



# FROM THE VINEYARD

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**AFTER A TWO-MONTH HIATUS, FROM THE VINEYARD** makes its triumphant return! My Friday newsletter of doings and musings will continue to be published more or less on a weekly basis throughout the pastoral year.

**IT IS BACK TO SCHOOL WEEK**, although with staggered starts, not all the students are returning right away. Some families have chosen the option of online learning while the pandemic continues. It has been an anxious time for staff, students and parents alike, as everyone does their best to open schools in the safest manner possible. Let's continue to hold each other in prayer that schools may be reopened safely for the wellbeing of all.

**OUR ANNUAL VIANNEY FAIR BECAME THE "VIRTUAL VIANNEY"** this summer, as we were unable to gather in our usual fashion. I was impressed at the great job Fr. John Perdue and his committee did to produce very engaging and informative videos that allowed people to hear testimonies about the call to Priesthood, Religious life and Christian Marriage. There is also a fantastic new music video with Rhythm and Grace including some special guests! It was an ingenious way to preserve our annual Vocations fair, and the good news is that it is all still available for viewing. Check out the Peterborough Vocations website to access all the various videos and materials, including a Kids' Corner.

**Our newly elected COUNCIL OF PRIESTS** met online this week, not quite for the first time, but sort of. At our first meeting in March, all the regular agenda items were scuttled as we dealt exclusively with the pandemic and the lockdown which was just starting. It was good to convene on Wednesday and deal with a wider scope of issues affecting the Church in our Diocese. It also meant we were able to hold our elections: congratulations to Fr. Neil Campbell and Msgr. Michael Heffernan who were chosen as chair and vice-chair, respectively. The Council of Priests is mandated in Canon Law as a primary group of consultation that assists the Bishop in the pastoral governance of the Diocese.

**SINCE APRIL, THE SUNDAY MASS FROM OUR CATHEDRAL** was taped and broadcast on Your TV Cogeco, who also provided a link for us to use on our Diocesan You Tube channel. We were very grateful to Your TV for their commitment to that broadcast for five months. That television broadcast has now concluded, but we are getting the equipment in place to be able to continue to broadcast the Mass from St. Peter-in-Chains Cathedral. In the interim, we are going on the road! I celebrated and taped the Mass for this Sunday at St. Joseph's Parish in Bowmanville, thanks to the technical expertise of Fr. Craig Cruikshank and his volunteers. You may view the Mass on our You Tube channel, accessible through the Diocesan website.

**MY SINCERE THANKS TO ALL OF YOU** who offered prayers and expressed your concern for me as I had cataract surgery this July. Thanks be to God; the surgeries went well, and the world is clear once again!

Fraternally, † Daniel