



FROM THE VINEYARD

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IT WAS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT BISHOP MICHAEL MULHALL HAS BEEN APPOINTED THE NEW ARCHBISHOP OF KINGSTON. Archbishop-elect Mulhall is well-known to us in Peterborough, having grown up here and been ordained a priest for this Diocese in 1989. He served for eight years in the Congregation for Oriental Churches in Rome, and several years here as our Chancellor of Spiritual Affairs. He was ordained as Bishop of Pembroke in 2007 where he has served diligently these last twelve years. We offer our prayers and best wishes to Archbishop-elect Mulhall, trusting that God will continue to bless the Church through his ministry. Sincere congratulations as well to Archbishop Brendan O'Brien, who is now retiring after faithfully leading the Archdiocese of Kingston since 2007.

I ENJOYED MY VISIT TO ST. JOSEPH PARISH IN BOWMANVILLE this past weekend. It was great to spend time with Father Paul Hogan and Father Eric Mason, and to meet many of the parishioners of that large and active parish. As a special bonus I was able to meet many of the young people for whom I will celebrate Confirmation in June: they had displays in the parish hall after each Mass describing their service projects, all based on the corporal works of mercy. I am looking forward to a return visit!

THERE WAS FINE TURNOUT FOR MONSIGNOR ROBERT NUSCA'S PRESENTATION on "The Christ of the Apocalypse." I was glad to see that seventy-five or so people gathered at St. Peter Catholic Secondary School this past Saturday, to participate in this Seminar sponsored by Sacred Heart College. It was a fascinating look at the Book of Revelation and the images of Jesus found there. Like many people, I acquired a copy of Monsignor Nusca's recently published book – I only wish I had remembered to ask him to autograph it!

AN INTERESTING VIDEO ON LIFE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF KEEWATIN-LE PAS has been posted to our website. Peterborough is one of six dioceses that has been twinned with Keewatin-Le Pas, an arrangement by which more populous dioceses are trying to assist Catholic communities in the north. It is worth a few minutes of your viewing time, as Archbishop Murray Chatlain discusses the joys and challenges of this remote diocese and ministry among the many Indigenous peoples of the region. (Thanks to the Archdiocese of Regina for producing this video which has been widely shared.)

I HAVE POPPED OUT OF THE DIOCESE FOR A DAY to attend the conference for the Catholic Association of Religion and Family Life Educators of Ontario (CARFLEO) being held in Mississauga. As their liaison from the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario, I am celebrating Mass with them today. But I am quickly returning to the Diocese and am looking forward to being with the parish community at St. Mary Parish in Grafton this coming weekend.

Pax et Bonum, † Daniel