



Heart to Heart

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POPE FRANCIS CELEBRATES THE 10th ANNIVERSARY of his election as Supreme Pontiff next Monday, March 13th. The *Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development* has initiated a special prayer initiative for the occasion. The faithful worldwide are invited to pray at least one “Hail Mary” for the Holy Father to mark the anniversary. As part of the initiative, a special “online” map will feature virtual lighted candles representing the prayers of the faithful who have registered. The map will be offered as a gift in support of his ministry. If you wish to register, please use this [link](#) – choosing your language preference at the upper right hand corner. The Vatican News press release is available [here](#). May the Holy Father be strongly supported by the fervent prayers of the faithful!

IN PREPARATION FOR THE CHRISM MASS, Pastors are asked to designate a parishioner to receive the newly blessed and consecrated Sacred Oils at the Mass of Chrism on Monday, April 3, 2023. The form attached to the request should be completed and returned to Father David Wynen, Cathedral Rector, as soon as possible. Priests who are not assigned to a Parish may request a set of Sacred Oils by contacting the Cathedral Rectory.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE is a *peaceful campaign* with three distinct actions: *prayer and fasting* in support of life, a constant quiet and *respectful prayer vigil* outside of places that provide abortion, and *education* of family/friends/community about abortion. Bishop Wayne Lobsinger will celebrate Mass for the 40 Days for Life groups in Hamilton/Halton next Wednesday, March 15th, at 7:00 p.m. at St Michael Parish, Oakville, and on Thursday, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Basilica of Our Lady in Guelph for the 40 Days for Life group in Guelph. All are welcome to pray for the gift that is life!

THE 2023 DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS IS ON! Time to register! If you are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60th-plus wedding anniversary in 2023, you are invited to join us at this joy-filled celebration. It will take place at **1:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 16th**, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. Register at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249

RESTART: MOVING FORWARD is a brand new program prepared by the Family Ministry Office providing support for those seeking healing after a separation or divorce. The program takes place on Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00 p.m., from March 21st through May 23rd. The sessions are in-person or by ZOOM. Please register by calling 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or email familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com or register online [here](#).

THE IGNATIUS JESUIT CENTRE in Guelph is one of the quiet blessings in the Diocese of Hamilton. Father Roger Yaworski, S.J., serves as the Executive Director of the centre which offers many retreat and training opportunities to revive and deepen our spiritual experience. Check out their [website](#) for current offerings. In addition to retreats, the Jesuits invite “hands-on” experience at their Jesuit Farm. Orchard pruning and planning opportunities are offered and the “old growth forest” is an example of care for our common home.

PRIESTS SERVING IN THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON are reminded of the Convocation Day scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at Holy Family Parish Hall, Kitchener. As a simple courtesy, please assure that you have notified the Bishop’s Office of your intention to attend and of your decision as to whether or not you will join us for dinner following the presentation.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, *† Douglas*, OMI