



FROM THE VINEYARD

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A JUBILEE PILGIRIMAGE OF PRIESTS, PRINCIPALS AND CHAPLAINCY LEADERS affiliated with the PVNC Catholic School Board took place on Wednesday. It was a brisk walk on a cool day from St. Alphonsus Parish to our Cathedral, followed by the celebration of Mass. Father Tom Lynch gave his usual informative historical tour of the Cathedral afterwards, before we broke for lunch and our planning meeting. Thanks to all who helped to organize a very enjoyable and fruitful day!

ON THE SUBJECT OF THE JUBILEE YEAR, check out our most updated Jubilee Calendar which outlines the major events in this year of celebration. Various activities and liturgies are planned at our four Jubilee Churches (Cathedral, St. Mary's in Lindsay, St. Michael's in Cobourg, St. Patrick's in Kearney) and beyond. Included in this busy line-up are the Mass for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart at Sacred Heart Church in Trout Creek on June 27th. And I know that planning is going on in earnest for a celebration with our many ethnic and cultural groups in the diocese, taking place at the Cathedral on Sunday, July 20, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass with festivities afterwards.

DEACON PETER BISSONNETTE will be ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains on Friday, May 30 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to the Cathedral for this Ordination Mass, which will bring together people from across our diocese and beyond. Priests and Deacons are reminded to RSVP now in order to attend the pre-Ordination dinner, if they haven't already done so.

PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE WILL ATTEND OUR ANNUAL RETREAT from June 2 to 6 at Queen of Apostles Renewal Center in Mississauga. We are looking forward to some good days of fraternity and spiritual renewal, led by our retreat leader, Bishop Gerard Bergie of the Diocese of St. Catharines. We would appreciate your prayers for us on these annual days of retreat, that they may be a time of prayerfulness and blessing!

OUR PRIEST BENEFIT FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE met this week. Among the various agenda items, we have been preparing for the annual PBF appeal taking place in our parishes on Sunday, June 15. We are always grateful for your generosity in that collection, which enables us to care for our senior priests who have retired from pastoral assignments – but who often remain very active in ministry, helping out here and there!

THE BUSY CONFIRMATION SEASON CONTINUES, and I was privileged to confer this sacrament in the past week on the young people at Immaculate Conception in Peterborough and St. Francis of Assisi in Newcastle. Congratulations to all of our newly confirmed young people and my thanks to all those who have worked diligently to help them prepare in recent months.

Fraternally,
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