



FROM THE VINEYARD

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WORLD YOUTH DAY IN PANAMA HAS BEGUN! Pope Francis has arrived, and opening ceremonies took place last evening. It will be a busy couple of days culminating with the papal Mass on Sunday. Please remember in prayer our young pilgrims from St. Therese Parish in Courtice and St. Joseph Parish in Bowmanville: they are part of a GTA contingent of young people from several parishes organized and led by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

OUR ANNUAL MASS FOR CONSECRATED MEN AND WOMEN takes place at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains this Saturday at 5:00 p.m. It is an occasion for us to gather in prayer and thanksgiving in advance of this year's World Day of Consecrated Life. Five communities of priests and five communities of religious sisters serve here in our Diocese in a wide array of ministries. I look forward to being with them at the Mass and the reception following in Bishop Doyle Hall.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO GET TICKETS FOR THE ANNUAL ST. JOSEPH DINNER. This annual event supports Catholic campus ministry at Trent University and Fleming College and takes place next Saturday, February 2. It is always a fine meal and this year's keynote speaker, Father Raymond de Souza, will undoubtedly give a great presentation. Campus ministry is a vital part of our outreach to young people and your support of this dinner will boost that good work.

WE WERE SADDENED TO LEARN OF THE DEATH OF SR. ALMA LAVELLE, CSJ, who passed away on Wednesday. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday at 11:00 a.m. at Mount St. Joseph on Monaghan Road. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY CONCLUDES TODAY. It has been a time for the Christian community to pray together as Christ himself did, "that they may be one." I was pleased to participate in the Ecumenical Prayer service at St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church earlier this week.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER PETER SEABROOKE, our Chancellor of Temporal Affairs who turns 75 years old on Sunday! Our Diocesan Pastoral Centre staff gathered yesterday with cake, cards and refreshments to wish him well on reaching this milestone. Father Seabrooke is well-known to many, having served as pastor at St. Mary Parish in Lindsay, St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Newcastle and St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish here in Peterborough – among other places.

ARCHBISHOP PETER HUNDT will be installed as the new Archbishop of St. John's Newfoundland this Tuesday. He is a former colleague of mine from the Diocese of Hamilton, and I will be travelling to St. John's with several Hamilton priests to take part in the celebration. He has served with great dedication for seven years as Bishop of Corner Brook and Labrador and we pray for God's blessings on him in this new ministry.

Pax et Bonum, † Daniel