



FROM THE VINEYARD

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THE ANNUAL ST. JOSEPH DINNER TO SUPPORT CAMPUS MINISTRY will be online, Saturday, February 5 starting at 6:30 p.m. It worked beautifully last year, and we have high hopes for this year as well. Just order your tickets (including meal) online: food will be delivered to your door or picked up by you (depending on where you live) and you can enjoy the meal while watching the program on your preferred device. The evening will feature testimonials from students, music by Rhythm and Grace and a keynote address from Dr. Chuck Stokes. All the details can be found on the Peterborough Campus Ministry website. Thanks for participating in this annual event which does so much to support ministry to students at Trent University and Fleming College.

SCHOOLS RETURNED TO IN-PERSON LEARNING this week, after an additional delay on account of the winter storm. Let's keep students and staff in our prayers and pray that this return to in-class learning may go well and safely and last until the summer break!

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH ENDED BEFORE CHRISTMAS but devotion to St. Joseph is something we always maintain. The Knights of Columbus promote a travelling icon program and their recent efforts have been focused on St. Joseph, enhanced by a beautiful prayer booklet. The St. Joseph icon is currently at Immaculate Conception Parish in Peterborough and will remain there this week.

THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD was established by Pope Francis in 2019 to be celebrated each year on the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Holy Father wrote "devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the Word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his Word." Some excellent resources for this Sunday can be found on this webpage of the Diocese of Hamilton.

"THE BIBLE IN A YEAR" with Father Mike Schmitz is one of the top podcasts in the world! I started it myself about ten days ago and would recommend it to anyone looking to enter more deeply into God's Word. Based on "The Great Adventure Bible Timeline," the material is organized around the fourteen narrative books of the Bible, and then relates the other Biblical books to them. It is thematic, not simply chronological. Each podcast (about 20 minutes) includes the Biblical readings and then the explanation and context given by Fr. Mike. As they say on the Ascension Press website, "you won't just read the Bible in a year, you will understand how all the pieces of the Bible fit together, to tell an amazing story that continues in your life today!"

WE GATHERED ONLINE with the priests and deacons of the Diocese this week, as we continue to grapple with the concerns of the pandemic. I thanked them and I thank all of you for your forbearance and cooperation as we do our best to keep everyone safe in these challenging times. Weary though we may be, we will come through this by God's grace and with fraternal charity toward one another.

Fraternally, † Daniel