



FROM THE VINEYARD

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AFTER A SUMMER HIATUS, *From the Vineyard* is back – not so much by popular demand, but by the simple march of time. As the pastoral year resumes, I will continue to publish this newsletter most weeks, appearing on Friday.

WE HAVE BEEN CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH in this late summer season with events at our four parishes named for him. The past three weekends have been spent in Douro, Powassan, and Bracebridge where a variety of activities and liturgies have been held. This Saturday I will be at St. Joseph's in Bowmanville – or to be precise, at St. Stephen's Catholic Secondary School in that community, where an outdoor program will conclude with Mass and the Litany of St. Joseph at 4:30 p.m. More information can be found on our Diocesan website. I am glad that we have managed these celebrations despite the difficulties imposed by the pandemic. Sincere thanks to the pastors and parishioners in all four communities who have helped us to celebrate this Holy Year, dedicated to St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church.

I WILL ORDAIN PETER LUKOW TO THE DIACONATE at St. Therese Parish in Courtice on Friday, October 1st. Peter is in his final year of studies for the priesthood at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto. The months he spends as an ordained Deacon will enable him to preach, assist at the altar and perform some sacramental ministry. Please pray for him as he prepares for this important step on his journey to priesthood, and pray for an increase in Vocations, especially in our Diocese.

WE HAVE WELCOMED SOME NEW PRIESTS to the Diocese of Peterborough over the summer months. Fr. Alex Salazar, IVE is the new pastor of Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist parishes in Peterborough. Fr. Joseph LoJacono, IVE has taken up duties as the new pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Lindsay. And just arrived this week is Fr. Grzegorz Nowak, OMI, who has been assigned as the associate pastor at St. Therese Parish in Courtice. We welcome them all and wish them many blessings in their priestly ministry within our Diocese!

OUR FORMATION PROGRAM FOR PERMANENT DEACONS also resumes this weekend. At the 10:30 Mass this Sunday at our Cathedral, I will confer the Ministry of Acolyte upon our two candidates, Chris Borsellino and Rob Vandenburg. The reception of this Ministry is a further step in their preparation for the Permanent Diaconate. They are now in the final year of their program. Please pray for them and their families!

SATURDAY MARKS THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 9/11 ATTACKS. Let us hold in our prayers all those whose lives were lost on that tragic day and those whose lives were forever changed. May the God of consolation grant the gifts of peace and healing.

Fraternally, † Daniel