



FROM THE VINEYARD

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From the Vineyard has been on summer hibernation, but I am waking it up for just this one issue before sending it back to bed for the month of August!

FATHER VIC VALLES was installed as the new pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes in Cardiff (and missions in Highland Grove and Chandos Lake) this past Sunday. There was a nice turnout of parishioners and friends and family of Father Vic, and even the rainy weather could not dampen the occasion. A nice lunch was provided afterwards, and my only regret was that I had to eat and run: but it was great to meet with the parishioners even though briefly.

LATER THIS AUGUST I will install Father Ron Meyer as pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Kinmount (with a mission in Minden) and Father Luis Lapinid as pastor of St. Aloysius Parish in Fenelon Falls and Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Bobcaygeon. Father Luis is recently returned from his sabbatical in the Philippines and is enjoying his new assignment in cottage country!

I HAVE BEEN ENJOYING SOME KING TIME IN COTTAGE COUNTRY THIS SUMMER - and the Diocese of Peterborough has lots of it. Travels thus far have taken me to St. James Parish in Mactier (and the mission of St. Anne), St. John the Evangelist Parish in Kirkfield (with missions in Coboconk, Woodville and Victoria Road) and St. Jean de Brebeuf Parish in Buckhorn (a mission of St. Paul Parish in Lakefield.) Many of these communities see a population surge in the summer, with the arrival of visitors and cottagers. Looking ahead, I should manage some trips in the good weather to our parishes in Bracebridge, Honey Harbour, Britt and Powassan.

FATHER NEIL CAMPBELL & PARISHIONERS AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH IN BRITT have been keeping a nervous eye on forest fires in that region. Earlier this week there was some possibility of evacuation, but the situation seems to have stabilized for the time being. Please pray for their safety and the wellbeing of all those affected by forest fires this summer.

I SPENT PART OF THIS WEEK AS THE CANADIAN BISHOPS' DELEGATE TO THE 43rd GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA. These Councils take place every three years, and they include representatives from United Churches across the country. This year, the gathering took place in Oshawa, at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology. It was very informative for me to see the efficient organization and process of a convention involving some 400 people. It was a great opportunity converse with ecumenical delegates from other congregations. And I really enjoyed the Wednesday p.m. bus excursion....to beautiful Peterborough, Ontario!

THE DAUGHTERS OF ST. MARY OF LEUCA operate a day care at St. Therese Parish in Courtice. Tomorrow they will celebrate the major anniversaries of religious profession of two of their members. Sister Aurelia Mazzie and Sister Chiara Anotado are marking fifty and twenty-five years of religious life respectively. I look forward to celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Many blessings to Sister Aurelia, Sister Chiara and their community.

Pax et Bonum, † Daniel