



FROM THE VINEYARD

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THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS announced more details today about the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. Acknowledging the disappointing results of the 2013 fundraising campaign led by the Catholic parties to the Residential Schools settlement agreement, Canada's Bishops commit to raising \$30 million in the next five years to address the historical and ongoing trauma caused by the Residential school system. This fund was first announced back in the fall and today's statement provides more details about its scope and organization. Working with Indigenous partners, the fund will support programs that prioritize healing and reconciliation for communities and families, as well as educational, spiritual, cultural, and linguistic initiatives. You can read the full statement [here](#).

YOU CAN STILL PURCHASE TICKETS for the annual St. Joseph's Dinner in Support of Campus Ministry. Join us online on Saturday, February 5 beginning at 6:30 for a program that includes music, student testimonials and a keynote speech by Dr. Chuck Stokes. Your ticket allows you to access the program and gets you a delicious dinner either picked up or delivered to your door. This yearly event generates funds to support our campus ministry at Trent University and Fleming College. Order tickets and check out all the details at the [Peterborough Campus Ministry Website!](#)

CONGRATULATIONS TO LAURIE CORRIGAN, Superintendent at the PVNC Catholic District School Board. It was announced this week that Laurie has been chosen as the new Director of Education for the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario. She has held many important portfolios at PVNC including Special Education and Faith Formation. We are sorry to see her go but rejoice that she will continue to serve Catholic education in an even greater way in this new leadership position.

CARL HETU IS THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace – Caritas Canada. Carl formerly worked for Development and Peace and has spent the past eighteen years as the Direction of CNEWA (Catholic Near East Welfare Association.) He brings a wealth of experience in international development deeply embedded in the Church's social teaching. We wish Carl every blessing as he takes office on February 14 in this important role of service for the Church in Canada and communities around the world.

WHAT A GREAT RESPONSE TO OUR RECENT DIOCESAN ONLINE SURVEY! 1291 participants offered 3019 thoughts on matters involving the Church local and global. The Thought Exchange platform also allowed participants to rate the thoughts of others, and more than 35,000 ratings were recorded. We are using this data to aid in our Diocesan Pastoral Planning Process and to form our report for the Worldwide Synod. The members of our Planning Commission reviewed that data earlier this week and we look forward to reporting results back to the faithful of our Diocese soon. Thanks so much to all who participated!

Fraternally, † Daniel