



FROM THE VINEYARD

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I CELEBRATED MASS WITH THE KOREAN COMMUNITY at Korean Martyrs Parish in Brighton this past Sunday. The first order of business was to apologize for taking so long to make this, my first visit to them. The Mass was prayerful and musical, with the readings and hymns all in Korean. I was glad to have a chance to meet with Fr. Augustine Kyu Young Yeon who has been serving the community for nearly four years, on loan from his diocese back home. The day was topped off with a delicious Korean meal in the parish hall and I didn't mind at all taking a "care package" home with me!

I WAS HAPPY TO VISIT THE TRENT UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF EDUCATION on two days this week to speak with student-teachers who are taking the "Catholic Foundations" course. After addressing the topic of "Personal, Professional, and Spiritual Growth," I then fielded some questions from the groups. This was a great occasion to meet young people preparing for the vocation of teaching in our Catholic schools, and I was impressed with their genuine concern to do a good job, especially in teaching the faith to our students.

EACH YEAR, THE WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE IS HELD ON FEBRUARY 2ND. We have decided to mark the occasion a bit early, with a Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains next Saturday, January 26th at 5:00 p.m. Religious communities of men and women serve in the Diocese of Peterborough in a variety of ways, greatly enriching the life of faith. This Mass affords the opportunity to gather with them and thank them for their service, while praying for continued blessings upon them and their apostolates. A reception will follow the Mass in the Bishop Doyle Hall.

WE HAD A FINE TURNOUT FOR OUR PRIESTS-PRINCIPALS MEETING held at the PVNC Catholic District School Board on Wednesday. Topics included the continued rollout of the Elementary Religion Program "Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ." These are always helpful sessions, and I really like the format which has priests and principals seated at table in their parish-school groupings. It always promotes great discussion, not to mention social time!

"JUSTICE AND ONLY JUSTICE YOU SHALL PURSUE." That text from Deuteronomy 16 is the theme of this year's Worship Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18 to 25). I look forward to being present and preaching for this Service, being held on Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist church on Brock St. All are welcome for this time of common prayer and fellowship.

GET YOUR TICKETS FOR THE ANNUAL ST. JOSEPH DINNER in support of Catholic campus ministry at Trent University and Fleming College. Being held on Saturday, February 2nd at Personal Touch Banquet Hall in Peterborough, the reception begins at 5:30 and the dinner at 6:30. I am looking forward to a great meal and to hearing this year's keynote speaker, Father Raymond de Souza. He is known to many from his journalistic work, but Father de Souza is also Catholic Chaplain to Queen's University. No doubt, he will have some good insights to share.

I WAS DELIGHTED TO BE AT ST. MARTIN OF TOURS parish and school in Ennismore yesterday. It was a privilege to celebrate Mass and bless the new statue of St. Martin which will sit in the school office, clearly visible from the main entrance. Much gratitude was expressed to Mr. Fergus Young for his kind generosity in donating this beautiful statue which will serve as an inspiration to many generations of students.

Pax et Bonum, † Daniel