



# FROM THE VINEYARD

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**I HAVE BEEN THE CO-CHAIR OF THE HINDU-CATHOLIC DIALOGUE** on behalf of the Canadian Catholic Bishops for several years now. This Saturday, we are excited to be holding a Forum for Hindu and Catholic Youth at the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto. Young speakers will address the topics of "Faith and Science" and "How Relevant is Religion?". It should make for a lively, interfaith discussion on matters of concern to young people. And I am happy that Salt and Light Catholic Television will be covering the event.

**THE FEDERAL ELECTION HAS BEEN CALLED** with the vote scheduled for October 21. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has published a helpful resource, "Voting as Catholics," which is available on our website. It is a brief read that manages to raise crucial issues for consideration as Catholics form their consciences on the important question of how to cast their ballot. "While Christian beliefs do not constitute a political platform, they can be seen as a prism through which to analyze and evaluate government policies, laws and programs." Above all, we remember that voting is both a right and a responsibility of citizenship.

**AMONG NEW ARRIVALS IN THE DIOCESE IS FATHER DANIEL JANULEWICZ, OMI.** He is the newly assigned associate pastor at St. Therese Parish in Courtice, which is under the care of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Father Daniel has served as associate pastor at Holy Ghost Parish in Winnipeg. He replaces Father Paul Patrick, OMI, who gave very dedicated service at St. Therese for three years and has now moved to Winnipeg. We welcome Father Janulewicz and wish him well in his ministry here.

**Our DAY OF PRAYER FOR HOME MISSIONS** will take place in the parishes of our diocese on the weekend of September 21/22. It is a way to raise awareness and ask God's blessing on the vital work of Catholic Missions in Canada, as they support faith communities in remote regions of our country. We look forward to welcoming Father David Reilander, President of CMIC, to the Cathedral on that weekend.

**I was fortunate to see UNPLANNED** a few weeks ago, the gripping story of how Abby Johnson went from being a director of Planned Parenthood to a committed pro-life advocate. Peterborough Pro-Life will be screening "Unplanned," at St. Alphonsus Parish Hall on Saturday, October 5 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The event is free and so is the dinner! The film is for those age 14 and up. You may call Brad Waggoner at 705-772-1579 or email [info@peterboroughprolife.ca](mailto:info@peterboroughprolife.ca) to reserve a seat.

**THEY'RE BACK! THE "HOLY MEN IN BLACK" CONCERT** takes place at Immaculate Conception Parish on Friday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m. It's a night of music and fun, featuring the talents of various of our priests. No admission, but any freewill offerings will go to the good cause of the accessibility renovations at Immaculate Conception Parish.

Fraternally, † Daniel