



# FROM THE VINEYARD

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**POPE LEO XIV WILL LEAD A PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE** on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. Rome time (12:00 noon here.) With so many conflicts raging in the world, especially in the Middle East, the Holy Father said, “Let us abandon every desire for conflict, domination and power, and implore the Lord to grant his peace to a world ravaged by wars and marked by hatred and indifference.” I invite the faithful in our diocese to take some time on Saturday to pray for peace, healing and reconciliation, especially in the ongoing conflicts in the Middle East. You may view the Holy Father’s Prayer Vigil online by going to Vatican TV [here](#).

**THERE IS STILL TIME TO RESPOND TO “HELP NOT HARM:”** this campaign organized by the Archdiocese of Toronto enlists support from the Catholic community for private member’s bill C-218. This bill will amend the criminal code to make it illegal to provide Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) to those whose sole underlying condition is mental illness. If this bill does not pass, then this practice will become the law in Canada on March 17 next year. You may go to the “Help not Harm” [website](#) for more information and will find there an easy platform from which to email your local MP and urge them to support this bill. You will find more information and a helpful “Backgrounder” on our Diocesan website.

**THE OUTDOOR WAY OF THE CROSS** was a great success once again this year, attended by hundreds of people who made their way through the stations from the Cathedral to Immaculate Conception in east city. This is always a powerful witness of faith during Holy Week in our city, and I am grateful to all who attended and to the fine cast of young people and their organizers. And we had fine weather on Good Friday, something that has rarely happened over the years!

**THE ARCHDIOCESE OF KINGSTON IS CELEBRATING ITS BICENTENNIAL** this year. I will be present for the major festivities there next weekend on April 17 and 18, the highlight of which will be the Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Mary’s Cathedral. The Diocese of Peterborough belongs to the Metropolitan Province of the Archdiocese of Kingston (along with the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie) and so we have extra reason to rejoice with them as an “eldest son.” This fascinating [article](#) was published by Father Raymond de Souza in February, and describes how the 1826 establishment of the Archdiocese of Kingston was a milestone for religious liberty in Great Britain and its colonies.

**THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE** will be held at St. Mary’s Secondary School in Cobourg next weekend, April 18 and 19. Let us pray for all the participants and for a successful gathering: the C.W.L is a vital organization for our parishes and the Church in Canada.

**EASTER MEANS CONFIRMATION SEASON**, which kicks off at St. Anne’s Parish in Peterborough this Sunday. I pray for God’s blessing upon all those in our diocese to be confirmed and express my thanks to the parents, catechists, teachers and sponsors who have prepared them.

*Fraternally,  
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