



Heart to Heart

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THE INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND collection will take place in Parishes across the Diocese this weekend. All funds collected are added to the Diocese's previous \$4 million commitment to the Fund. To this point, our Diocesan IRF advisory group has supported several local Indigenous-led healing and reconciliation projects locally, in addition to a few in remote northern areas of the country. Operating nationally since 2022, the IRF has funded dozens of healing and reconciliation projects across Canada and is on track to exceed its original \$30 million national commitment. For more information, visit the [website](#). Please support this worthwhile initiative.

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE at *St. Louis Parish, Waterloo*, celebrates the 100th Anniversary of service *To God and Canada!* A luncheon will follow the 11:30 Sunday morning Mass of Thanksgiving for the blessing of the League in the lives of the members over the years, and in the parish. The *Catholic Women's League at Sacred Heart Parish* in Walkerton will celebrate 100 years of service NEXT Sunday, April 21 at the 11:00 Sunday Mass. As the League began to grow throughout Canada, the Diocese of Hamilton responded quickly, welcoming this opportunity for women to work together as a grassroots Catholic organization – the largest grassroots organization of women in Canada. We celebrate with gratitude!

LECTURES IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE at St. Jerome's University, Waterloo, welcomes Jesuit Brother Guy Consolmagno, the Vatican's Chief Astronomer, to speak on the topic of the *search for truth and the intersection with science*. His talk takes place on Monday evening, April 15, beginning at 7:30 p.m. It promises to be a fascinating lecture. Tickets are available [online](#).

THE DIOCESAN FINANCE COMMITTEE meets at the Chancery Offices next Wednesday. Guided by Jim Long, Chancellor (Temporal Affairs), the Committee advises on all financial activities of the Diocese throughout the year. The Committee also receives Audited Financial Reports from our External Auditors and approves their submission to Revenue Canada. We are blessed with a strong Finance Committee whose counsel is always appreciated.

THIS YEAR'S BISHOP'S DINNER in Bruce-Grey, sponsored by the *Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board*, takes place in Cargill, on May 8, 2024. The event draws together School Board representatives, students, Parish Priests, and parishioners from across the Deanery. It is an opportunity to celebrate Catholic education in the northern part of our Diocese. It is always a joyful gathering – featuring the talents of students and teachers.

THE VOCATIONS RECOGNITION DINNER 2024, sponsored by the Serra Club of Hamilton, takes place at Liuna Station on Wednesday, May 15, 2024. The event celebrates Priests, Sisters, Consecrated Women, and Permanent Deacons, who celebrate significant anniversaries. It also celebrates Seminarians preparing for Priesthood. Contact [here](#) for tickets.

ST. JEAN DE BREBEUF CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, Hamilton, celebrates its 50th Anniversary NEXT Friday evening beginning with a 5:30 Mass at St. Catherine of Siena Parish. Former Trustees, Principals, teachers, students and parents will be welcomed by current ones to celebrate the significant anniversary. See you there!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI