



FROM THE VINEYARD

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SUMMER IS NOT QUITE OVER, but the summer vacation for *From the Vineyard* is at an end! My weekly dispatch from around the Diocese of Peterborough and beyond resumes today, and I hope it will serve its purpose of keeping us all a little better informed and connected.

FATHER ANTHONY EZEONWUEME of the Diocese of Enugu in Nigeria has served in our diocese for nearly nine years, first at St. Therese Parish in Courtice, then at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Kirkfield. Father Anthony has moved on this week to a new pastoral field as a chaplain in the Canadian military. I am grateful for his good work in our diocese and pray that this new venture will be fruitful for him and those he serves. I am also grateful to Father Peter Wayow, C. Ss. P., who has kindly agreed to accept an assignment as Administrator of St. John Parish and missions. He has given invaluable help at Immaculate Conception Parish in Peterborough in recent months and will no doubt offer equally fine priestly ministry in Kirkfield.

I HAVE HAD A BUSY SUMMER CELEBRATING RITES OF INSTALLATION for various pastors around the diocese. I am looking forward to a northern swing this weekend, installing Father Eric Mason as pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Powassan and Father Paul Hogan as pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Huntsville.

I WAS PLEASED TO MEET TODAY WITH FATHER VINCENT JINCHUL KIM, who is newly arrived at the Parish of the Korean Martyrs in Brighton. We are fortunate that the Bishop of Jeonju, South Korea makes a priest available to us to serve the Korean Catholic community here. Father Vincent will offer Mass not only in Brighton, but also at Sacred Heart Parish, Peterborough and St. Therese Parish, Courtice, in addition to the Archdiocese of Kingston. We welcome him to the Diocese of Peterborough and pray for blessings on his priestly ministry!

STILL MORE ARRIVALS! FATHER INNOCENT UMEZIKA, SMMM, arrived this week to begin his ministry as Associate Pastor at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains. The Sons of Mary, Mother of Mercy, a Religious order from Nigeria, provide us with four priests who work in various parishes of the diocese. Father Innocent is new to Canada and will be getting a good orientation and experience of ministry at our Cathedral. Welcome!

CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA (CMIC) does invaluable work to support the Church in northern and remote regions of our country. Each diocese across the country is asked to have an annual day of prayer for CMIC, to ask God's blessings on the home missions and to raise awareness about them in our country. Our Day of Prayer for Home Missions will take place in the parishes of our diocese on the weekend of September 21/22. I am delighted that Father David Reilander, President of Catholic Missions in Canada, will be present at our Cathedral that weekend to preach at all the Masses. It is worth checking out their website to get a sense of their important work.

Fraternally, † Daniel