



FROM THE VINEYARD

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IT'S ISSUE #300 OF *FROM THE VINEYARD*, which amounts to almost eight years of this Friday newsletter. Thanks for reading my small efforts at a weekly update of life in the Diocese of Peterborough!

A WELCOME AND ORIENTATION SESSION was held this week at our Diocesan Pastoral Center for priests new to the diocese. Five clergy met with members of the Diocesan staff to review different policies and discuss a variety of pastoral issues. The day also included a tour of the Cathedral which delved into both history and architecture. Sincere thanks to all those who participated and presented!

THE DIOCESAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO MARTYRS' SHRINE takes place on Saturday, September 20th. Check with your local parish about bus transportation since many of them have made such arrangements. And you may view this helpful information [pamphlet](#) which has been prepared and outlines the program for the day. This promises to be a great pilgrimage to one of the most important Catholic sites in our country, and a wonderful way to mark the Jubilee of Hope.

A MEETING OF OUR PRIESTS' BENEFIT FUND MEMBERS will be held this coming Thursday at St. Anne's Parish in Peterborough. We typically gather our Diocesan priests for this meeting every three years, giving us a chance to review the status of the fund and discuss other issues. We begin with Mass at 10:00 a.m. followed by the business meeting and lunch. Kindly remember to RSVP to Karen at the DPC.

THREE MEN PREPARING FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE will be formally instituted in the Ministry of Acolyte this Sunday. I am looking forward to conferring this ministry upon them at the 10:30 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains. Institution into the ministries of Lector (service of the Word) and Acolyte (service at the Altar) are necessary steps for those preparing for ordination to the diaconate and priesthood.

I WILL ALSO BLESS THE NEW YOUTH MINISTRY ROOM at St. Alphonsus Parish in Peterborough this Sunday. Parish staff and parishioners have been working hard to transform a basement room used mainly for storage into a welcoming space for children and teens. It augurs well for the good Youth Ministry programs being offered at St. Alphonsus!

WE ARE CONTINUING OUR CELEBRATION OF "NINE SHIPS" MASSES marking the bicentennial of the Peter Robinson Emigration. I was delighted to be at St. Patrick's Church in Kinmount this past Sunday, joined by Father Peter Conlin who was the homilist. Sincere thanks to all the parishioners for their kind welcome and for hosting the reception afterwards!

Fraternally,
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