



FROM THE VINEYARD

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A WONDERFUL CELEBRATION FOR THE JUBILEE OF CONSECRATED LIFE was held at St. Mary's Church in Lindsay this past Sunday. A good showing of sisters and priests from religious orders who serve in our diocese along with St. Mary's parishioners made for a joyful celebration of the Mass. We appreciated the festive lunch over in the school afterwards where I had the chance to say a word about each of the religious congregations who serve among us so faithfully. Sincere thanks to all the organizers and to the priests, staff and parishioners of St. Mary's who were our very gracious hosts!

THE 33RD WORLD DAY OF THE SICK will be celebrated on February 11, the liturgical memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. This annual observance, launched by St. Pope John Paul II, highlights the healing ministry of the Church and reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. Inspired by the Jubilee year theme of hope, the focus for this World Day of the Sick is "Hope does not disappoint but strengthens us in times of trial!" The Canadian Bishops' website provides a toolkit for the World Day of the Sick which can be accessed [here](#).

A JUBILEE PASSPORT HAS BEEN CREATED for our Diocese. It will be of special interest to anyone who is aiming to visit all four Jubilee Churches in the Diocese of Peterborough: The Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains, St. Michael the Archangel in Cobourg, St. Mary's in Lindsay and St. Patrick's in Kearney. The passport has been designed with a QR code to supply pilgrims with information about each Jubilee Church, opening hours, jubilee activities, etc. Go to [this page](#) on our website to download the Jubilee passport and start to plan your visits. Or ask about picking up a hard copy at your local parish.

THE DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE SHARE LENT WORKSHOP will be held at St. Joseph's Church, 127 Liberty Street in Bowmanville on Saturday, March 1, 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The program includes interactive learning in the morning, a potluck lunch and then viewing online the national Share Lent launch. Pope Francis reminds us that in this Jubilee year we are called to be Pilgrims of Hope, seeking justice and addressing economic and ecological debts. For more information, contact Randy Haluza-DeLay (Central Ontario Animator) at 1-800-494-1401, ext. 226.

OUR INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND has just opened its third round of applications, which continues until March 20. Please click [here](#) to learn more about the application process and eligibility and to see what kinds of projects have been supported thus far.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER JOHN RATHINASWAMY who is celebrating his 25th Anniversary of priestly ordination. I look forward to being at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Newcastle this Sunday, where Father John is pastor, for the Mass of Thanksgiving and the lunch afterwards with friends and parishioners. God bless you in His service, Father John!

Fraternally,
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