



# FROM THE VINEYARD

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**VERNON MULHALL, FATHER OF ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL MULHALL**, passed away earlier this week. The Mulhalls have been long-time members of our Cathedral parish. His Funeral Mass was celebrated at the Cathedral this afternoon, with Archbishop Mulhall as the celebrant. We extend our condolences and prayers to the entire Mulhall family at this time of their loss. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

**I ENJOYED ATTENDING THE ONTARIO BISHOPS' MEETING (ACBO)** in Toronto this week. We meet twice a year and it was always an amiable and helpful gathering. Among other things on a very full agenda, we discussed matters relating to Catholic education, health care and a variety of social issues. FYI, Peterborough is one of thirteen Latin rite dioceses in the province of Ontario: our provincial assembly also includes several Eastern rite eparchies.

**I CELEBRATED MASS THIS WEEK AT THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTER** of the PVNC Catholic District School Board. This Mass with staff was Thanksgiving themed, and I also took the opportunity to bless the lovely Eucharistic chapel that has been set up right near the main entrance. It is a tangible symbol about the importance of prayer, which should be at the heart of everything we do in Catholic education.

**THE EXTRAORDINARY MISSION MONTH** was inaugurated on October 1 by Pope Francis, the Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux, Patroness of Missions. At the celebration of Vespers, held in St. Peter's Basilica, missionaries from eight missionary institutes were given a crucifix as they set out for their new missions. We pray for all missionaries, men and women who have left their homelands and travelled to "the ends of earth" to proclaim the Gospel! We are blessed by the ministry of several missionary priests here in our diocese, including those from the Sons of Mary, Mother of Mercy and the Missionary Society of Saint Paul.

**THE LATEST EDITION OF THE CATHOLIC HERALD** has been published. You will find it at your parish, or you may access it online here. Our own Diocesan publication is a great way to be informed about the life of the Church in our communities and beyond. Sincere thanks to Father Raymond Rick, our intrepid editor, and to all the various contributors.

**I WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE ST. PETER'S SEMINARY BORAD MEETING** in London next week. They are nearing the end of a much-needed renovation of their venerable, old building, which will enable St. Peter's to meet the future needs of the Church in Canada. I am happy to serve on this board, especially as they have educated so many of our Peterborough priests.

**THANKSGIVING WEEKEND** is upon us, a time to express our gratitude to God for the many blessings that enrich our lives. May you enjoy a very good weekend with family and friends!

Fraternally, † Daniel