



FROM THE VINEYARD

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ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL MULHALL is being installed as the new Archbishop of Kingston this afternoon at St. Mary's Cathedral. Archbishop Mulhall was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Peterborough in 1989 and had a variety of pastoral assignments. He was serving as our Chancellor for Spiritual Affairs prior to being appointed Bishop of Pembroke in 2007. I am pleased to be participating in the festivities today, along with Bishop Mulhall's family and many priests of our diocese who are making the trek to Kingston.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DIOCESAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE for a successful convention held this past weekend at St. Catherine's Catholic Elementary School in Peterborough. I was delighted to see a good turnout of women from parishes across the Diocese and I am always impressed with the organization and spirit of these C.W.L gatherings.

SISTER BOGDANA TERESA NIENALTOWSKA passed away this week. A member of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, she had served here in Peterborough for over forty years, both at the Chancery and among the Polish community. Her Funeral Mass will be offered at the Cathedral this Tuesday, May 7th, 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains. We offer our sympathy to the Polish Passionist Sisters and our prayers for them and Sister Bogdana.

THE CATHOLIC HERALD, our Diocesan magazine, was published just in time for Easter. I am grateful to our many contributors, and to Father Ray Rick, the intrepid editor who pulls it all together several times a year – and it is no small task! Each parish has received the latest edition and it has also been published on line at our Diocesan website.

THE THEME OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK is "Living as Joyful Disciples." Running from May 5th to 9th, this week is an important time to promote publicly funded Catholic Education in Ontario. Many activities will be taking place in the four Catholic District School boards affiliated with our Diocese.

CONFIRMATION SEASON BEGINS in earnest and continues for the next month or so. I kick things off this weekend with visits to St. Paul Parish in Gravenhurst and St. Joseph Parish in Bracebridge. I am looking forward to being with the young people and their families for this important sacrament. I am also mindful of the difficult flood situation in Bracebridge and hope to get some further updates about the impact on the community.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH IN BOWMANVILLE held a second evening session this past Monday on the issue of clergy sexual abuse in the Church. I was invited to present and did so with a great team - Father Joe Moran, Deirdre Thomas, and Robyn Henighan from our Diocesan Pastoral Centre. We addressed this important topic from both the universal and local perspective. There was good, open discussion and I thanked Father Paul Hogan, Father Eric Mason and the participants for dealing with this issue as a parish in a proactive way.

Pax et Bonum, † Daniel