



# FROM THE VINEYARD

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**POPE LEO XIV WILL FORMALLY INAUGURATE HIS MINISTRY** as the Vicar of Christ in a Mass to be celebrated at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, this Sunday. Many clergy, religious, and lay people will be in attendance along with civic and government leaders from around the world. We join in prayer with them that God will bless Pope Leo in his role as Shepherd of the Universal Church. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops [has issued this press release](#) on the occasion of the inauguration of Pope Leo's Petrine ministry.

**WE WERE SADDENED TO LEARN THAT FATHER CLEM FLAHERTY** passed away earlier this week in Newfoundland. Ordained for the Diocese of Peterborough in 1985, Father Flaherty worked mainly as a high school teacher and chaplain before returning to do pastoral ministry in his native Newfoundland in the early 2000's. May he rest in God's eternal peace.

**THE CATHOLICS AT WARKWORTH INSTITUTION** are served faithfully by Deacon Larry Judge, their chaplain, and Father Bill Moloney who offers Mass there regularly. This Wednesday, I was pleased to join them for the celebration of Mass and a brief social afterwards. Pastoral care of the incarcerated is both a gospel imperative and was a preoccupation for our recently departed Pope Francis. I am grateful to those in our diocese to attend to this ministry with great dedication.

**THE ORDINATION OF DEACON PETER BISSONNETTE** to the priesthood will take place at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains on Friday, May 30 at 7:00 p.m. Such ordinations are always occasions of great joy in a diocese, as the faithful gather to pray for a new priest as he begins his ministry. All are welcome to our Cathedral for this Ordination Mass and we certainly invite your prayers whether you can attend in person or not.

**PRIESTS, PRINCIPALS AND CHAPLAINCY LEADERS** affiliated with the PVNC Catholic School Board will hold one of our biannual gatherings this Wednesday. We will begin with a walking pilgrimage from St. Alphonsus to the Cathedral, which is our principal Jubilee Church in the diocese. After celebrating Mass there and enjoying a brief social, we will repair to the Catholic Education Center for our business meeting. These are always important and productive gatherings, and I'm delighted that this one will have a strong Jubilee flavour!

**OUR FIRST "TEC RETREAT"** (Teens Encounter Christ) takes place this weekend at the Ganaraska Forest Centre. Please keep in your prayers all the participant and the team members, that this weekend may be for all of them a truly enriching faith experience.

**THE VICTORIA DAY WEEKEND** means that many of our northern parishes are now welcoming back their summer parishioners. Let us pray that this holiday will be a safe and enjoyable one for everybody!

Fraternally,  
† Daniel