



# FROM THE VINEYARD

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**THE SIMCOE-MUSKOKA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD** has a new Director of Education. The Board announced last week the hiring of Frances Bagley, who takes over this task of leadership from Brian Beal who retired in the summer. Ms. Bagley has over thirty years of experience in Catholic education, most recently as Associate Director of Education for the York Catholic District School Board. We wish her well and pray for her success, as she assumes this role in interesting times. FYI – our schools in Bracebridge, Huntsville and Parry Sound are part of the community of the Simcoe-Muskoka Catholic District School Board.

**FATHER ANTE MARKET**, a priest of our Diocese who is on the faculty of St. Augustine’s Seminary in Toronto, has been assigned some new tasks: he was recently appointed as chaplain to the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program for the Archdiocese of Toronto, and Coordinator of the Spiritual Year (a preparatory year at the Seminary for new students.) This will certainly keep Father Ante busy as he also teaches courses in canon law and works to complete his doctoral dissertation. I have not asked Father what he does in his spare time!

**NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**, and this is one of those occasional years when the Solemnity of All Saints (Nov. 1) falls on a Sunday. Of course, the Commemoration of All Souls takes place the very next day. This is a reminder to us that we are all united as the Church militant (the faithful on earth) the Church triumphant (the saints in heaven) and the Church suffering (the souls in purgatory.) Let us redouble our efforts this month to pray for our loved ones who have gone before us, whether we do so in the offering of Masses, visits to cemeteries or devotions at home. “Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them!”

**WE ARE REBOOTING OUR SHARE LENT COLLECTION AND COLLECTION FOR OTHER LENTEN CHARITIES**, this weekend. They were among various collections that were missed during the period of church closures in the spring. With their campaign “Recovering Together,” Development and Peace urges us not to forget about the devastating impacts of COVID-19 on people in the Global South.

**THE BEATIFICATION OF FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY**, founder of the Knights of Columbus, takes place tomorrow in New Haven, Connecticut (headquarters of the Knights.) The Beatification website allows you to access a brief clip of a documentary on the life of Father McGivney, and to click from there to the full thirty-minute film.

**OUR ANNUAL PARISH FINANCE FORUMS** will be held online this fall. Priests and Parish Finance Committee members can participate this Thursday, November 5 or the following Tuesday, November 10 as we discuss important financial and temporal matters in our Diocese – all through the wonders of technology!

Fraternally, † Daniel