

Heart to Heart

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THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS (CCCB) will convene its Triennial National Liturgy Meeting from October 27 to 29, 2025, in Hamilton, Ontario. This in person gathering, the first since 2017, will bring together diocesan directors of liturgy and chairpersons of liturgical commissions from across the country. Chaired by our own Auxiliary Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, this meeting offers participants a valuable and unique opportunity to engage in liturgical formation, foster a deeper understanding of the Eucharist as the heart of Catholic worship, and equips attendees with practical tools to enhance liturgical celebration, ensuring they are life-giving and reflective of the Church's mission to evangelize and sanctify! A warm welcome to all participants!

Evening Prayer will be celebrated on Monday, October 27th, at 7:00 p.m., followed by a public lecture, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. This will be live-streamed on the Cathedral Basilica website. A summary of the meeting will be shared on the CCCB website following the event!

FATHER TIM UNIAC, C.R., is the presenter at the next *Lecture in Catholic Experience* at St. Jerome's University. He will uncover the transforming power of the story of Mary Magdalene, asking the questions about her life that often lie unanswered: a woman of such significance in Jesus' journey, yet someone whose profound story is so little mentioned, acknowledged, or understood. The event is free – all are welcome. Register to participate in the lecture. You will be glad you did! You can register online here.

CURSILLO is a worldwide Catholic movement that helps us get closer to God! There will be a Cursillo for Women from November 20, 2025 to November 23, 2025 at the Retreat House in Deemerton, Ontario. For information contact Dan Brown (dmbrown269@gmail.com).

THE 1700TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COUNCIL OF NICAEA, the first Ecumenical Council, held in 325 AD takes place this year. This milestone invites Christians of all traditions – Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant – to reflect on the Council's legacy, to reaffirm the unity of faith articulated by the Council Fathers, and to recommit to fostering Christian unity today. To mark this occasion during the Plenary Assembly of the CCCB, the Bishops welcomed Father Gregory Hrynkw, a Byzantine-Catholic monk from the Ukrainian Eparchy of Saskatoon, to offer a pastoral reflection on the significance of this historic anniversary!

THE PERMANENT DEACONS in the Diocese of Hamilton gathered with Auxiliary Bishop Wayne Lobsinger at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener, on October 9, 2025, to renew their promises and to celebrate their service. It is the annual gathering of Permanent Deacons, who offer so much support to Pastors throughout the Diocese, and whose impressive commitment to works of charity are outstanding signs of the strength of their ministry in the Diocese. We pray for them and their wives!

CONGRATULATIONS TO MATTHEW TRAFFORD AND DESTINY TAYLOR who will be married tomorrow at St. Margaret Mary Parish, Hamilton. Matthew serves in our Communications Office. Welcome to Bishop Gerard Bergie from Saint Catharines Diocese who will preside at the ceremony. We celebrate this happy moment!

HAPPY TO CELEBRATE THE INSTALLATION OF FATHER JOHN SCHNURR as Pastor of St. Mary and the Missions Parish in Owen Sound on Sunday morning. He is surely a blessing for the people in the northern part of the Diocese of Hamilton!

OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION pray for us!

Ex corde, + Douglas, OMI