



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

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OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

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Dear Reverend Monsignor:

Dear Reverend Father:

At the request of His Excellency Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, I wish to advise you of an opportunity to mark the 100th Anniversary of the birth of St. John Paul II, which is on May 18, 2020.

With the consent of the Polish Episcopate and the President of the John Paul II Foundation, Cardinal Stanisław Rylko, a Triptych with the icon of Our Lady of Jasna Góra (Black Madonna), St. John Paul II and St. Faustina has been travelling throughout three continents: North America, Europe and Asia. Accompanying the Triptych are the relics of St. John Paul II and St. Sister Faustina.

The North American Triptych is currently travelling in Buffalo, NY. This Triptych is coming to Canada in February 2020. Each parish can host the Triptych for 5 days, starting on Saturday. Some resources can also be downloaded such as a Prayer Book, Stations of the Cross with John Paul II, and a flyer announcing “April 2nd Canada’s Pope John Paul II Day.”

The visit of the Triptych provides an opportunity, following the example of St. John Paul II, to entrust to the Mother of God ourselves, our families, all Parishes, the Church, and the entire world, which needs God’s Mercy more than ever before.

If any Parish is interested in hosting the Triptych, please contact Fr. Adam Wroblewicz CR, Pastor of St. Joseph Church in Brantford (tel. 519 304 7774). He is in charge of its peregrination in Ontario.

Wishing you the blessings of the Advent Season,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Monsignor Murray J. Kroetsch, PH, VG
Chancellor