



FROM THE VINEYARD

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THE ORDINANDI DINNER was held this past Tuesday evening in Toronto, an annual event sponsored by the Serra Club. Each year, those to be ordained from St. Augustine's Seminary are recognized and take the podium to tell something of their call to the priesthood. Deacon Peter Bissonnette of our diocese was among the ordinands and told his vocation story to a large crowd of some 1800 people. The Diocese of Peterborough was well-represented and filled several tables at the dinner. Thanks to Fr. Stephen DeCarlo for organizing our participation!

CHAPLAINCY LEADERS FROM THE SIX SECONDARY SCHOOLS of the PVNC Catholic District School Board met at our Diocesan Pastoral Center today. I was happy to join them for the latter part of the morning to discuss their important ministry and the ways schools and parishes can support each other in a common mission. It was an excellent discussion and a fruitful exchange of ideas. After the celebration of Mass, we concluded with a light lunch, where the good conversation continued. We have promised to have more such get-togethers in the future.

FATHER HUBERTUS DROBNER WILL SPEAK ON "1700 YEARS NICENE CREED," at St. Alphonsus Liguori Church in Peterborough this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. We were lucky to engage Father Drobner, who is giving the same talk earlier in the week in Toronto, sponsored by St. Augustine's Seminary. He is internationally recognized as a historian and scholar, and this lecture promises to be a superb exploration of the history and impact of the Nicene Creed. All are welcome to this talk and there is no need to register in advance.

TEEN ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST is an international Catholic movement that provides formative retreats for young people: and they are launching in the Diocese of Peterborough. An enthusiastic team of people from Port Hope and Cobourg have been planning for the first retreat, overseen by Fr. Stephen DeCarlo at our Diocesan Youth Office. This first TEC Retreat takes place May 17 to 19 at the Ganaraska Forest Center. For a young person looking to grow in his or her faith along with other young people, this is an ideal experience. To register and get more information, check out the website [here](#).

THINGS ARE GEARING UP FOR THE "NINE SHIPS CELEBRATION" which marks the 200th anniversary of the Peter Robinson Emigration. This was the historic founding of Peterborough and many surrounding communities. We will be doing our part as a Catholic community to contribute to this bicentennial celebration – with historic cemetery tours, the celebration of Mass in the churches of the founding communities and hosting the Heritage Fair and Welcome Center at Bishop Doyle Hall for the main August 1st to 10th festivities. If you visit their [website](#), you will see that it's a full program of cultural, historic and religious events to mark this milestone anniversary!

*Fraternally,
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