



FROM THE VINEYARD

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HOLY WEEK IS UPON US as we prepare for this Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. Our Lenten journey has been leading to this commemoration of the great events of the Paschal Mystery, which we will observe throughout the coming week. On Monday, I published my Easter 2021 message, which you can view on our website. May the graces of this week and the joys of the Easter season be plentiful for all of us!

OUR PALM SUNDAY MASS from the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains, will be broadcast as usual on our Diocesan You Tube channel, and will also be televised on Cogeco Your TV, this Sunday at 2:00 p.m. and again at 3:00 p.m. We are grateful to be able to share our inhouse production with Your TV and encouraged by the progress we've made in solving the technical issues with the broadcast of the Sunday Mass. Tune in this Sunday and you will see!

I MADE AN IMPROMPTU VISIT TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH in Peterborough this past Sunday. It was organized somewhat at the last minute, and I was overdue to cross the threshold as I hadn't been there since Father Stephen DeCarlo's arrival as parish administrator this past July. He is evidently doing well, and the parish is making good progress on their elevator project, something that will make the hall much more accessible!

THE HINDU-CATHOLIC DIALOGUE, which is sponsored by the Canadian Bishops and on which I sit as co-chair, met by Zoom this past Saturday. We typically gather twice a year to discuss topics of theological and pastoral concern, with a view to understanding each other's traditions better. We had some lively discussion around the theme of "Afterlife and Ultimate Destiny." Father Theo Nnorom, SMMM, who worked in our Diocese for many years and is now pursuing doctoral studies in Toronto, also sits on the Dialogue.

AS I MENTIONED LAST ISSUE, THE CHRISM MASS will be celebrated on Monday of Holy Week. Regrettably, we are not opening it to the public, as we are concerned about managing capacity limits and not promoting inter-regional travel. However it will be available on the livestream through our YouTube channel. I took the step of making it optional even for our priests and deacons and, although the numbers will be smaller than usual, we are still expecting a reasonable turnout. Please join the Mass on the livestream and pray with and for the clergy of our Diocese!

VOICES THAT HEAL is a four-session online Student Leadership retreat for students in our PVNC Catholic District School Board. I was privileged to participate as one of the speakers and presented yesterday on the topic of "Spiritual Health." It was a great opportunity to share some thoughts with young people who serve as Student Trustees or as members of their Catholic Secondary School Student council. The session was well-attended, well moderated and included Director of Education Joan Carragher and Vice-chair of the Board Michelle Griepsma.

Fraternally, + Daniel