



## Heart to Heart

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**THE BLESSING OF THE CHAPEL** at St. Mary's Hospital in Kitchener took place last Friday afternoon. Sisters of St. Joseph, the hospital Spiritual Care team members, generous donors to the restoration, and friends of St. Mary's Hospital gathered for the celebration of Mass and the blessing. Gary Payne, recently retired Director of the Spiritual Care Department for St. Joseph's Health System spoke glowingly about the work of the Sisters of St. Joseph, their deep spiritual and health care legacy, and the beauty and importance of the Chapel. If you are visiting St. Mary's Hospital, it is well worth a visit.

**THE BISHOP'S CHARITIES INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT** took place at Glen Abbey Golf Club in Oakville on Wednesday. Over 120 golfers set out for the 8:00 a.m. tee-off – and played through to about 12:30 p.m. Joe Guagliano's team took the top prize – 11 under par! Ed Walzak scored a hole-in-one on the 12<sup>th</sup> hole, winning a cash prize. And Vic Abradjian won the 50/50 draw – and donated it back! It was a beautiful day for golf, and the DeMazenod Door Outreach at St. Patrick Parish was the big winner! A bonus for me: my brother, brother-in-law, nephew-in-law, and his brother drove all the way from Courtice for the event! Thanks to LiUNA, and all who sponsored the event! A real success!

**THE CONGREGATION OF THE RESURRECTION** gathers for their Thirty-Fourth General Chapter in Rome from June 20<sup>th</sup> to July 6<sup>th</sup>. The "*principal tasks*" of the General Chapter are "*concern for the general welfare of the Congregation, the promotion of unity, the stimulation of cooperative progress within the community and the evaluation of the Community's fidelity to its Charism*" (article 86 of their Constitutions). The Chapter will elect a new Superior General to serve as "*the father of the whole Congregation*". Current Superior General, Father Paul Voisin, completes his six-year term with the election of a new General. He requests prayers for God's blessing on the Congregation during this important time. We pray to the Lord!

**A LUTHERAN, ANGLICAN, ROMAN CATHOLIC, (LARC) Evening Prayer Service** takes place at All Saints Anglican Church in Guelph on Monday evening, June 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. The evening is a prayer of recommitment to the long-standing ecumenical encounter between the three Christian communities in the area. All are welcome to join in the prayer and reflection time.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO GRADUATES** from Catholic District High Schools throughout the Diocese! Graduation is a significant achievement in your lives. Enjoy the "in person" events that eluded you throughout the COVID-19 restrictions. Rich blessings as you move into a new stage of your lives!

**THE FINAL CONFIRMATION CEREMONY** for the 2022-2023 pastoral year takes place tomorrow. Young people from St. Andrew Parish, Oakville, will gather at Mary Mother of God Parish for the celebration. We pray for Confirmandi throughout the Diocese, that God will strengthen them as they follow the Lord closely – and "*renew the face of the earth*"!

**LONG TIME CEMETERY EMPLOYEE FRAN BOROS** retires next week. The cemetery team will gather at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery to thank her for her many years of capable service and bid her farewell! The staff at our cemeteries are skilled at their work. People are accompanied at very vulnerable times in their lives. Thanks to Fran and to all our cemeterians who make the cemeteries places of consolation, beauty and prayer!

**PRIESTS IN THE HALTON DEANERY** are invited by the Dean, Father David Walter, to a barbeque at St. Dominic Parish, Oakville, tonight. It is always a happy occasion to enjoy fraternal time with our Priests as the pastoral year winds down and the summer months approach. See you there!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI