



# FROM THE VINEYARD

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**THE JUBILEE FOR LAY MOVEMENTS AND DIOCESAN GROUPS** takes place tomorrow at our Cathedral. Mass at 10:30 will be followed by a talk given by Teresa Hartnett (Director of Family Ministry for the Diocese of Hamilton) on the theme *Ministers of Hope: Living Our Call in the Jubilee Year*. Then we have a brief reception across the street in Doyle Hall. We look forward to welcoming members of the Catholic Women's League, Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Development and Peace, and other lay groups who make up the fabric of our diocese.

**THE ANNUAL PLENARY MEETING OF THE CANADIAN BISHOPS** concluded a week ago today in Montreal. Among several fine presentations that we had was a very good lecture on Artificial Intelligence, given by Father Philip Larrey, professor of philosophy at Boston College. This short [video clip](#) at the CCCB website gives a good synopsis of what Father Larrey presented on this important and timely subject.

**PRIESTS AND CATECHISTS** are reminded about the Zoom meeting for our Confirmation Preparation Program. Please join us this Wednesday evening, October 8 at 6:30 p.m. We are continuing to utilize the *Chosen* program with some new supporting resources have been prepared by our Sacramental Preparation Committee. The meeting Zoom link has been sent to parishes.

**OUR INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND COMMITTEE** has opened its fourth round of applications for project support, which continues until October 31. We are excited about the good projects that have been assisted by the IRF in the first three rounds, all of them proposed by First Nation communities or Metis organizations. For more information about IRF projects and to find the application form, please go to our [website](#).

**A PROJECT RACHEL RETREAT** will be held at St. Mary of Egypt Refuge from November 14 to 16. Project Rachel offers healing and strength to women who are hurting as a result of a past abortion experience and does so in a confidential and caring way. For more information about Project Rachel and how to register, check out the St. Mary of Egypt Refuge [website](#).

**LIFE CHAIN** will be held in communities across Canada this Sunday. This silent hour of witness proclaims the sanctity of life and advocates for an end to abortion and respect for life from conception until natural death. In Peterborough, Life Chain will be held from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the corner of Lansdowne Street West and Aylmer. For a list of other locations, go to Campaign Life Coalition's [website](#).

**SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO ORGANIZED THE MARTYRS' SHRINE** pilgrimage held two weeks ago. Some 500 people from our Diocese came together on a beautiful Saturday for Mass, Confessions, Stations of the Cross and many other activities. It was a true highlight of our celebrations in this Jubilee Year of Hope!

Fraternally,  
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