



# FROM THE VINEYARD

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**SACRED HEART COLLEGE WILL HOLD THE ANNUAL MSGR. JAMOT LECTURE** online this year. We are looking forward to Dr. Donald Graham's presentation *Clear Heads and Holy Hearts: Lay Catholic Spirituality* according to St. John Henry Cardinal Newman. This is an excellent and timely topic given St. John Newman's canonization last year. And Dr. Graham is just the man to speak about it, as Cardinal Newman has been a scholarly passion of his for many years! The lecture will be premiered on the Sacred Heart College website, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. It will be released in three 15-20-minute parts. I look forward to viewing this lecture and I encourage you to do so, to learn more about a great English saint and theologian.

**SPEAKING OF SACRED HEART COLLEGE**, we held our seasonal Board Meeting this past Saturday, doing our best to deal with a full agenda via teleconference. As the College pivots in a new direction, focused on adult education and Evangelization, it is an exciting time. The very popular "Theology of the Body" course with Sr. Helena Burns will be offered online once again in the New Year. And a new course on *Catholic Thought and Culture* will also be offered beginning in January. For more information or to apply, email [VincenzoMarin@sacredheartcollege.ca](mailto:VincenzoMarin@sacredheartcollege.ca) or phone the College at 705-745-5549.

**OUR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION TEAM** has done stellar work getting materials online for this very challenging year. The Confirmation program has been on our website for a while and all the First Reconciliation material has just been posted. I am told that First Eucharist resources will not be far behind. Thanks to everyone who has worked so hard to adapt our programs to a virtual learning model!

**OUR ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE PRIEST BENEFIT FUND** takes place in the parishes of our Diocese this weekend. It's an important way that we attend to the care of our retired priests who have given pastoral service over many years. Check out this video where I quiz Father Peter Seabrooke about what the life of retired priest is like, grilling him with questions both general and personal!

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ARE WORKING HARD FOR OUR STUDENTS**, despite the challenges of the current pandemic. Earlier this week, I was updated by Sr. Mary Catherine Perdue, Principal, and Raphael Dunn, Board Chair, about life this term at Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic School, a private Catholic school serving families in Peterborough and beyond. And yesterday, I was joined by Director of Education, Michael Nasello and Fr. Paul Massel, Faith Animator, as we taped a Mass for the season of Advent. It will be broadcast in the schools of our local Peterborough-Victoria-Northumberland-Clarington Catholic District School Board. I am grateful for the hard work and dedication of the Catholic educators who serve our students so well.

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