



# FROM THE VINEYARD

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**SUMMER IS HERE WHICH MEANS SOME NORTHERN EXCURSIONS FOR ME.** Last weekend I visited St. Patrick Parish in Kinmount and Our Lady of Fatima in Minden. Among other duties, I was happy to confirm seven young people at the Saturday night Mass. Father Placid Obijii and the parishioners did not skimp on the hospitality, with community meals provided at both churches. I happened to be visiting on Father Placid's second last weekend there, as he prepares for his transfer to St. Peter the Apostle Parish in Parry Sound.

**THE BOARD OF SACRED HEART COLLEGE** met last Saturday at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, one of our quarterly get-togethers. It was a good opportunity for us to review this past year and to look to the future of the College and ongoing promotion efforts. We were sorry to learn that Sarah Grills, our recruitment officer, will be departing at the end of June. She has worked hard to make Sacred Heart College better known and we wish her the very best in the future!

**I MADE GOOD THIS WEEK ON A PROMISE TO VISIT THE SCHOOLS OF ST. TERESE PARISH IN COURTYCE.** I failed to appear for the Confirmation there in mid-April, which happened to coincide with the day of the ice storm. I hunkered down in the relative safety of Peterborough that day and delegated the pastor, Father Thomas Koscincki, to celebrate Confirmation. It was always my plan to go back to visit those newly-confirmed young people, at least to offer my congratulations and prayers. I enjoyed good visits with the classes at Mother Teresa and Good Shepherd schools. Sincere thanks to the principals, teachers and students who received me so warmly and to Father Paul Patrick, the associate pastor, who was a very congenial driver and guide!

**I WAS BACK IN MY OLD NEIGHBOURHOOD ON MONDAY, CELEBRATING MASS IN CAMBRIDGE FOR THE SISTERS OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND THOSE WHO LIVE AT THE MARIAN RESIDENCE.** This fine Catholic Retirement Home, run by the Sisters, was my father's home for three years until his death this past January. So, this visit was a slightly overdue thank-you from me to the Sisters and their excellent staff. Lest we forget, the SOLI SISTERS have been in Peterborough for the past two years, since taking on the administration of Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic School.

**ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH IN MILLBROOK IS CELEBRATING ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY THIS SUNDAY.** A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m., followed by a barbecue on the church grounds from 11:00 to 3:00. Father Craig Cruikshank will be the celebrant of the Mass. I am hoping to pop in for the post-Mass festivities!

**I WILL BE OFF TO ST. PETER'S SEMINARY IN LONDON ON MONDAY.** For several years I have been involved in giving a lecture or two at their "Summer Spiritual Program," which all first-year seminarians attend. I am looking forward to seeing our own Jason Willis from St. Martin of Tours Parish in Ennismore, who is one of the participants this year.

Pax et Bonum, † Daniel