



# Catholic Herald

the voice of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough



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## EDITORIAL

Fr. Ray Rick

# We Have a Mission

To quote Bishop Miehm, “Jesus established the Church to be missionary, to proclaim the Gospel to all peoples and in all places.” (See next page.)

To quote Vatican II, “The whole Church is missionary, and the work of evangelization is a basic duty of the People of God.” (Decree on the Mission Activity of the Church *Ad Gentes* (to the Nations) #35)

This issue of the *Herald* is coming out just at the time our diocese is responding to a call from the Canadian Bishops to pray for our “home missions” (in contrast to “foreign missions”). We are being urged to fully understand that large tracts of our own country are waiting for Priests and Religious to meet their spiritual needs. In truth, all too many people have yet to hear the Good News of Christ in an understandable way in the cities and towns of our southern regions, too.

We are not being asked for money, and we’re not really being asked to do anything, except inform ourselves and to pray. Still, when we pray, we may find ourselves called to do more. After all, the Spirit of God will help us feel that “basic duty” described in Vatican II’s *Ad Gentes*.

As luck would have it, I received a little report and some photos from one of our young adult Catholics who had undertaken a kind of missionary/exposure trip to Saskatchewan this summer, into the Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas, with which the Diocese of Peterborough was twinned a few years ago. Her contribution to our magazine will help all of us see that the northern parts of Canada have beauty

and joy; we are challenged to lay aside our suspicions that such places are all about poverty, depression and hopelessness.

Hope springs eternal, as the English poet Alexander Pope said. We must always hold onto our hope that our goodness can call forth goodness in others and when we embrace a common faith in Christ, things will be even better.

Perhaps even more important is the responsibility to evangelize the young people God entrusts to our personal care. This, too, is a “home” mission, a call to plant and nurture the seeds of faith in those we encounter every day. The business of spreading God’s Good News is not just a job for someone else somewhere else; it is, as Vatican II said, “a basic duty of the People of God”, including you and I.

It is my hope that this issue of our little magazine may show that we have a few good things happening in the parishes and organizations of this diocese: good things that will inspire us all to seek, by prayer and effort, to spread the Kingdom of Christ to every place and person we can reach. ☩

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## Catholic Missions In Canada

### Renewing our Commitment



What do you think of when you hear the word “missions?” For most of us Catholics, it conjures up images of priests, brothers and sisters working under the blazing sun in remote corners of the earth. But did you know that Canada has mission territories within its own borders? Some of the poorest and neediest missions can be found right here in our country.

My good friend and mentor in the priesthood, Monsignor Roger Formosi, became head of the Canadian Catholic Church Extension Society in 1997 and led it for five years. Father Roger always had a keen sense of messaging, and he decided that a re-branding was called for. I can remember him exclaiming, with some exasperation: “Extension Society? What does that mean to anyone!?” He guided the organization through a re-naming process, and it was soon re-incarnated as “Catholic Missions in Canada.” I always thought it was a brilliant move. The name says exactly what the organization is and does. Its task is to sustain and extend the Catholic faith in isolated and poor regions of our country. Many dioceses in the north – though not exclusively there – have insufficient resources to keep the Church alive and active. The monies collected by Catholic Missions in Canada go toward the repair and upkeep of buildings, the support of missionaries, the education of seminarians, and programs for First Nations peoples and lay formation.

I was delighted when Catholic Missions in Canada proposed a Day of Prayer to be held in each diocese across the country to promote awareness of what it does and to ask God’s blessing on the Church in our own mission territories. Ours is one of the first dioceses to hold this day of prayer, which takes place in our parishes on the weekend of September 21/22. I am especially happy that the current president of CMIC, Father David Reilander, will be with us at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains and preach at the Masses that Sunday. He is a man I’ve known for many years, going back to seminary days. And he has a big job, encouraging missionary awareness of Canadian Catholics from sea to sea to sea. I hope this Day of Prayer for CMIC, to be held annually in Canadian Dioceses, instills in all of us a sense of the urgent missionary needs here in our “home and native land.”

As a Church, we in Canada have been focusing more and more on our home missions, while not ignoring the needs of the Church universal. In 2015, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) began devising a plan to twin northern missionary dioceses with more populous southern dioceses. As the Diocese of Peterborough, we were assigned to a group lending support to the Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas, which takes in much of Northern Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Archbishop Murray Chatlain is responsible for a territory that covers 430,000 square kilometers and that is composed of many First Nations communities. The challenges are immense, but he along with the priests, religious and lay people who minister there do so with great joy, energy and trust in God. Moreover, they rely on every bit of help their southern partners can offer. I am so pleased that the appeals we have made on behalf of Keewatin-Le Pas have been generously answered by the faithful here in the

Diocese of Peterborough. It is a great expression of solidarity and, even more than that, a sign of our unity as the Body of Christ.

I had great plans to travel to northern mission dioceses with my friend, Monsignor Formosi, during his tenure at Catholic Missions in Canada. Alas, they all went unfulfilled! I hope to make good on a promise to visit Keewatin-Le Pas before very long and to invite Archbishop Chatlain here to Peterborough. As you might imagine, he is a man with some interesting experiences to share!

Don’t hesitate to check out the website of the Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas and that of Catholic Missions in Canada. They can tell their own stories much better than I can in a brief magazine article.

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[www.cmic.info](http://www.cmic.info)

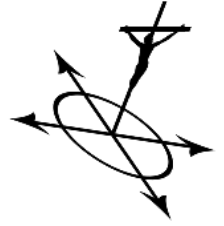
Jesus established the Church to be missionary, to proclaim the Gospel to all peoples and in all places. We are blessed to be able to give prayerful support and other tangible help to those who carry out the Church’s mission in remote places in our country. In doing so, it might just remind each one of us of our call to live as “missionary disciples,” making the Gospel message real and visible wherever we happen to live. ✠

**+ Bishop Daniel J Miehms**  
**Bishop of Peterborough**



# Building a Culture of Vocations

by Fr. John Perdue

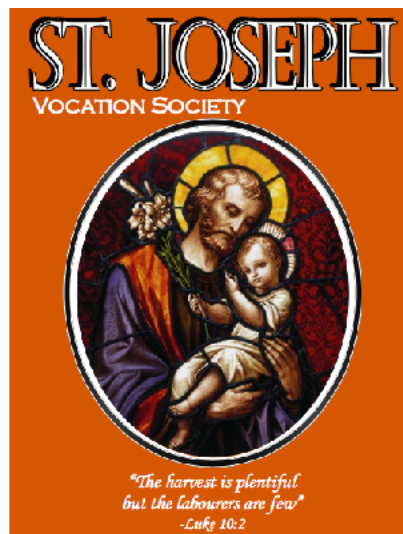


## The Fruit of Your Prayer

Greetings from the Office of Vocations! As the summer winds down, it is a blessing to reflect back on the good work that the Holy Spirit has recently inspired in our Office. I am sincerely grateful to everyone in our Diocese who has been praying for our efforts, most especially to the members of the St. Joseph Vocation Society ([www.ptbovocations.ca](http://www.ptbovocations.ca)). The great things that have been happening are the fruit of prayer.

One of the young men who lived at the St. John Paul II House of Discernment (JPII House) last year is joining the seminary this fall, bringing our number of seminarians to three. He will be entering the Spiritual Year at St. Augustine's Seminary in Scarborough. The Spiritual Year is not primarily academic in nature; rather, it aims at deepening a young man's spiritual life by teaching him to pray, introducing him to spiritual direction and giving ample opportunity for silence and for retreats. Please pray for our seminarians as they return for the fall semester.

There are also three young men coming to live with Fr. Damian Smullen and I at JPII House. There, they will discern a



possible call to priestly ministry as they continue their studies in other fields and/or their employment.

Two of our seminarians were not born here in the Diocese, so we hatched a great plan: a Diocesan Tour that would introduce these young men to the parishes they may one day serve and the priests they may minister alongside. On the weekend of Aug. 9-11, we toured from south to north and covered over 1,000 kilometres. We visited 14 parishes from Port Hope to Britt and had coffee breaks and meals with many of our priests. It was a truly grace-filled time. I was moved to see the joy in our priests as they encouraged these young men and shared their own Vocation stories. At the same time, the young men thoroughly enjoyed meeting the priests; we laughed and laughed while visiting at Fr. Gerry McMahon's rectory in

Port Hope, and we were amazed to hear about Fr. Andrew Broda's escape from Communist Poland as we visited in Downeyville. We visited the 'Cathedral of the North' in Kearney and had Mass in Huntsville, and lunch with the Dean of the North, Fr. Neil Campbell. There was much more

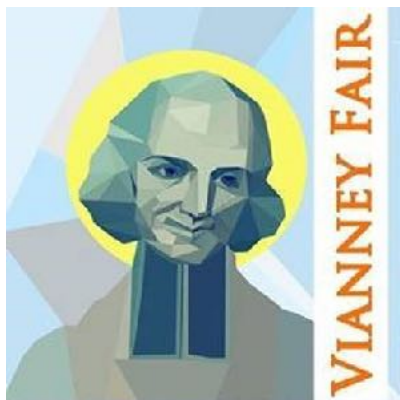




involved, but I would primarily like to share this: to a man, our priests expressed joy in their vocations and in their ministry. This message needs to get out if young men are going to

consider priestly vocations. Thank you to all of the priests who hosted us! ✠

Hot on the tail of this wonderful tour came the 2019 Vianney Fair. This annual event brings families and religious communities together to celebrate the gift of religious vocations. It is hosted on Paschal and Sylvia McCloskey's beautiful property, where attendees enjoy Sunday Mass with Bishop Miehm, swimming in the beautiful teal lakes, a soccer game between religious and youth, supper and more! This year, we were blessed with the presence of 14 religious communities and over 600 attendees.



In the current age, we don't see priests and religious as often as we did when they were principals and teachers in our schools and nurses in our hospitals; an event like this gives a unique and enjoyable opportunity to see the vibrancy and joy of religious life. Our youngest attendees particularly enjoyed the 'Nun-Run', which featured a golf-cart race between two of the religious sisters. What a fun and meaningful day!

*more pictures, next page*





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## Mark your calendar and invite your family and friends to these upcoming events hosted by the Vocations Office

### Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

#### Altar Server Appreciation with Bishop Miehm

Are you an altar server? We would like to thank you for your ministry and to let you meet other young people who serve on the altar! Come to our annual Altar Server Appreciation for Mass with Bishop Miehm and lunch and then to compete in Altar Server Jeopardy and a Dodgeball tournament! Saturday, October 26 from 11AM to 3PM at St. Alphonsus Church in Peterborough. Register by emailing [lisaschultz@ptbovocations.ca](mailto:lisaschultz@ptbovocations.ca) or calling 705-874-1871.



### Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

#### St. Joseph Dinner

Please join us for the 4th Annual St. Joseph Dinner in support of Peterborough Campus Ministry. The Catholic community at Trent University and Sir Sandford Fleming College needs support. The dinner will take place Sat. Feb. 8, 2020 at Personal Touch Banquet Hall (1135 Lansdowne St.). Cocktail hour at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30. Our guest speaker is Dr. Anthony

Lilles, Academic Dean and Professor at St. John's Seminary in Los Angeles. Tickets are \$100 each and are eligible for a \$50 charitable tax receipt. They can be purchased online at [www.ptbovocations.ca/dinner](http://www.ptbovocations.ca/dinner) or by calling 705-874-1871.. Corporate sponsorships are available at the Gold, Silver or Bronze level.





## THE CHOIR LOFT

**Kathleen  
Moquin**

Nobody aspires or admits to being a social media maven, but I humbly acknowledge my attraction to and affinity for online connectivity. It has clearly revolutionized my work life. With electronic faxing and search capabilities, the electronic medical record has improved my office efficiency, and iPhone apps have replaced the reference books that previously commanded substantial real estate on my desk. Over various devices having reliable Wi-Fi and data packages, I also view news and current events; stream movies and television series; read recipes and DIY advice; and shop for household and personal items. And just when I think that I've spent enough time online, there's always Facebook, to follow others' adventure travels and personal and family milestones.

The lowest rung of the proverbial evolutionary screen time ladder is reserved for memes and aphorisms, videos, and slideshows. Videos of artisans crafting chocolate sculptures or elegant cakes can be a mesmerizing recess from reality. One of my favourite items, a 2013 Daily Mail article repurposed as a slideshow\*, features the weekly groceries of families from around the world. In a striking first impression, large families, mostly from less developed countries, stand before very modest displays of food items while smaller family groups, from the Americas and Europe, show off an abundance of prepared, packaged foods and fresh produce. Common to every photograph, however, are the smiling faces of happy people. How blessed are those of us who have both food to eat

\* <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2319825/The-great-global-food-gap-Families-world-photographed-weekly-shopping-reveal-cost-ranges-3-20-320.html>

# The Better Part

and families and friends with whom to share it.

My weekly grocery cart has changed over the decades of my married and family life. Improved culinary skills, refinements of tastes, and a liberalized budget have permitted the addition of more exclusive items to my shopping basket, but I still recall with nostalgic fondness those simpler, student days spent eating blue box macaroni and cheese. Our grocery shopping heydays were those years when the household included young children. This demographic is the reason why neon-coloured cereals, plastic tubs of bite-sized brownies, and fish-shaped crackers were created. I was grateful when bags of baby carrots arrived in the marketplace, to elevate the nutritional standing of my children's school lunches. It has been a long time since I counted the number of piped buttercream roses on an iced sheet cake, which my children always insisted were the best part of the cake that merited evenly apportioned consumption over that of the cake itself. How many other parents have cleared the table of dessert plates containing denuded pieces of cake? An oft-told tale from our family folklore is the story of my daughter sitting down with a bag of sandwich cookies only to discover that her older brother had eaten the sweet cr me filling of every cookie, which he later explained was the best part, leaving behind rows of neatly stacked chocolate wafers. These days, our smaller, aging household consumes fewer snacks and treats, but I will always treasure the memories of these "best parts" moments of family life.



Jesus Christ is the first, and ultimate, foodie in history. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus eats not only with His friends and followers but also with tax collectors and sinners. He turns water into wine. He multiplies loaves and fishes to feed thousands of people gathered to listen to His teaching. Then Jesus becomes food Himself: "While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body'" (*New Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition*, Mt 26:26).

To those of us engaged in the seemingly endless and often thankless tasks of procuring and preparing food for our families, Jesus speaks as He did to Martha, chagrined that her sister Mary preferred the Lord's company over household responsibilities: "you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. (Mary) has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from (her)" (Luke 10: 41-42).

May we always choose the better part, which is Jesus Christ who gave us the Church and Himself in the Sacrament of the Eucharist: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh" (John 6:51). ✠

*Dr. Kathleen Moquin lives with her family in Parry Sound.*

# A Retirement Thank You

by **Father Peter Seabrooke**  
**Chancellor of Temporal Affairs.**

In my 47 years as a priest I have learned that our God is a God of surprises, who calls us in unexpected ways as we are sometimes given assignments that we can't see ourselves ever doing and for which we may feel ill-prepared. Lay people, for instance married people, certainly know about surprises as well. For example, the many couples I once worked with in World Wide Marriage Encounter never expected on their wedding day to be sharing their stories in front of strangers to help other married people renew their marriages.

The first surprise for me took place within two years of ordination when I answered a call to become Diocesan Youth Corps Director and therefore director of Camp Northern Lights. I was its second director, at a time when it was still a very primitive wilderness experience. This experience was made possible by the hard work of many dedicated teenagers who offered the skills needed to provide a week of camping for children who would not otherwise have a holiday. They were supported materially by Council 798 of the Knights of Columbus who built our original facilities for us. While I had some experience working with young people in Youth Corps, I felt inadequate for Camp Northern Lights because up until then my idea of camping was the Holiday Inn, and I knew that I lacked a personal competency of some of the most important activities. Horseback riding, for instance, was a number one event and I didn't trust horses anymore than they trusted me, even though I had ridden a couple of times earlier in my life. I didn't feel comfortable around water events, partly because I had almost drowned when I was a teenager. But God blessed me with a great staff of paid and volunteer counselors who knew what they were doing and who put their whole heart and soul into their work. These people literally created the camp each year.

A second God-surprise came late in my ministry, in December 2014, when Bishop McGrattan asked me to become Chancellor of Temporal Affairs. While he gave me a month to consider my answer, I accepted the call a few days later. When I told him that I wasn't sure if I was the right priest because I



was more comfortable working with the pastoral aspects of the priesthood, such as being involved in schools and visiting the sick, Bishop McGrattan said he wanted me to provide a pastoral approach to temporal affairs. When I walked into my new office in January 2015 for the first time and saw the stacks of unfiled papers and the requests made from people in the parishes, I thought about my father who must have been rolling over in his grave laughing at the thought of me having anything to do with repairing churches. Decades ago, after I had done some damage to my car while attempting to be a backyard mechanic, he said "son, you'd better make your living with people and not with your hands, otherwise you'll starve to death". Also, I was late getting into the computer scene and had had only a couple of lessons; I was, at best, still a beginner in word processing who knew nothing about the Excel program which is used so much in Temporal Affairs. My pastoral approach in youth work, in parish ministry and in Temporal Affairs is to try my best to support the people who know what they are doing. The Lord blessed me with very dedicated and competent co-ministers who either made me look good or covered for me and patiently corrected my mistakes.

I have enjoyed my nearly five years in Temporal Affairs and have learned a great deal about our church buildings and diocesan financing. While I want to thank everyone I worked with in our Diocesan Pastoral Centre (formerly known as the Chancery Office) especially Bishop Miehm and the staff members in Temporal Affairs, Deb McRae (Financial Administrator), Karen Grubb (administration assistant), Jennifer Campitelli and Michele Graham. I also want to thank the dedicated and competent volunteers who serve on Temporal Affairs, the Diocesan Finance and Property Planning and Building Committees, and the many people who carry out the same ministries in our parishes and their pastors.

Finally, I want to thank our God of love and surprises, who gives all of us what we need to answer the ministries He calls us to serve in.



## CATHOLIC CURIOSITIES

Stephen  
Retallick

# The Veiled Virgin & The Dead Christ: Two Extraordinary Statues

### *The Veiled Virgin*

The Basilica Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, the mother church of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's, is a towering structure overlooking the City of St. John's, Newfoundland. Consecrated on September 9, 1855, it remains the second largest church in Canada, after St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal, Quebec. According to the Canadian Register of Historic Places, the Basilica was designated a national historic site in 1983 due to "its important role in the religious, political and social history of its region, and its Lombard Romanesque architectural style."

On a work-related trip to Newfoundland a few years ago, my parents had an opportunity to visit the Basilica and the adjacent convent, home to sisters of the Congregation of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. At the convent, my parents were given permission to view *The Veiled Virgin*, a marble statue, more specifically a bust, depicting the Blessed Virgin Mary wearing a veil. But this is no ordinary statue. Crafted in



Rome from a single block of Carrara marble, the remarkable feature of Italian sculptor Giovanni Strazza's masterpiece is that the veil appears transparent, making the facial features and braided hair clearly visible. Seeing it for the first time, one might think a transparent veil was simply draped over the statue.

In a diary entry on December 4, 1856, John Thomas Mullock, Bishop of St. John's, wrote, "Received safely from Rome, a beautiful statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary in marble, by Strazza. The face is veiled, and the figure and features are all seen. It is a perfect gem of art." The statue remained at the Episcopal Palace in St. John's until 1862, when Bishop Mullock gave it to Mother Mary Magdalene O'Shaughnessy, the Superior of Presentation Convent. For those interested, you can take a tour and see the *Veiled Virgin* for yourself.



### *The Dead Christ*

Sculpted in Carrara marble by renowned Irish sculptor John Hogan in 1854, *The Dead Christ*, also known as *The Redeemer in Death*, is a full-length statue of Jesus Christ and a notable fixture of the Basilica, enshrined within the Altar of Sacrifice. The fourth bishop of St. John's, Michael Anthony Fleming, having seen an earlier version of the statue in Dublin, bequeathed funds for a similar statue for the Basilica. His successor, Bishop Mullock, purchased the statue on one of his visits to Rome and had it installed beneath the table of the High Altar on March 19, 1855. It was moved to its current location in the early 1970s.



*The Dead Christ* is considered Hogan's greatest masterpiece. The last of three similar statues, the Basilica's is the only one currently located outside of Ireland.

If you're in St. John's and have some time to spare, be sure to stop by the Basilica and convent to marvel at these masterpieces. ✠

*Stephen, his wife, and their son live in Peterborough.*

Mark Your Calendars

Back By Popular Demand

# Men in Black (Plus+)

Priests of the Diocese of Peterborough

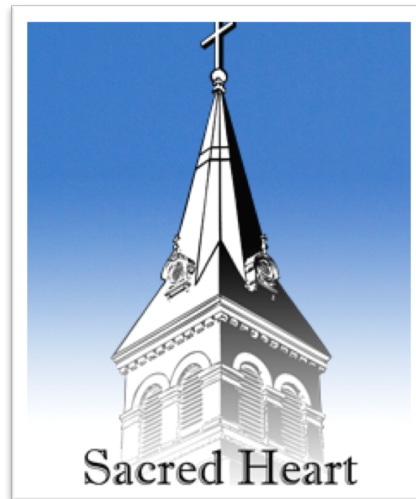
In Concert



**Sacred Heart Church, Peterborough**

Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

7:00 pm





Blessing the lake

A Visit to Keewatin-Le Pas  
our missionary twin diocese



Gabrielle Moquin  
(our reporter)  
with Vernon

From August 3 to August 13, I accompanied other participants with Northern Bridge Community Partnership to the community of Wollaston, specifically Hatchet Lake First Nation, in Northern Saskatchewan.

Almost 900 km north of Saskatoon, this predominantly Catholic community is part of the Diocese of Keewatin-LePas, which is twinned with the Diocese of Peterborough. Wollaston is served by Father Joji, a missionary from India who has served in the North for the last seven years.

Our visit was highlighted by the community’s annual pilgrimage to Sandy Island, the waters of which are considered holy and a source of miraculous healing. Mass was celebrated daily, and there was a candlelight Rosary procession, in Dene, around the lake every evening. Some of the faithful, having a strong devotion to the Blessed Mother, feel her presence as they walk in procession. The waters of the lake were blessed by Father Joji and Archbishop Murray Chatlain, who arrived to celebrate the Sacraments of First



First Communion  
procession





Altar at Sandy Lake

Holy Communion and Confirmation. Beloved by the community, the Archbishop is fluent in the Dene language. People welcome hearing the Liturgy of the Eucharist celebrated in their native language, and many people travelled hours to join the pilgrimage and welcome their bishop.

Serving in youth ministry during the pilgrimage, members of our student group organized children’s activities based on stories from the New Testament.

I am grateful to have been welcomed to pray and worship with the Catholic community in Wollaston. I recommend this experience to anyone interested in connecting with Indigenous Catholics in the North. ☩

*Gabrielle Moquin, St. Peter’s Parish in Parry Sound, is a fourth year student of Philosophy at the University of Western Ontario.*



Patrick, Natalie, Mikayla & Alexis



Path of Mary’s presence

# PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN CWL CONVENTION

April 27-28, 2019

By Glenda Klein, Peterborough Diocesan CWL Communications Chair



About 130 delegates from across the diocese gathered at St. Catherine Elementary Catholic School in Peterborough for the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention. Our diocesan convention theme, “Care for Our Common Home” with a focus on water, mirrored the theme chosen by National CWL President Anne-Marie Gorman. President Paddy Fitzgerald Nolan welcomed all the attendees and facilitated the program. Bishop Daniel Miehm concelebrated the opening mass at the school. The

program included many moving prayer services and thought-provoking videos. During business sessions, officers presented their oral reports. Half of the parish presidents presented oral reports while the other half made displays.

Keynote speaker Anne Taylor, Cultural Archivist at Curve Lake First Nation (approx 30 Km north of Peterborough), shared a video about several treaties made with Canada’s Indigenous people when the country was being settled. She spoke briefly about certain issues facing her people. Members were reminded about the unsafe drinking water at Curve Lake and many offered to send letters to government to urge resolution of this problem locally and at 90 other sites within the province.

Provincial President Anne Madden shared info about leadership and some experiences as a recipient of training through the Catholic Women’s Leadership Foundation.



Anne Taylor



Anne Madden



Care for our  
Common Home

She brought us up to date on CWL news across the province and invited us to the provincial convention in Kingston in July (23 attended).

Life Member Joanne Hough made a presentation on Strategic Planning, a five-year process of structural change for our councils being spearheaded by the national CWL council.

Past President Wendy Tedford gave a presentation on Elections. Additionally she gave a PowerPoint presentation about the 100<sup>th</sup> Diocesan CWL Anniversary and plans for a proposed cook book. Members were invited to send their recipe submissions to her, Joanne Hough or Jane Antal by September 30.

Life Member Lois Crider and friends entertained us with a fashion show at the dinner. Items were shared at the silent auction table. Over 1200 items of personal care, clothing and some food items were collected, then divided and shared with the homeless in many communities



Paddy Fitzgerald Nolan



## St. Alphonsus Liguori, Wooler 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

June 2, 2019

Shortly after the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Alphonsus Liguori Church in Wooler, seventeen women from the parish came together to form the Catholic Women's League of Canada charter #915 on November 26, 1939. On June

2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, along with their parish, fellow sisters in the League and guests, St. Alphonsus CWL celebrated their 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The celebration began with a Mass at 9 am and was followed by a brunch at Occasions by The

*continued*



Members of St. Alphonsus Liguori CWL



Past Presidents of St. Alphonsus CWL

Bay, in Trenton. History and picture boards were displayed outlining the rich history of service that St. Alphonsus CWL has in their parish and community. A brief history was read, highlighting many of the events happening over the past 80 years including teas & bazaars, chicken suppers, yard sales, hosting of regional meetings, conventions and World Day of Prayer, involvement with World Youth Days and various donations to their church and community.

Our Diocesan President, Paddy Fitzgerald-Nolan (who is a member of St. Alphonsus CWL), along with Diocesan Christian Family Life Chair, Pamela Bryson-Weaver, were in attendance. Also attending were sisters-in-the-League from Bowmanville, Brighton, Cobourg and Grafton, members of St. Alphonsus parish and our parish priest/

spiritual advisor Father Christopher Reynolds.

Our guest speaker was Lisa McMurter from Hospice Quinte. Hospice Quinte offers support, education, training and resources for Hospice Palliative Care, at no charge, to Quinte West, Belleville, Tyendinaga Township, Deseronto and the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory. Lisa also spoke about the new 6 bed facility to be built in Quinte West with an opening date of Spring 2021.

We had 9 members of St. Alphonsus CWL receiving long term service pins. Jane Harrison (55 years), Paddy Fitzgerald-Nolan & Margaret Van Meeuwen (40 years), Bonnie Acton & Denise Brennan (30 years), Donna Flanagan & Lisa Haker (25 years) and Donna Maingot & Grace MacDonald (20 years). ☩



Guests enjoying the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration

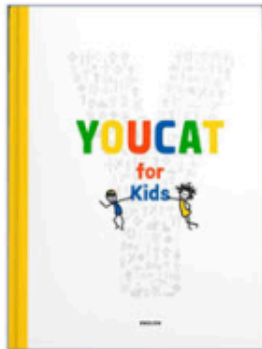


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## DOMESTIC CHRUCH

Luke Procter

# Shop Talk

Any time I'm talking with other men, at some point the discussion inevitably turns to the one thing that most men seem to enjoy. It doesn't matter where or when we chat, over dinner or at Mass, men are driven to talk about one thing. Of course, you all know what I'm talking about – cars.

We seem to have an innate fascination with the automobile. Even if one can't tell the difference between a Hemi and an EcoBoost, between a Ford or a Honda, we all find cars so interesting. The machines are intricate and incredible, every engine a work of art meeting science. Each vehicle contains and constrains immense forces, unbelievable tolerances and movements. It's hard to conceive the skill and precision that goes into making a motor that can spin a crankshaft up to 6500 times a minute, upwards of 110 times *a second!*

Men find the car an amazing machine. We tend to know all the necessary (and unnecessary) specifications of our vehicle, from the amount of oil needed for an oil change to the type of brakes recommended and, of course, the exact amount of fuel the vehicle can take at any given time. It seems we have this innate ability to know exactly what our mileage is, and exactly how many litres can go into the tank (and how expensive those litres are!)

We also know exactly what kind of fuel works best. Putting gasoline in a diesel, or vice versa, is going to cause problems. It's the same principle when it comes to living our lives faithfully.

When we fill our lives with other than what we are made for, our lives don't run well. We know, as Catholics, as Christians, that filling ourselves with Our Blessed Lord is what we are made for and is what Our Lord intends. He gave us Himself, not because He felt like it, but because *He* is what we need. When our tanks are empty, He is the best to fill us.

God, though, gives us the freedom to fill ourselves with other things instead of Himself. Just as we could put sand in a fuel tank, we can put the spiritual equivalent into our souls. We have the freedom to fill our lives with things other than Christ. Not all these things are bad, necessarily, but they can distract us from God. Cars, beer, sex, video games, there is a multitude of things our world offers us to fill up our emptiness. But we know our spiritual filling station is in one place – at the foot of the altar, in Holy Mass.

I've heard it said numerous times "I don't need to go to Mass, I pray and worship Jesus in my own way," or "Jesus doesn't care if I'm at Mass, He understands." That, in this analogy of the car, is like putting low-grade gasoline in a high-performance motor. Imagine a \$325,000, 710 horsepower McLaren 720S running on low-test – we all know its performance will suffer, if it even runs at all. Yet this is what we do to ourselves when we don't avail ourselves of the Eucharist at Mass. We are not living to our full potential.



I must be clear here – we are not made to be economy cars. Christ made us, every one of us, as precision, high performance super cars. We are not called to be the spiritual equivalent of 'basic transportation.' Consider what He wants for us: He is not content to let us just exist for 70 or 80 years and then disappear. No, He wants to share His own eternal glory with us! I write this on the feast of the Transfiguration, and that radiating glory Jesus displayed to His select Apostles is what He wants us to share in. My question is: why wouldn't we fill ourselves with the super fuel He offers us: Himself?

Cars require regular servicing. Repairs, oil changes, inspections, and a host of other services are needed to keep your vehicle running well and running reliably. It is the same with us, both physically and spiritually. Our bodies need the proper care and maintenance to function well, and last into old age. Our spirits are no different.

Our spiritual 'mechanic' is Jesus Christ. He fixes, maintains and services us

through the ministry of the priest and through the sacraments. One particular and obvious way He does this is through the sacrament of Confession. Think about it – when we go to confession, what are we doing? We are explaining our failings, our ‘malfunctions,’ to the priest. Then, through the ministry of the priest, we receive the ‘repairs’ of Christ through absolution. We receive advice to avoid our sins, advice to avoid a ‘breakdown.’ When given this analogy of the car, it becomes clear why regular confession is so important for our spiritual well-being.

The Church requires, at a bare minimum, that we avail ourselves of the sacrament of Confession at least once per year. Likewise, most car manufacturers recommend the same interval for oil changes, regardless of mileage. As any car owner will tell you though, annual oil changes are not enough to keep the vehicle running well. Failure to change the oil according to mileage and use can cause increased wear and tear, and a shortened life expectancy for the car.

Frequent confession, especially when living a life replete with challenges to our sanctity, is so important for healthy spiritual living. Encounters with family, friends, co-workers, traffic, and the rest of the world presents ample opportunity to fall from grace; Impatience, anger, impure and hateful thoughts are all common (and understandable) ‘fruits’ of these challenges. It is like racking up miles in a car. Just as the car needs more frequent oil changes and services, we need more frequent confession.

We all know that we must go to confession when we’ve committed mortal sins. Mortal sin is like driving a car into a tree – it destroys the life of Christ in us. It makes it extremely difficult to live our lives faithfully. But is this the only time we take our car to the mechanic, when it’s unable to be driven? Of course not. When we notice something wrong with our vehicle, we want it to be serviced or repaired. Why do we

generally not do the same with ourselves?

Confession is not just for those of us in mortal sin – it’s for all of us. Just as it’s a great idea to have your mechanic perform regular inspections, Christ, through the priest, does the same for us. Frequent servicing means it is unlikely our vehicle will suffer a major

breakdown – frequent confession can do the same. When we bring our failings and venial sins into the confessional, our spirits can be ‘serviced’ and thus we can more easily avoid the breakdown of mortal sin.

One may question: why is it, with our readily available high-end fuel (the Eucharist) and frequent servicing (Confession) that many Catholics treat their faith as irrelevant? I admit, I have fallen into this category in the past. I propose that we have largely failed to ‘read the manual.’ As cars come with an owner’s manual, so do we. God has given us primarily Scripture, but also Sacred Tradition (the teachings of Christ handed down through the Apostles) and the Church’s Magisterium (the teaching authority of the Church.) He gives us so many ways to find and see the beauty of our Catholic faith and the Church’s moral teaching. We, as Catholics, have this knowledge. Yet, how many Catholics have read *Humanae Vitae* (On Human Life) or *Veritatis Splendor* (the Splendour of Truth)? Both are short, yet beautiful and even prophetic

works. There are hundreds of encyclicals but have we even bothered to look to the Church’s teachings when facing life decisions? Or do we just consume the low-grade fuel offered us by the world and our misled culture?

This culture is telling us that there is absolutely no absolute truth. It is saying that contraception and divorce and remarriage are fine and even to be expected. It’s saying that marriage can be whatever we, individually, want it to be. Essentially, it says that we shouldn’t be bound by ‘old-fashioned teaching’ but instead should ‘make our own way.’ So often, as we’ve seen in our families, this ‘own way’ ends in sadness, heartbreak, and a life of sin. When it comes to our vehicles, do we consult the manual, or do we just wait until the car breaks down and is undriveable? Do we just decide for ourselves how to maintain our cars, expecting them to be just fine? Will putting water in the brake fluid make the car stop better? Of course not! For many, they treat their vehicles better than their own eternal souls.

Cars are awesome. I think it’s obvious I enjoy them. But they, like everything in our world, are an analogy for God and His love for us. Ecclesiastes (5:18) says “Any man to whom God gives riches and property, and grants power to partake of them, so that he receives his lot and finds joy in the fruit of his toil, has a gift from God.” Simply put, the ability to enjoy the things God gives us is in itself a gift from God. But we need to care for what God has gifted to us. The greatest thing He has given us is our own life, and the opportunity to share it with Him for eternity. Are you caring for that gift? Have you fueled up recently? When was the last time you saw your mechanic? Maybe this Sunday would be a good time. ✠

Luke Procter is a father of three and writes from Lindsay.



# THEOLOGY OF THE BODY CONFERENCE FOR TEENS

By Abbey Connell, age 18, Trent University

“I have a body” versus “I am a body.” While these statements are seemingly similar, the importance of switching from “I have” to “I am” was of central focus at the Theology of the Body Conference for Teens. Along with 43 other young adults and teenagers from throughout the diocese, I was privileged to attend this one-day conference on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Held at Our Lady of the Wayside School, Sister Helena Burns was the perfect speaker with her informative yet witty remarks regarding one of the most important writings of the modern world: *The Theology of the Body*, by St John Paul II.

Each of four main talks given focused on a different aspect of human sexuality. Sister Helena summarized essential concepts that throughout history humanity has desired to understand. Each talk centred around a question that was fully answered through *Theology of the Body*. What does it mean to be human? Does God want me to be happy?

What is the Masculine genius and Feminine genius? Is true love for everyone?

Following each talk, we were all given the opportunity to discuss the topics in small groups. With young adults and volunteers as group leaders, we were able to comfortably discuss what we had learned alongside fellow teenagers of the same age and sex.

Not only was the day filled with spiritual food, there were also great snacks and meals provided (thank you to the



volunteers, Lakefield Knights of Columbus and other donors!) and some basketball games throughout the day. Additionally, Sister Helena held a book sale with exceptional resources available to purchase regarding all aspects of the faith. To all in attendance, it was obvious there was an active interest in the topics throughout the day.

In a world full of confusion regarding sexuality, the conference was an excellent opportunity to discover the long-held truth about human sexuality that is found in the Church.



# How to Build a Boat

FROM THE PEW

David Beresford



“If something is worth doing, it is worth doing badly.” G. K. Chesterton

If you tear the lid off a cigar box and toss it into a pond, you have a small toy boat. If you want a bigger boat, you simply need a bigger box. If you cannot find one you build one. You can add various features, like a pointed front and slanted sides if you like, but it is still basically a wooden box.

The first boat I built was for my kids to paddle around in the pond. It was 6 feet long, the sides were 1 by 8 pine, and the front slanted upward. I painted it with green paint and used roofing tar on the seams. It was a lot of fun. The pond was only 2 feet deep and my small children and their friends could paddle around all day if they liked, 3 or 4 at a time. What they learned was paddling skills; they caught crayfish, tadpoles and beetles, and they saw lots of blackbirds, frogs and the odd turtle. I would have them write a story about being in a boat, and they would draw pictures of the frogs and insects.

I remember vividly my uncle – a strategic perfectionist (everyone else was expected to be perfect but him) – once telling me that you cannot just build a boat:

“You cannot just build a boat; if you are even 1/8<sup>th</sup> of an inch out, or one side is even ½ an inch different than the other side it will just go around in circles and sloop about in the water.” This was said with all the assurance and authority that uncles always seem to muster when talking to nephews. There is a lot of truth in the saying the perfect is the enemy of the good. It is good to make a boat, and perfectionism gets in the way.

My epiphany came when I decided that I did not care if a boat was no good, it was better than the boat I did not have. So I built one for the kids out of scrap wood using the wrong glue, wrong nails, and wrong design. It worked fine. I built it by eye, I did not use any ruler, I guessed at the symmetry and shape. It floated wonderfully, it went straight as an arrow, or at least straight as any kid could paddle it.

I then built a new boat. First, I looked up the kind of glue to use; this one was going to be built right! The glue costs 300\$, the plans costs 200\$, the shop tools costs thousands. I used 12 foot, 1 inch by 8 inch cedar boards. It is a flat-bottomed trapper’s boat, based on a sketch in an old book called *Camp Life and the Trick of Trapping*, by W Hamilton Gibson, published in 1880. The best way to build such a boat is to first get some wood, then set up some sawhorses, and more or less put it together without worrying about how perfect it is.



I built this the same way as the old one, by eye, out of planks, cheap stuff kicking around the yard. For paint, books by experts will tell you to use marine paint which is also ridiculously expensive. I used rust paint which is just thin oil paint, and which is the only oil paint you are allowed to buy in Canada for some reason that I cannot figure out. It leaked a bit when the glue dried out after one winter outside, so I plugged the leaks with my go-to for leaks, roofing tar.

I put a small 2.5 horsepower motor on the back. Like my first boat, this boat travels straight too, as straight as I can steer it.

Of course, it needs an anchor and paddles. My anchor is a cement block. My paddles are made from 2 by 6 spruce, construction lumber. These are lightweight, dirt cheap, and easy to carve. They will not win any deign prizes, but they move water as good as expensive paddles.

The first boat I made ended up as firewood, a perfectly good ending for a rotting boat that is no longer needed, and a thrifty use of material. I expect that this boat will end up the same way. Meaning, boat number three is on the horizon. ☩

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“**E**vangeling is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelize.” - Pope Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*

St. Alphonsus Liguori is a church that strives to welcome the lost home and to challenge the existing members of our church to continue to grow as disciples. Our mission is to **love God, love others, and make disciples**, and one of our deepest values is outreach. Our most effective outreach ministry - and our most popular by far - is Alpha.

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question (for example, “Why and how should I read the Bible?” and “Who is Jesus?”) and is designed to create conversation. There’s no pressure, no follow-up and no charge; it’s just an open, informal, and honest space to explore and discuss life’s big questions together.

Time and time again, we’ve found that people are drawn to this warm and casual environment in which they feel comfortable enough to explore Jesus’ teachings and relevance to their lives. It follows a simple format: dinner, talk, and discussion. We share a meal together to break down barriers and form personal connections; we watch a dynamic, film-

quality video that educates, evangelizes, and convicts everyone from cradle Catholics to atheists; then we tie it all together by allowing ample time for guided small group discussion.

Not only have I personally witnessed Christ’s impact on the countless souls (over 130 at times!) who come to Alpha, but I myself have experienced healing and support from the ministry team and guests alike. People have returned to faith who were away for years. Healing has occurred: physically and emotionally. Alpha has helped bring people into the Church through R.C.I.A., and lifelong bonds of fellowship have been formed.

Alpha runs Tuesday nights, starting September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the St. Alphonsus Liguori Church hall (810 Frank Street, Peterborough). **All are most welcome to join us – Catholic or non-Catholic!** There is no fee, no intrusive follow-up, and childcare is provided. For more information and to register please visit [www.peterboroughalpha.com](http://www.peterboroughalpha.com).

– Samantha Miller  
Lay Pastoral Assistant



# Steubenville Toronto

**34** participants from St. Alphonsus Liguori, Peterborough, attended the Steubenville Toronto Youth Conference, hosted by the Archdiocese of Toronto, July 12-14 with over 2,000 other young people. Over 50,000 Catholic teens across North America attended one of 24 Steubenville Youth Conferences. It was an incredible, transformative weekend. God is real and He made Himself known to our young people through music, talks, The Mass, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration. This year was the highest number ever of young people who went to Confession. Organizers were blown away!

– Nicolas DuBonnet  
Youth Minister

*Here are a few testimonies from some of our youth.*

“My experience at Steubenville was like no other. This year was different and something I needed for a while. The closure I got at this conference really helped my relationship with God.”

- Panashe

“This year at Steubenville was filled with friends, laughter and Joy. The Holy Spirit touched my heart in a way I have not felt before, and I feel my relationship with God is renewed!”

- Eli

“Steubenville was a life changing experience. It really got me to open up and change my perspective. And not only did I get to know God more, but I really got to connect with Him as well.”

- Magna

“I’ve been to a couple Steubies now, but this one was something special. I really felt the Lord come and touch my heart and it gave me a sense of belonging. After the whole weekend, I feel reborn and now know what God is calling me to do.”

- Adam

“This was my very first Stubie, and I had pretty high expectations from my older siblings who went before. But even the first day had topped everything I had imagined. The Holy Spirit had touched my heart in a way I’ve never felt before. Can’t wait to go next year!”

- Nicole

“This was my 4th Steubenville. Some may say I’m a Steubie veteran now. This year I was able to grow in my faith and watch my friends strengthen their relationship with God. We learned about authentic friendships this year, and we are now helping each other get to Heaven.”

- Naomi





## SAINT PROFILE

Fr. Joseph  
Devereaux

In my recent readings about faith in Canada, I came upon a 1981 statement by then-Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau, when ushering in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms: “The Golden Thread of Faith is woven throughout the history of Canada from its earliest beginnings up to the present time.” Ironically, there are efforts afoot to sever this thread, as evidenced by the removal of the crucifix from Quebec’s National Assembly’s Blue Room wall on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019, which had been prominently displayed since the time of Premier Maurice Duplessis (1936). The modern-day political powers in Quebec claim that religious symbols fly in the face of secularism.

Properly understood, separation of state and religion was in fact to safeguard religion from intrusion of the state and to ensure that every person was free to practice his/her religion. Yet, this was not a licence that placed all subjective belief on the level of truth. Secularism creates a void that is filled with anything – not just benevolent humanism, but the subhuman (dare I say) evil. In fact, Christianity, which was the golden thread of faith mentioned by the 15<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister of Canada, has become marginalized. The values of western society, indisputably based on the virtues of a Judeo-Christian ethic, are now on par with individual beliefs which vary from devil worship to worship of self – which is really the same thing. (In August 2019, Canadian news outlets aired a satanic “unbaptism ritual” and gave press to an upcoming satanic black mass to be held in the nation’s capital, as if it were simply “upcoming community events” – noted was the

rise across the country of membership in the Satanic Temple)

Cardinal John Henry Newman offers a beacon for the authentic and humble search for Truth. In 1990, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (future Pope Benedict XVI) recalled that “Newman’s teaching on conscience became for him an important foundation ... to discover that “the ‘we’ of the Church [her collective nature] does not rest on a cancellation of conscience but that, exactly the opposite, it can only develop from conscience ... It is conscience, at its deepest level, that spurs us on to know the truth.”



For Newman, our schools, and especially universities, were to be places of training in wisdom, places where greatness would be the goal: “raising the intellectual tone of society ... It is education which gives a man a clear conscious view of his own opinions and judgments, a truth in developing them, an eloquence in expressing them and a force in urging them.”

Born in London, England in 1801, John Henry Newman became an evangelical at fifteen, after an experience that made him believe in God. He studied at Oxford’s Trinity College where he started groups to promote evangelicalism, but after serious study and personal maturation he became Anglican. Reading the early Church Fathers, “he tried to make Anglicanism a middle way between Protestantism and Catholicism, until he realized there was no *Via Media*, only the Church Christ founded and the Fathers explained.” He was a prominent member of the Oxford Movement, which emphasized the Church’s debt to the Church Fathers and challenged any tendency to

consider truth as completely subjective. The study of history led Newman to believe the Roman Catholic Church was in closest continuity with the Church that Jesus established.

In 1845, Newman was received into full communion as a Catholic. Already an Anglican priest, two years later he was ordained a Catholic priest in Rome and joined the Congregation of the Oratory, founded three centuries earlier by Saint Philip Neri. Returning to England, Newman founded Oratory houses in Birmingham and London, and was particularly dedicated to education, founding two schools for boys. For seven years, he served as rector of the Catholic University of Ireland. He was made a cardinal by Pope Leo XIII in 1879, although he was not a bishop. He died in Birmingham in 1890 at the age of 89.

Sally Axworthy, the present British Ambassador to the Vatican has said that “Cardinal Newman had a major impact on Catholic theology and on education worldwide, making him a truly global Briton. ... He brought his experience from the Anglican Church to his work as a Catholic, bridging the two traditions.”

*O God, who raised up  
Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman  
to be a model of those  
who seek for the truth  
and find it in full communion  
with the Catholic Church,  
graciously grant that we may follow  
the same spiritual path,  
in order that we may continue  
his work of glorifying you,  
who live and reign for ever and ever,  
Amen.*

*Saint John Henry Newman  
pray for us!*

At Newman’s beatification Mass in Birmingham, England, September 2010, Pope Benedict XVI praised Newman’s “insights into the relationship between faith and reason and his broadly-based and wide-ranging approach to education which continue to inspire and enlighten many all over the world. ... What better goal could teachers of religion set themselves than Blessed John Henry’s famous appeal for an intelligent, well-instructed laity: ‘I want a laity, not arrogant, not rash in speech, not disputatious, but men who know their religion, who enter into it, who know just where they stand, who know what they hold and what they do not, who know their creed so well that they can give an account of it, who know so much of history that they can defend it.’”

The first miracle attributed to Newman’s intercession involved the complete and inexplicable healing of a deacon from a disabling spinal condition. His second miracle concerned the healing of a pregnant American woman, who prayed for the intercession

of Cardinal Newman at the time of a life-threatening diagnosis, and her doctors have been unable to explain how or why she was able suddenly to recover.

Blessed John Henry Newman wrote, “God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.” Indeed, Newman’s example of intellectual honesty and holiness influenced the conversion of later great English converts such as Robert Hugh Benson, Ronald Knox, Graham Greene, Evelyn Waugh, and G. K. Chesterton.

The words of our soon to be canonized (October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019) Cardinal John Henry Newman, the fifth saint of the City of London (behind Thomas More, Thomas Becket, Edmund Campion and Polydore Plasden) who worked to return unity between the Church of England and Holy Catholic Church, remain instructive to us and our country today:

“My God, you know infinitely better than I how little I love you. I would not love you at all except for your grace. It is your grace that has opened the eyes of my mind and enabled them to see your glory. It is your grace that has touched my heart and brought upon it the influence of what is so wonderfully beautiful and fair . . . O my God, whatever is nearer to me than you, things of this earth, and things more naturally pleasing to me, will be sure to interrupt the sight of you, unless your grace interferes. Keep my eyes, my ears, my heart from any such miserable tyranny. Break my bonds—raise my heart. Keep my whole being fixed on you. Let me never lose sight of you; and, while I gaze on you, let my love of you grow more and more everyday.” ✠

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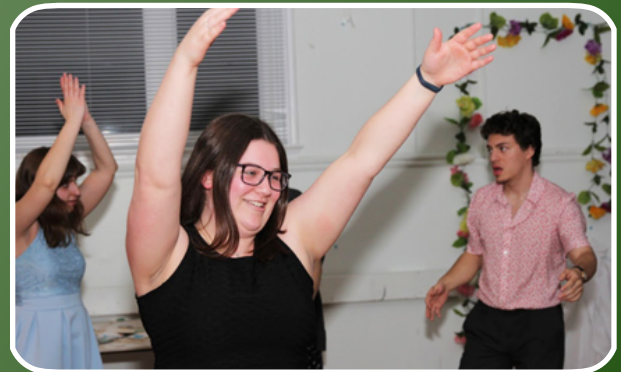
The Holy Spirit continues to bless and guide ministry to students at Trent University and at Sir Sandford Fleming's Sutherland Campus.

We elected new executives for our registered student groups on both campuses, and our CCO missionaries hosted a wonderful year-end banquet. Over 30 students gathered for a catered meal at the St. Alphonsus parish hall in Peterborough. A highlight of the evening was hearing one of our students share her testimony of how her encounter with Jesus, through Peterborough Campus Ministry, has changed her life. Hers is just one beautiful story of the great work being done. We were even blessed, this Easter, to celebrate the reception of one of our Trent students into the Catholic Church. Without exaggeration, hundreds of lives have been touched by Peterborough Campus Ministry.

Much of this is due to the presence of Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO), a university student movement dedicated to evangelization. We were blessed to have three full time CCO missionaries ministering at Trent University last year; team leader Cameron Ayles and missionaries Evalina Williamson and Lukas Marshy. Lukas was just married in August (congratulations Lukas!) and his wife, Gabriela, is also a CCO missionary. That means that Peterborough will be home to four CCO missionaries this fall. They will continue ministering with zeal as we strive to form leaders for the renewal of the world.

While ministry on campus slows down over the summer, there was still a lot of activity! Four Trent students went on mission trips organized by CCO. Two

AT THE BANQUET





**CCO Missionaries  
Lukas Marshy, Team Leader Cameron Ayles,  
Gabriela Milczarek & Evalina Williamson.**



**Year end**

went to Scotland, one to Honduras and one to the Bronx, New York. All have reported that they had eye-opening experiences and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to provide spiritual and practical support to those in need.

Meanwhile, back here in Canada, Trent and Fleming students gathered for a Campus Cottage Weekend with their Peterborough friends who were back in town for the summer. Also, several of our students worked with me to visit families, couples and individuals to share the good news about what is happening on campus and to ask people to join our support team. While there is a great deal of growth happening, this needs to be supported spiritually and financially. Please pray for us and consider joining our monthly support team by contacting Lisa Schultz: 705-874-1871 or [lisaschultz@ptbovocations.ca](mailto:lisaschultz@ptbovocations.ca)

Now that the fall is upon us, we swing back into high speed at Peterborough Campus Ministry. This year, for the first time, I have office hours at Fleming College on Tuesdays, making it possible to meet students individually for spiritual direction or confession. Afterwards we will have Mass on campus each week, followed by a coffee and donut social. On Wednesdays I will continue my office hours at Trent University and, for weekly Mass, we hope to book a beautiful room in the new student centre overlooking the Otonabee River.

There is much good work to be done; please keep us in your prayers!

## Living as Joyful Disciples: PVNC Schools Celebrate Catholic Education Week

by Galen Eagle

During the week of May 5 to May 10, 2019, the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington (PVNC) Catholic District School Board celebrated the significant contribution that Catholic education has made to the community, the province and to Canada.

The Catholic Graduate Expectations challenge students to articulate in society those fundamental values that underpin Catholic education.

The theme for this year's Catholic Education Week was *Catholic Education: Living as Joyful Disciples (L'éducation catholique: Vivre en disciples joyeux)*.

The 2019 CEW theme was inspired by three sources: *Renewing the Promise*, The Pastoral Letter on Catholic Education from the Bishops of Ontario; *Gaudete et exsultate*, the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis on the Call to Holiness; and *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*, the October 2018 Synod of Bishops.

In his CEW 2019 video message to Catholic schools, Peterborough Bishop Daniel Miehm talked about what it means to be a "joyful disciple."

"At the very heart of our mission, we strive to form disciples, people who not only know about Jesus, but who know Jesus and follow in his way," Bishop Miehm said. "Our greatest desire is to form young people whose hearts are open to the amazing love of God and who bring God's love to the world by putting their faith into action. This is the recipe for true joy."

Catholic Education Week was marked by special

activities at all grade levels, including prayer celebrations and service activities. PVNC hosted its annual Catholic Student Leadership Awards night at Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School in Peterborough on Wednesday, May 8 at 7 p.m.

One student was selected from each of the Board's elementary and secondary schools and winners were presented with a special medallion. Award recipients were nominated by principals, teachers and in some cases, fellow students. Each demonstrated outstanding qualities in Catholic leadership, family commitment, involvement in school affairs, involvement in community activities and dedication to a difficult situation or task.

"These award winners are true role models who embody the goals of our Catholic Graduate Expectations," said Michelle Griepsma, Chairperson of the Board. "Catholic Education Week affords us a perfect time to pay tribute to the student leaders in our schools and reflect on the importance of faith in our lives, and the role it plays in Catholic education."



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