



FROM THE VINEYARD

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BISHOP JOSEPH DABROWSKI WILL BE INSTALLED as the tenth bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton in a Mass at the Cathedral of Christ the King on Monday. I am looking forward to concelebrating the Mass and joining the festivities afterwards, with other Canadian bishops and priests of my former diocese. Among other things, we are welcoming Bishop Dabrowski back to Ontario: he spent eight years as the Auxiliary Bishop of London before becoming Bishop of Charlottetown in 2023.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE WEEK runs from February 1 to 7, a time to recognize the important work of Catholic Health Care organizations across our province and country. Catholic health care institutions serve over five million Canadians each year and employ over 88,000 people. At the heart of Catholic health care is a gospel commitment to the intrinsic value and inherent dignity of every person, and a commitment to serve those from all backgrounds and faiths. Information about National Catholic Health Care Week and this year's theme, "Open Hearts, Healing Hope," can be found on the website of the [Catholic Health Alliance of Canada](#).

EARLIER THIS WEEK I APPOINTED FATHER RICHARD OPOKU ACHEAMPONG as the new pastor of St. Thomas More Parish in Millbrook. He will do a fine job in that growing community, but I know he will be missed at St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish in Peterborough, where he has served as associate pastor since last summer.

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL in Peterborough is seeking an Academic Principal. Information about the position, its responsibilities and candidate qualifications can be found [here](#).

A WINTER CAMPING TRIP FOR YOUTH (GR. 7 to 12) AND YOUNG ADULTS to Holy Family Church in Britt is being for the weekend of February 6 to 8. Led by Andrew Roelands (the seminarian at St. Alphonsus in Peterborough) Father Neil Campbell and Father Peter Bissonnette will also be on hand as guides and chaperones. The event will involve building and staying in snow shelters (but indoor accommodations are available), snowshoeing and other winter activities. There will also be daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions and some spiritual talks. For more information, contact Andrew at aroelan@uwo.ca.

PLANNING HAS BEGUN FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027, being held in Seoul, South Korea. We expect that a delegation from our diocese will travel to Seoul from July 27th to August 9th. Mark your calendars! Any interested pilgrims (individuals or groups) should contact Father Stephen DeCarlo so that we can assess interest and plan an information meeting in the near future. You may reach him at FrStephenDeCarlo@peterboroughdiocese.org.

Fraternally,
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