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DIocese OF HAMILTON

December 2012

Dear Friends:

"I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary ..." We say these words Sunday after Sunday, and whenever we profess the Apostles' Creed.

Christmas is about Christ – His birth in Bethlehem, His encounter with the shepherds, with the Magi, and with Anna and Simeon – and our personal encounter with Him! During this Year of Faith, we reflect more intensely on that encounter, so that we might *Rediscover the Joy* of what it means for our lives.

A child – born for us! Life! Light! Joy! Peace! These are the images we treasure during this holy season. Yet, as He lies in the wooden manger, we can already foresee the impending suffering of the wood of the Cross with the senseless slaughter of the Holy Innocents to appease the vanity of Herod.

Our lives are a mix of good and evil, of joy and sorrow, of hope and despair, of happiness and pain. As we look upon this Child with awe, we are only too aware of the death of children who never get a chance! This Child causes us to fall down in worship, praise and thanksgiving; the holy innocents of our own time cause us to question the values of a world where one person's choice trumps another person's life!

Christmas is a time to rejoice and give thanks for the gift and blessings of life. It is also a time to be generous toward others who may not be so blessed – so that the life of each one and of all might be nurtured and supported – and together we might turn to the Author of Life and give profound thanks.

Merry Christmas and blessings throughout 2013!

+ *Douglas*, OMI

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton

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DECEMBER 23, 2012

Christmas Schedule...

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CHRISTMAS EVE

Monday, December 24
5:00 p.m. - Family Mass
11:30 p.m. – Christmas Carols (Cathedral Choir)
12:00 a.m. - Midnight Mass



CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday, December 25
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
*(Please note there is no Mass in the evening on
Christmas Day anywhere in the Diocese of Hamilton)*



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