



# FROM THE VINEYARD

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**DILEXIT TE** (“I have loved you”) is the title of the first major teaching document from Pope Leo XIV, given in the form of an Apostolic Exhortation. Written on the theme of the Church’s care for the poor, it picks up on the final encyclical letter from Pope Francis, “Dilexit Nos,” on devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Reports have it that Pope Leo has completed and refined an original draft of this document that was prepared by his predecessor. Undoubtedly, it will give us a glimpse into his thought and some priorities for his papacy. A good explainer about “Dilexi Te” can be found [here](#), an article which includes a link to the document itself.

**THE BISHOPS OF ONTARIO** met for two days in Toronto this week, as we do twice a year. These fraternal gatherings and meetings give us the chance to discuss a variety of topics ranging from education to Catholic lay movements to training of priests. Getting together as a regional assembly is always pleasant and productive – a time when we try to learn from each other.

**OUR ANNUAL FINANCE FORUMS WILL BE HELD SOON**, a yearly meeting for parish priests and parish finance council members. The in-person session takes place on Sunday, November 2 at Sacred Heart Church in Peterborough, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Or people may join the online session, being held a few days earlier on Wednesday, October 29, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. These annual sessions are a good way to hear about the financial concerns in the parishes and lay out the broader diocesan picture for council members who readily offer their time and expertise.

**OUR REFUGEE OFFICE** is organizing a Fall Gathering and Potluck to welcome new Canadians and their sponsors. This event takes place at St. Alphonsus Parish Hall 810 Frank St.) on Saturday, October 18, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. You are invited to attend and meet some of the people who have been helped by the Refugee Committee in our diocese. Plan to bring a dish and RSVP at [refugees@peterboroughdiocese.org](mailto:refugees@peterboroughdiocese.org)

**A REMINDER THAT OUR INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND** has opened a new round of applications for project support, which continues until October 31. Visit our diocesan [website](#) for more information, an application form, and information about the good projects which have already been supported through the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund.

**PRIESTS AND PERMANENT DEACONS OF THE DIOCESE** will meet for our annual Study Days, being held from November 4 to 6 at Nottawasaga Inn. Among other topics we will be considering the impacts and the pastoral challenges presented by so-called “Medical Assistance in Dying.” Clergy are reminded to register online if they have not done so already.

**AS OUR NATION CELEBRATES THANKSGIVING THIS WEEKEND**, I pray that we will all count our blessings, remembering the God who is the author of them all! May you have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Fraternally,  
† Daniel