



# FROM THE VINEYARD

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**BACK FROM ITS SUMMER SLUMBER**, *FROM THE VINEYARD* will provide weekly updates (more or less) on life in the Diocese of Peterborough and my pastoral comings and goings.

**A JUBILEE FOR YOUTH** will be celebrated at our Cathedral on Saturday, one of many such events marking this holy year of the “Jubilee of Hope.” It coincides with this weekend’s canonizations of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassatti. (The former’s canonization was rescheduled from April, as it fell in the period of mourning after the death of Pope Francis.) Mass at 5:00 p.m. will be followed by a gathering at Doyle Hall and conclude with Eucharistic Adoration. We look forward to welcoming our young people to this evening of prayer and celebration!

**FATHER JOHN ALBAO PASSED AWAY** in the Philippines on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Retired in 2021, Father John served as a priest of this diocese for many years, including stints at Our Lady of Mercy in Port Hope, St. John the Baptist in Peterborough, St. Paul’s in Norwood, St. Patrick’s in Kearney and (most recently) St. Paul’s in Gravenhurst. A Memorial Mass for the repose of his soul will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains this coming Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Please keep Father John and his family in your prayers.

**STAY UP TO DATE WITH EVENTS FOR THE JUBILEE OF HOPE** by checking out our website. We are looking forward to the **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Martyrs’ Shrine** taking place on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Check with your local parish about bus transportation since many of them have made such arrangements. We also anticipate many individuals and groups arriving by car for a day that includes Mass, Stations of the Cross, activities for children and youth, and the option to visit Fort Ste. Marie among the Hurons. It promises to be a great pilgrimage.

**THE JUBILEE FOR LAY MOVEMENTS AND DIOCESAN GROUPS** is also on the horizon. Members of the Catholic Women’s League, Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul, Development and Peace and other lay organizations are invited to a Mass at our Cathedral on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. This Mass will be followed by a talk given by Teresa Hartnett (Director of Family Ministry for the Diocese of Hamilton) and a reception across the street in Doyle Hall. We are grateful to the many lay people who make these groups such sources for good in the Church and the world – the Jubilee is the ideal time to recognize that!

**NEW PRIESTS HAVE ARRIVED**, and some familiar ones have returned to the Diocese of Peterborough, over the summer months. The roster includes Father John Bosco Gali, OMI and Father Daniel Janulewicz, OMI at St. Therese in Courtyce; Father Chuka Obiate, SMMM at St. Michael’s in Cobourg; Father Richard Opoku Acheampong, CSSP at St. Alphonsus in Peterborough; Father Andres Ayala, IVE, at St. Mary’s in Lindsay; and Father Cyprian Ijezie, MSP at St. Mary’s in Huntsville. Welcome Fathers, one and all, and God bless your ministry and the people you serve!

Fraternally,  
† Daniel