



FROM THE VINEYARD

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PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS & BOOKKEEPERS gathered with members of our Diocesan Pastoral Center staff for an annual social outing yesterday. We were well-hosted at St. Mary's Parish in Lindsay, where we began with the celebration of the Mass and a few refreshments. We then had a thrilling visit to T.H.R.I.L. ([Therapeutic Horse Riding in Lindsay](#)) where we saw their beautiful facility and learned about their excellent programs. We finished off with a church tour of St. Mary's and a lunch afterwards. Thanks to all who organized this gathering, a yearly event to show our appreciation to those who work so hard in our parish offices.

PRIESTS AND PERMANENT DEACONS will attend our annual "Clergy Study Days" next week at Nottawasaga Inn in Alliston. During a packed two-day schedule, we will have presentations on Medical Assistance in Dying, the challenges posed by Artificial Intelligence, and a workshop session on Goals 5 and 6 of our Pastoral Plan. The program promises good opportunities to learning, sharing best practices and some socializing as well!

OUR ANNUAL FINANCE FORUM was held on Wednesday evening, an informative gathering of Diocesan staff and members of Parish Finance Councils. We always offer a virtual and an in-person option for these yearly meetings: the latter gathering takes place this Sunday, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., at Sacred Heart Church in Peterborough.

THE FALL GATHERING AND POTLUCK organized by our Refugee Office was a great success two Saturdays ago. Sincere thanks to all who came out to welcome new Canadians and to St. Alphonsus Parish for hosting a very convivial social!

JUBILEE OF HOPE EVENTS CONTINUE in our Diocese, with the most recent one being a Jubilee for Post-Secondary Students yesterday evening. Father Chukwudi Jieme, the Cathedral priests, our CCO Missionaries and Trent Catholics did a fine job organizing the Mass at the Cathedral and the food and fun afterwards at the Campus Ministry Center on Rubidge St.

A LITURGICAL WORKSHOP DAY was held for the parishes of our Southern Deanery on Saturday, October 18. Over 130 people were welcomed to St. Francis Parish in Newcastle for a talk in the morning and workshops for various ministry groups in the afternoon. Lunch was very kindly provided by the Knights of Columbus. We are so grateful to all those who serve in the various Liturgical ministries in our parishes. A little "refresher" now and then is a good thing!

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED. This is one of those occasional years when the Commemoration of All Souls (November 2) happens to fall on a Sunday. Hopefully, this

will call to mind for us in tangible way the importance of praying for the Souls in Purgatory and for offering Masses for our loved ones who have gone before us.

SINCE I AM A HUGE BANDWAGON JUMPER from way back, I don't mind admitting that I will be praying for a World Series win for the Blue Jays this weekend. Go Jays Go!

Fraternally,
† Daniel