



Heart to Heart

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THE 2024 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS welcomed over 350 couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, and 60+ years of married life, totaling a remarkable 16,000 years! Two couples marked their 76th anniversaries! The highlight of the event was the profession of anniversary promises – sealed with a kiss that echoed throughout the Cathedral! Celebrating couples received a floral piece and a marriage anniversary certificate. The fine weather added to the beauty of the occasion. Thanks to Teresa Hartnett and Sarah Lintott in our Family Ministry Office for their hard work in assuring the success of this memorable event!

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH in Burlington celebrates 175 years as a parish this Sunday! A special anniversary Mass will be celebrated at 3 p.m., followed by a banquet on Sunday evening. The remarkable anniversary demonstrates the long history of several parishes in the Diocese that pre-date the foundation of the Diocese itself! Congratulations to Monsignor Pierre-Philippe Jean-Pierre, Pastor, and his anniversary committee for organizing the historic event!

THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO QUEBEC CITY to celebrate the 350th Anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Quebec and of the Church in North America under the leadership of St. Francois de Laval is full! The pilgrims will have the opportunity to visit holy sites in Quebec City and elsewhere in the Province of Quebec. We pray for safe travel for the pilgrims!

“UNLOCKING HOPE: Highlights from the International Interfaith Symposium on Palliative Care” is the title of a video released recently highlighting the profound discussions and shared aspirations that emerged from the event. Organized by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and The Pontifical Academy for Life, the event took place in Toronto, last week. The video can be viewed [here](#). Additionally, Pope Francis sent a message to participants entitled *Towards a Narrative of Hope*. This inspiring message can be read [here](#).

DAYTON UNIVERSITY VIRTUAL LEARNING COMMUNITY for Adult Faith Formation works closely with the Diocese of Hamilton to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith learners. Enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certificate Program and the Catechist Formation Program for the Diocese is now open. The program begins in September 2024. Three five week e-seminars are also available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning. For more information about the programs and how to register, visit the [website](#).

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT is being held on Saturday, July 6th at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Hamilton. The evening begins with a Holy Hour of prayer from 6:30 to 7:30, talk/tour of the church from 7:30 to 7:45, a social with food from 7:45 to 8:15, and prayer from 8:15 to 9:15. For more information contact Father Mark Morley at vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

THE DIOCESAN MARIAN SHRINE at the Basilica of Our Lady, Guelph, hosts Diocesan Marian Days on the first Saturdays from June through October. The day begins at 9:00 am, and concludes at noon. The presiders will be Father Ian Duffy (June 1), Bishop Wayne Lobsinger (July 6), Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki (August 3), Bishop Douglas Crosby (September 7), and Bishop Daniel Miehm (October 5). Check the Diocesan website for more information!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI