



## *Heart to Heart*

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**FATHER ANGELICO (ANGE) VALERIOTE WAS 92 WHEN HE DIED YESTERDAY** following a life of service. He will be remembered for his good humour, his broad smile, and his unique laugh. He lived “the joy of the Gospel”! May God give him the reward due a good and faithful servant! Our condolences to the Valeriote family who remained so close to him, especially during his final years!

**A WARM WELCOME TO SISTER IMMOLATIA**, a professed Sister of the Fraternity the Poor of Jesus Christ, who arrived in Waterloo recently – the first of three members of the community who will take up ministry there. The relatively new community was founded in Brazil some years ago. They will reside at the Convent at St. Louis Parish. Parishioners are helping Sister get settled. May your service in the Diocese of Hamilton be a blessing to all you meet!

**THE CHRISM MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON MONDAY, MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>, AT 7 P.M.** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. It is preceded by a clergy dinner beginning at 4 p.m. in McNally Hall (Cathedral auditorium). In the coming days, those who have not already responded to the invitation will be contacted personally by Cathedral personnel to determine your intention to attend. We want to ensure that there is a place and a meal for everyone!

**THIS SUNDAY IS “SOLIDARITY SUNDAY”**, when the “Share Lent” collection is taken. Please encourage parishioners to be generous. The funds help the *Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace* support many projects in developing countries. Mr. Ary Regis from Haiti, the Solidarity representative this year, stopped in at the Diocesan Offices earlier this week as part of his visit to several Canadian Dioceses.

**FIVE PRIESTS FROM HAMILTON DIOCESE** will participate in *Good Leaders, Good Shepherds* with Priests from the Archdiocese of Toronto. The 18-month program, sponsored by the Catholic Leadership Institute and the Archdiocese, begins in April and continues through to the Fall of 2017. Those who have experienced the program speak of its importance in helping them become effective administrators. We extend our prayers to the Priests who have made the commitment to follow the program.

**FRIENDS AND ADVOCATES OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION (F.A.C.E.)** held their annual *Lobby Day* at the Ontario Legislature this week. Representatives from the Ontario Catholic School Trustees’ Association, the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association, and the Assembly of the Catholic Bishops of Ontario, met with Members of Provincial Parliament to speak about the benefits of Catholic Education in the Province and to respond to questions and concerns. The day provided an occasion to meet several politicians from the Diocese of Hamilton who make this significant commitment to public service.

**FATHER PETER TUYEN NGUYEN, PASTOR OF ST. CLEMENT’S PARISH IN CAMBRIDGE**, hosts my weekend visit to the Parish tomorrow and Sunday. The visit will provide an occasion to meet and pray with parishioners at the Saturday evening Mass and all three Sunday morning Masses.

**MUCH OF NEXT WEEK I WILL BE IN OTTAWA AT MEETINGS OF THE CCCB EXECUTIVE** and Permanent Council. On Monday, we meet with people from across the country to reflect on ways the CCCB might respond to the “Calls to Action” of the *Truth and Reconciliation Commission* concerning Residential Schools. On Thursday we will discuss pastoral responses to the impending legislation on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide. Pray for us.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI