



Heart to Heart

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FOSTER PARENTS ARE ESSENTIAL to the caring ministry of the *Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton (CCASH)*! The Agency is celebrating the important service of Foster Parents at a gala dinner at Michelangelo's Banquet Centre tonight. Important anniversaries of service will be honoured and retiring foster parents will be thanked. It is always an emotionally charged evening – since it is all about providing love and care when it is needed most! Interested in saving lives? Consider being foster parents for children who need your support! The need is great – contact Catholic Children's Aid!

THE EX CORDE FOUNDATION BOARD meets next Tuesday for its Annual General Meeting. Since its formation 12 years ago, the Foundation Board has distributed over \$9 million dollars to support good works in our Parishes and many Catholic organizations throughout the Diocese of Hamilton and across the country! Special thanks will be expressed at the meeting to Monsignor Edward Sheridan who completes over ten years of faithful service on the Board!

THE FOUR CONSTITUTIONS OF VATICAN II is the topic of a four-part webinar series hosted by the CCCB Office for Evangelization and Catechesis. The series is a response to an invitation from Pope Francis to prepare for the *2025 Jubilee Year of Hope* by studying the Four Constitutions of the Council. All sessions run on the Tuesdays in November from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST and are available across Canada. The first session, on November 7th, will focus on *Sacrosanctum Concilium* presented by our own Monsignor Murray Kroetsch. The second session on November 14th, presents *Dei Verbum*, by Bishop Yvan Mathieu, SM, Auxiliary Bishop of Ottawa. In the third session, on November 21st, Sr. Donna Geernaert, SC, will present *Gaudium et Spes*; and on November 28th, Dr. Catherine Clifford will present on *Lumen Gentium*. Interested? Register [here](#)!

WELCOME HOME TO FATHER KHALID KAROMI, Pastor at St. Gregory Parish in Cambridge, and parishioners who were with him on a Holy Land pilgrimage when the current conflict arose. The group was included on the first rescue of the Canadian military last week and arrived safely in Canada last Friday evening.

CEMETERY MASSES for *All Souls* will be celebrated at Marymount Cemetery, Guelph, next Saturday, October 28th, at 11:00 a.m. and at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Burlington, at 2:00 p.m. next Sunday, October 29th! We are blessed to have such opportunities to gather with friends and neighbours to remember our deceased beloved at this time of year! Join us!

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH SYSTEM, which includes several healthcare institutions throughout the Diocese, will gather next Thursday at the Royal Botanical Gardens to launch their strategic plan which has been in preparation for the past year! St. Joseph's Health System is the largest Catholic healthcare provider in Canada, a legacy of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Hamilton! Thousands of patients are provided care by doctors, nurses, spiritual care providers and other health care professionals in these institutions every day!

SISTER MARIE TAYLOR, SSND, spoke eloquently at St. Jerome's Feast last week at St. Jerome's University. On the cusp of her 100th birthday, she spoke about her experiences as Chaplain at the University, and her missionary experiences earlier in her life. "It's easy to get to 100," she explained, "you just have to keep breathing!" Happy birthday, Sister! Thank you for a life of consoling service!

THE DEDICATION OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH in Hamilton takes place this Sunday afternoon, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Priests from across the Diocese and parishioners from the Parish will have their first opportunity to see the recently completed building. Thanks again to Father Mark Gatto, Deacon Tom Vert, the architects and master builders! Final Masses at Corpus Christi Church and Our Lady of Lourdes Church will take place on Sunday morning. Welcome to Bishop Daniel Miehm, Bishop of Peterborough, and former Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, who will preside at the last Mass in the Church, and join us for the Mass of Dedication of the new Church!

St. Catherine of Siena, pray for us!

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI