



## Heart to Heart

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**“DEAR CANADIAN FRIENDS**, God love you for all the love you have shared with me and the Missionaries of Charity and our Poor throughout the world, through your gifts of money and food. ... My gratitude to each one of you for all you have done – and are doing, and will do – is my prayer for you – that you may grow in holiness through this love for God’s Poor. Pray for us all. God bless you all.” M. Teresa m.c. Excerpt from a note of thanks from *now-Saint* Mother Teresa of Calcutta written in June 1986, to the Catholic Women’s League in St. Louis Parish, Waterloo, in response to a generous donation made to support her good works in Calcutta. A second note, dated 1973, was also signed by the Sainted Nun. Both notes were gifted to the *Bishop John Farrell Library and Archives* as part of last week’s 100th anniversary of the CWL Council. Thank you sincerely for this treasured gift!

**AFTER A THREE YEAR DELAY** due to *COVID*, the Mambo family arrived in Canada in March 2023. Mambo and Anastasie (Dad and Mom), Marie Claire (daughter) and grandson Michael, Baraka (son) and Sammy (son) left the Republic of Congo and lived as refugees in Zimbabwe for almost 20 years! Since their arrival as newcomers to Canada, they have adjusted to life in Canada, including climate, food, and temporary housing. As this sponsorship journey, supported by the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate and Holy Rosary Parish in Guelph, comes to a close, we celebrate the remarkable progress made by the family members. Despite the significant adjustments, they have always relied on God to care for and protect them. Their faith is a shining example to all of us. Welcome home!

**THE FIRST ANNUAL RESURRECTION GALA** took place at Sacred Heart Church, Kitchener, on Tuesday evening past. A Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated and Monsignor Con O’Mahony was the Guest Speaker at a dinner which followed. The Gala was an opportunity for the Congregation of the Resurrection to celebrate together with parishioners, friends and supporters. We owe a debt of gratitude to the Congregation of the Resurrection for their long and fruitful commitment to the Diocese over the years. We have been truly blessed.

**THE PENCIL PROJECT INITIATIVE** in Grey and Bruce Counties encouraged first-generation immigrants to share personal stories about how they successfully made Grey and Bruce Counties their permanent home. All stories were sought, but not limited, by culture, age, or settlement history. Themes of resilience, the benefits of education, and the desire for safety and freedom emerged in the collected interviews. Selected stories were published in *PENCILLING IT IN – 27 Stories of Success Achieved by Grey-Bruce Newcomers*. Available in libraries in Grey and Bruce counties, the book has been given to local welcoming centres for use by their clients, and placed in select locations throughout the region. Want to be deeply moved by a good book written locally? Available [here](#).

**STUDYING CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition**, published by Routledge Press, is now available! Author, Father David Perrin, has been working on the book over the past two years. A preview and table of contents is available [here](#). Congratulations to Father David on this good work!

**THE SSND VIRTUAL PRAYER ROOM FOR PEACE** is open! Every Friday, Sisters, associates and friends can enter a peaceful space to pray for the needs of the world. All are invited to enter the room for restoration and united prayer open on Fridays 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. EST. Thanks to Sister Barbara Paleczny, SSND, for alerting us to this opportunity!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, Pray for us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI