



FROM THE VINEYARD

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OUR DIOCESE HAS TWO MEN STUDYING FOR THE PRIESTHOOD at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto. Father John Perdue (Vocation Director) and I enjoyed a good meeting yesterday with Peter Lukow and Peter Bissonnette, who are doing well in their studies. The joke at St. Augustine's is that the Diocese of Peterborough will only accept candidates for the priesthood named Peter! (Not true, by the way.) We were very happy to see them both doing so well and to have a chance to meet with the administrators of the seminary. Later this year, we will visit Jason Willis, our candidate studying at St. Peter's Seminary in London.

THE BOARD OF CANADIAN CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY met in Toronto this week, a gathering which included me as their Canadian Bishops' Liaison. This was a rare chance for a face-to-face meeting as the board members are campus ministers from across the country – we usually meet by phone or Skype. One of the major tasks of CCCM is to plan for an annual conference, which will take place next June at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish.

Our own Campus Ministry at Trent University is off to a good start. Father Perdue tells me that our 3 CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN OUTREACH lay missionaries have succeeded in signing up more than 100 students for faith studies in the coming weeks. And they are also helping to organize a student-led faith study at Fleming College. I was impressed to hear how many busy students were prepared to commit to a 6-week faith study on top of their course load. It's a great sign of the vibrancy of our campus ministry and the interest in the faith among our young people.

THE ANNUAL SACRED HEART COLLEGE JAMOT LECTURE will take place on Thursday, November 8 at 7:00 p.m. They are excited to welcome as guest speaker the Rev. Dr. Andrew Bennett, Canada's first Ambassador for Religious Freedom (2013-16). His talk, *Living a Public Faith: a Catholic's Duty* promises to be relevant and interesting. The lecture will be held at Sacred Heart Church on Romaine Ave. and all are welcome.

THE PVNC CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD will sponsor a Theology on Tap session, this Wednesday evening, Oct. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Riley's Pub, 251 George St. Dr. Noel Keating, educator from Ireland and Paul Tratnyek from the Brant-Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board will speak about the benefits of Christian Meditation for students and adults in our schools. Both have long experience in this field and will lead a stimulating discussion.

ELECTIONS FOR DEANS were held recently in the four "Deaneries" (geographic pastoral regions) of our Diocese. Congratulations to Father Neil Campbell (north), Father Anthony Ezeonwueme (central), Father Jerry Tavares (city), and Father Gerry McMahon (south). And many thanks for agreeing to take on this additional task, a real service to the Diocese!

THE USE OF RECREATIONAL CANNABIS became legal in Canada on Wednesday. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops released a statement this week on the implications of this change in Canadian society. It is brief, thought-provoking and very much worth a read.