



FROM THE VINEYARD

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OUR CLERGY STUDY DAYS held this week were a great success. More than fifty of our priests and permanent deacons benefitted from a day of presentations on the pastoral implications around “Medical Assistance in Dying,” offered by staff from the [Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute](#). We also delved further into our Diocesan Pastoral Plan and considered the rapidly evolving challenges around Artificial Intelligence. My thanks to the Ongoing Formation Committee who organized one of our best programs in recent years! (Priests and deacons are reminded to fill out the evaluation form, which will help in our planning for future years.)

POPE LEO XIV DECLARED ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN a Doctor of the Church last weekend. Used in the Latin sense of “teacher,” only thirty-eight individuals have received the distinguished title of “Doctor” within the Church. This declaration recognizes the great intellectual and theological importance of Cardinal Newman – a convert from Anglicanism – whose thought and writing continue to have great influence, 135 years after his death. This [article](#) by the Catholic News Agency is a good explainer of the significance of this event.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BISHOP JOSEPH DABROWSKI, who was [announced](#) on November 1 as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton. After serving eight years as Auxiliary Bishop of London, and since 2023 in the Diocese of Charlottetown, Bishop Dabrowski returns to Ontario and assumes pastoral leadership of the second largest diocese in our province. Let us keep him in our prayers as he prepares for his Mass of Installation on February 2.

WE CONTINUE TO CELEBRATE THE JUBILEE WITH A SOLIDARITY MASS for the World Day of the Poor. I’m looking forward to being at St. Joseph’s Parish in Bowmanville for this event, co-sponsored by Development and Peace-Caritas Canada. Following the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, November 16, all are invited to the light lunch afterwards and a talk by guest speaker, Hector Acero Ferrer, from the Institute for Christian Studies.

AT THE RECENT “COME AND SEE WEEKEND,” AT ST. AUGUSTINE’S SEMINARY, four young men from the Diocese of Peterborough were participants. St. Peter’s Seminary in London is also sponsoring a Come and See Weekend from November 21 to 23. Anyone interested in registering should contact our Director of Vocations, Father Stephen DeCarlo: FrStephenDeCarlo@peterboroughdiocese.org. Let us continue to pray for priestly vocations, especially for our Diocese.

THE DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH is seeking a **Stewardship and Development Officer**. More information about this position, the responsibilities, qualifications and remuneration can be found at our [Diocesan website](#).

Fraternally,
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