



FROM THE VINEYARD

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TODAY, ON THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION, Pope Francis consecrated Russia, Ukraine, and the whole world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. He asked bishops and priests around the globe to do so as well, and we celebrated the Act of Consecration in our Cathedral today following the 12:10 p.m. Mass. I was pleased to see the hundreds of people who attended to join their prayers to those of Pope Francis, beseeching the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for an end to this war. To join your voice to the Act of Consecration, you may access the prayer [here](#). The video of the Mass and Act of Consecration may be seen on our Diocesan You Tube channel [here](#). Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

THE DELEGATION OF INDIGENOUS LEADERS AND BISHOPS leaves for the Holy See this weekend. Meetings are planned with Pope Francis for a significant encounter about the impact of Residential Schools, the Church's involvement with them, and the ongoing pain of survivors. Metis delegates and Inuit delegates will each have a meeting with Pope Francis on Monday. On Thursday, the Holy Father will meet with First Nations delegates. A final meeting with all delegates and a larger group of Indigenous participants will take place on Friday. You may read more details about the visit [here](#). Let us pray for the success of this visit as a further step in the journey of truth and reconciliation.

FATHER PETER SEABROOKE is celebrating his 50th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination this spring. Where does the time go? A celebration of this milestone is planned for Saturday, May 7 at 4:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church in Peterborough. Father Peter will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 4:30, after which light refreshments will be served in the parish hall. All are welcome, but organizers would appreciate a heads up that you are coming to the reception. You can email to let them know [at this email](#).

RESTORATION WORK AT OUR CATHEDRAL will commence in the coming days. This is the first phase of a major repair and renewal of the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains, with attention being given to the upper stonework on the walls. Those who attend the Cathedral or even drive by will see all the usual signs of construction. The campaign for this major restoration has been aptly named "Today for Tomorrow:" it is a project to preserve this building and ensure that the Cathedral parish continues to be vibrant faith community for generations to come.

THE CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE financially supports development and aid projects in the global south. The annual Share Lent collection is taken up in our churches on the 5th Sunday of Lent (next week) on what is known as Solidarity Sunday. You can read my letter in support of this year's Share Lent campaign [here](#). Because of the COVID challenges of the past two years, our support is needed more urgently than ever. Let's be as generous as we can in donating to this campaign!

Fraternally, † Daniel