



# FROM THE VINEYARD

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**MOST REVEREND WAYNE LOBSINGER** was ordained to the Episcopacy at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Hamilton on Sunday, becoming the Auxiliary Bishop for that Diocese and assuming the office I relinquished when I was appointed to Peterborough. First planned for February and then delayed until June because of COVID-19 restrictions, his Ordination was rushed up to this past Sunday when new limitations were announced last week. What a whirlwind! But it was decided to move ahead quickly with 15% church capacity rather than risk the unknown in coming weeks. May Bishop Lobsinger's ministry be blessed and bring many graces to those whom he serves in the Diocese of Hamilton and beyond.

**THE CONGREGATION OF SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF CANADA** have elected their Congregational Leadership team for the next four years: the congregational leader is Sister Margo Ritchie, CSJ (second term) aided by Sr. Loretta Manzara, CSJ, Sr. Sheila Fortune, CSJ, Sr. Helen Russell, CSJ and Sr. Nancy Sullivan, CSJ. The Congregation is comprised of the communities of Sisters of St. Joseph in Pembroke, Peterborough, Hamilton, and London. May God richly bless the work of this new leadership team!

**I HIGHLY RECOMMEND "SONGS FROM THE SEMINARY,"** a concert put on by the students of St. Augustine's Seminary which was first broadcast last week and is still available for viewing on YouTube. The repertoire of Sacred Music was focused on hymns to the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Augustine's Seminary staged this concert in part to promote fundraising for the restoration of their historic chapel. It is very well done, a musical and spiritual treat. And I managed to spot (behind their masks) Peter Lukow and Peter Bissonnette from our diocese among the choristers!

**THE SISTERS OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,** are preparing for their departure from Peterborough later in May. You will recall they announced earlier this year the closure of their convent and they will certainly be missed after more than forty years of service. It is hard to plan a fitting goodbye and tribute in these circumstances, but we will be doing something by way of thanks and acknowledgment at one of our upcoming Sunday Masses from the Cathedral, broadcast on our Diocesan YouTube channel.

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK** is being celebrated across our province beginning on Sunday May 2, focused on the theme, Catholic Education: Nurturing Hope. It has been a tough time in the educational world because of the pandemic, with challenges for students, teachers, administrators, and parents alike. It seems students will not be physically back in school, but it is important to mark this week virtually as best we can. Publicly funded Catholic education in our province is a rich blessing for our young people. We celebrate and give thanks!

Fraternally, † Daniel