



# FROM THE VINEYARD

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**THE SEASON OF LENT IS UPON US** with the upcoming celebration of Ash Wednesday. This annual time of prayer, penance and works of charity prepares us for the Holy Week and Easter, helping us to turn from sin and turn back to God. May this season be for all of us a time of spiritual growth and a call to do good in our world.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING STUDENTS FROM ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY** to our 10:30 Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains this Sunday. The ten or so students who comprise the "Spiritual Year" (the preparatory year in advance of theology studies) will be with us at the Mass and will gather for a social at the Cathedral rectory afterwards. And it's great that two of them are our own seminarians from Peterborough. Father Tom Lynch and the Cathedral staff are making sure everything is ready for this very happy visit and gathering.

**THE FLYING FATHERS HOCKEY CLUB** has been on an Ontario tour this week, which started in our Diocese! They played a game in Gravenhurst on Family Day before heading out for points north, including North Bay and Mattawa. Father John Perdue and his hockey playing clerical confreres have done a wonderful job reviving this team, which does much good work to assist charity, entertain families and promote vocations. Check out this podcast from "Only a Game" on National Public Radio about the history of the Flying Fathers and their recent rebirth.

**I MET WITH THE EXECUTIVE OF CANADIAN CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY** this week, a group for whom I am the Canadian Bishops' Liaison. This professional association for Catholic University Chaplains and Campus Ministers is a vital network of those who minister to our young people in the post-secondary world. They are looking forward to their annual conference, planned for the University of St. Jerome's College in Waterloo this June.

**I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO A VISIT TO ST. PETER'S SEMINARY** in London this week, for our seasonal Board meeting. St. Peter's is nearing the end of a major renovation, which should equip them for many years to come to provide good education and formation for men studying for the priesthood.

**THE ORGANIZERS OF THE ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS** in Peterborough are on the hunt for volunteers - including actors and parade marshals. This very fine outdoor presentation in Holy Week has become something of a Peterborough tradition! Contact Deacon Aidan Murphy at 705-760-3145 or [deaconaidanmurphy@gmail.com](mailto:deaconaidanmurphy@gmail.com). The first organizational meeting is on Friday, March 20.

Fraternally, † Daniel