



# FROM THE VINEYARD

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**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CELEBRATIONS** were well-attended across the Diocese. We had good crowds present for Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter at our Cathedral and I'm told that the experience was similar elsewhere. It was a special blessing to be able to gather for the Chrism Mass on Monday of Holy Week, with most of our priests and deacons in a nearly full Cathedral. The dinner gathering of clergy beforehand was a welcome chance to get together, something we have not been able to do for a while. I pray that your family Easter celebrations were occasions of joy and thanksgiving!

**I MARKED THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF MY INSTALLATION** as the Bishop of Peterborough on Tuesday this week. After celebrating the 12:10 Mass at the Cathedral that day, I was joined at a light luncheon by clergy, religious and lay people including a few friends and family. I was gratified by the many kind words that were offered at that gathering and remarked at how quickly the Diocese of Peterborough began to feel like home. Thanks to all who came out for that celebration, which was a nice way to mark a milestone anniversary. I appreciate the prayers of one and all and am thankful to God as I carry on my ministry as bishop here.

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** will hold their annual convention online tomorrow. A core leadership team will gather at the Galway Community Center near Kinmount. Their Spiritual Advisor, Father Roy Villas, will begin the day with the celebration of Mass. I look forward to joining in online in the afternoon, with much gratitude for the good work that the C.W.L. is doing in our parishes, our diocese and across the country.

**AN INFOGRAPHIC ABOUT PASTORAL PLANNING** has been prepared and is being distributed with parish bulletins. It is also available for viewing online at our website. After so many people participated in the online surveys last fall and at Christmas, it seemed only right to report back to the people of our Diocese the kinds of input we received. I'm grateful to the Planning Committee members who sorted through the data and produced this resource. This process will continue over the next year with the goal of producing a Pastoral Plan by Easter 2023, focused on various ministerial priorities for our Diocese. This consultation is also being used for our report to the Church's worldwide Synod, due later this spring.

**THE ONTARIO STATE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**, will hold their 119th annual convention at the Sheraton Hotel in Niagara Falls this weekend, their first "full convention" in two years. Like other organizations, the Knights have had challenges to contend with during the pandemic, but they have always kept going! May this convention help them to chart a path forward in their good work across our province.

Fraternally, + Daniel