



FROM THE VINEYARD

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TWO LONG-SERVING PRIESTS OF OUR DIOCESE HAVE PASSED AWAY recently. Father Leo Coughlin died on March 29 after a brief illness. His funeral Mass was held on Monday at his home parish of St. Paul's in Norwood, where a full church gathered to pray for him and recall his ministry. Monsignor John Pearson passed away on Wednesday this week in Toronto where he had resided in recent years. His funeral Mass will be celebrated at our Cathedral (where he was once rector) on Tuesday next week at 10:00 a.m. Father Coughlin and Monsignor Pearson were ordained together on May 31, 1958, and served with dedication in various parishes and ministries over sixty-seven years of priesthood. Please remember them in your prayers.

THE ANNUAL CHRISM MASS will be celebrated this Monday at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in Chains. All are welcome to his solemn celebration in which the sacred oils are blessed for the coming year and when priests serving in the diocese renew their priestly promises. This write-up by Father Jerry Tavares provides an excellent backgrounder to the Chrism Mass and its liturgical importance.

THE COSTELLO CLASSIC RETURNS! This annual hockey game between local young men and seminarians from St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto takes place tonight. The puck drops at the Kinsmen Arena (1 Kinsmen Way, Peterborough) at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome and attendance is free. Fans are encouraged to bring a snack to share potluck style. This annual event sponsored by our Vocations Office promises to be another great night for family and community!

THE OUTDOOR "WAY OF THE CROSS" takes place in Peterborough on Good Friday, continuing a tradition that was established in 2005. The young cast and excellent crew have spent weeks preparing for this solemn and prayerful event, which is always a highlight of Holy Week in the Diocese of Peterborough. Many hundreds of people come out to participate in this devotion of the "Via Dolorosa," and we look forward to another good turnout this year. We begin with a prayer service at 10:00 a.m. on Good Friday in our Cathedral. For more information, check out the Way of the Cross program on our website.

THE JUBILEE OF YOUTH takes place at our Cathedral on Sunday, April 27, which coincides with the date for the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Father Stephen DeCarlo and his team have planned an excellent program, beginning with a Divine Mercy Service at 2:30, followed by Adoration and Confessions and the celebration of Mass at 5:00 p.m. There will also be time to venerate the relics of Carlo Acutis. It concludes with a reception at Bishop Doyle Hall after the Mass. We look forward to welcoming many of our teens and young people from across the diocese.

AS WE EMBARK UPON THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY WEEK, may the Church's annual commemoration of the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus be a special time of grace for us all.

*Fraternally,
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