



# FROM THE VINEYARD

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**TODAY IS THE THIRTIETH WORLD DAY OF THE SICK**, which falls each year on February 11, the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. Instituted by St. John Paul II, this day highlights the Church's healing ministry and reminds us that service to the sick and suffering must be a priority. Pope Francis has chosen as the theme for this year, "Be merciful even as your Father is merciful," (Luke 6:36) and his message for this day can be found here. We remember on this day those who have suffered or continue to suffer from Covid-19 and those afflicted with any illness or infirmity. Let us also hold in prayer the many caregivers who extend the mercy of God in their healing mission.

**THE ST. JOSEPH'S DINNER** was a great success, so sincere thanks to all those who planned and participated in it! The online program went well with excellent speakers and entertainment and the technology worked very smoothly. We truly appreciate all those who have supported our Campus Ministry by supporting this annual dinner.

**"PEOPLE AND PLANET FIRST"** is the theme of the annual Share Lent Campaign sponsored by Development and Peace – Caritas Canada. We join in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the global south when we open our hearts to the message of this campaign, one which seeks to combat political and economic injustice. I am looking forward to joining in the online seminar tomorrow for the launch of this campaign. Development and Peace provides liturgical resources and educational material as well as seeking financial support for this worthy Lenten project.

**"THE FULLNESS OF PURPOSE"** is an online Lenten Mission being co-sponsored by Sacred Heart College and the Diocese of Peterborough. After the success of our virtual Advent Mission, we look forward to welcoming Ken Yasinski, a popular lay Catholic speaker who will explore how we live our relationship with God in our daily lives. You can find more information about this Lenten Mission and how to host it on the Sacred Heart College website. Or check out the welcome video (featuring yours truly) on our Diocesan website.

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** from St. John the Baptist and Sacred Heart parishes in Peterborough visited our Cathedral yesterday. I was pleased to chat with them about what a Cathedral is and what a bishop does. They were then treated to an expert tour by Father Tom Lynch, Cathedral rector, who covered topics ranging from art to architecture, history and liturgy. I was glad I stayed around for it, because I learned a lot – and I know the students did!

**OUR DEACONS, DEACON CANDIDATES AND WIVES** will be getting together online next week. It gives us a long overdue opportunity to touch base with each other and discuss various ministry concerns. We are grateful to our "Deacon community" and for all that they do to enhance the life of faith in our Diocese.

Fraternally, † Daniel