Anne Karges and Sister Joan Atkinson were also elected as members of the Leadership Team. Congratulations to all and the assurance of our prayers as the Sisters of St. Joseph move forward as a new community!

BIG "DO-INS" AT THE CATHEDRAL ON SUNDAY, the Feast of Christ the King! The beautiful new elevator will be formally blessed and inaugurated. Completed earlier in the year, it was decided that the patronal feast day would be the appropriate time to celebrate. Monsignor Edward House will present a cheque to the Diocese with the results of an intensive fundraising campaign to offset the cost of the elevator. Sincere thanks to donors from across the Diocese who have contributed; parishioners from across the Diocese will benefit!

OUR PERMANENT DEACONS GATHER AT ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH IN FERGUS tomorrow evening for their annual pre-Christmas celebration. This year the event is hosted by Deacon Trevor Klein who serves the parish under the capable direction of Father Ken Miskiewicz. I look forward to being with the Deacons who provide such a valuable service to our parishes and support so many programs that assist the needy.

HURRICANE SANDY WREAKED HAVOC IN CUBA, HAITI, AND THE U.S.A. Some parishes have asked where to send financial assistance. If you have received funds for the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCOPD), they have assured us that these funds will be transferred to Caritas Cubana, Caritas Haiti, or Catholic Charities USA. Donations should clearly indicate which country the donor would want to benefit, if desired.

VIETNAMESE MARTYRS IS A MISSION OF OUR LADY OF VIETNAM PARISH in the Kitchener-Waterloo area. The community gathers on Sunday afternoon at St. Louis Parish in Kitchener. I will pray with them at the Sunday Eucharist this weekend. Father Hanh Van Tran, OMI, is their Pastor, and assures me of a very warm welcome.

NOTES FOR GROUPS PLANNING TO GO TO WORLD YOUTH DAY 2013 in Rio de Janeiro in July: Participants **MUST** be 18 years old at the time of the event. Vaccinations are required for travel to Brazil. Visa fees are \$160.00 per person. Travel agencies are offering travel arrangements for \$4700-5000 (family travel arrangements will decrease that cost). The opening Mass and Stations of the Cross will take place at the Copa Cabana base. The other venue is 68 km outside of Rio. Arrangements would seem to be daunting but for the dedicated WYD supporter, nothing is impossible. Groups and individuals in the Diocese who are planning to go are asked to inform our Diocesan Discipleship Office.

THE HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD celebrates their annual *Catholic Education Distinguished Service Awards* next Thursday evening at the Cathedral of Christ the King. This year's recipients of the coveted award are Paolo Lucchesi, *Custodian*, Carol Pitt Nowicki, *Retired Superintendent of Education*, and Chaplaincy Leaders past and present. We offer our congratulations and look forward to meeting them next week!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI