



Heart to Heart

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THE DIOCESAN MASS CELEBRATING THE BLESSING OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION, sponsored annually by the Catholic Education Partnership in the Diocese, was held last night at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. This year, *Mon Avenir Conseil Scolaire Catholique* sponsored the event. The evening began with a panel discussion in McNally Hall led by Linda Staudt and Julian Paparella, focusing on the benefits of a good Catholic Education. A Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated in the Cathedral Basilica following the presentation. The evening concluded with a celebratory meal at the Nicholas Mancini Education Resource Centre. The annual event celebrates publicly-funded Catholic Education and draws together students, teachers, and trustees from the seven School Boards serving our Diocese! We are blessed!

JUBILEE YEAR HEROES OF HOPE FOR SEPTEMBER honours the “*Season of Creation*”. It is a time to reflect on our responsibility as *stewards of creation*, called to care for our environment as means of caring for one another and providing hope for future generations! It is also a time of reflection, repentance and solidarity as we commemorate the *National Day of Truth and Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples* and seek to bring about hope through the healing of past injustices! Copies of our Heroes of Hope bulletin are available in our parishes and [here](#).

THE SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME (SSND) of the Atlantic-Midwest Province (which includes the SSND Sisters resident in our Diocese) have elected a new Provincial Council to be installed on December 8, 2025. Sister Nancy Gilchrist, the new Provincial Leader was welcomed by outgoing Provincial Leader, Sister Charmaine Krohe. Sister Celeste Reinhart, from our Diocese, will serve as a Provincial Councillor. We pray in thanksgiving for the service of the SSND community in the Diocese of Hamilton over many years!

75 YOUNG ADULTS FROM OUR DIOCESE will participate in a pilgrimage to Martyrs’ Shrine in Midland for the Feast of the Canadian Martyrs next Saturday, September 27th. The Mass, held at noon, draws together young people who are Ambassadors of Hope during this Jubilee Year of Hope. Three Priests and two Religious Sisters will accompany the pilgrims. Pray for safe travel!

THE BISHOP FARRELL LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES invite you to an **Open House** on Saturday, September 20th, and Sunday, September 21st, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You are invited to see the Heritage Edition of The Saint John’s Bible, learn about the services offered at the Library, and pick up a few good books! Doors are open to all! Located at 698 King Street West, on the beautiful grounds of the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Lots of parking available in front and around back!

THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS meets in Plenary Assembly in Montreal next week, September 21-26th. It is to receive reports, discuss new initiatives, to welcome new Bishops, and bid farewell to those who are retiring. This will be my final Plenary Assembly (after experiencing 31 of them!)

ST. PETER’S SEMINARY has launched a new website. Explore the beauty of St. Peter’s Seminary, learn the story of faith, tradition and renewal. Experience seminary life! Check out the website [here](#).

OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION, pray for us!

Ex corde, +*Douglas*, OMI