



# FROM THE VINEYARD

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**THE TRANSFERS OF CLERGY** for our Diocese were announced on Wednesday and posted to the website yesterday. I sincerely thank the priests who have accepted these new assignments, which will be effective at the end of June. Let us keep in our prayers all those who will be on the move to new pastures.

**I HAD A GREAT TOUR OF ST. PETER CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL** in Peterborough last Friday. It was a well-organized and full program that let me see a good number of classes and programs. And it was capped off by lunch with some staff, Student Council members and other school leaders. I appreciated the kind attention of Sherry Davis and Deacon Aidan Murphy (principal and chaplain, respectively) who were excellent tour guides!

**MY TWO WEEKEND STOPS FOR CONFIRMATION** were St. Paul in Norwood and St. Martin of Tours in Ennismore. The students were eager, happy and well prepared in both places. And I finally managed to cross the threshold of St. Paul, after cruising by it a few times in my junkets along Highway 7.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO MICHELLE GRIEPSMA**, Chair of the PVNC Catholic District School Board. Michelle was recently elected as Vice-President of the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association. It is wonderful that her leadership gifts have been recognized and that she will have the opportunity to serve Catholic Education in our province on an even wider scale.

**THE THEME OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK (MAY 6 – 11) IS "RENEWING THE PROMISE."** The Ontario Bishops, Catholic Trustees and Teachers have co-sponsored the website "Together in Faith," to help promote Catholic Education in Ontario by providing information, sharing good news stories and suggesting activities. Our system has a proud history, but we must never take it for granted. Please go to <http://www.togetherinfaith.ca> to indicate your support for Catholic Education and to view the excellent resources that are available there.

**THE "MEN IN BLACK" CONCERT** takes place tonight at Sacred Heart Church in Peterborough. Various priests and yours truly have been convinced to offer up our meagre talents. It should be a great night of fun and entertainment!

**ON MONDAY I WILL CELEBRATE MY 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF EPISCOPAL ORDINATION.** It seemed appropriate to mark the occasion in some way and I am doing so by celebrating the 12:10 Mass at the Cathedral followed by a small lunch gathering afterwards. I really appreciate your ongoing prayers for me in my ministry.

**FORECAST SAYS THE WEEK AHEAD LOOKS BUSY**, with the Diocesan Catholic Women's League Convention in Bowmanville, Confirmations in Huntsville and Bracebridge and the March for Life in Ottawa. I look forward to seeing many of you round and about!

Pax et Bonum, † Daniel