



FROM THE VINEYARD

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THE CLERGY APPOINTMENTS were announced earlier today, taking effect on Wednesday, June 29th unless otherwise noted. Please pray for all priests and deacons who are undertaking new pastoral assignments, and for the parish communities preparing for changes.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHRIS BORSELLINO AND ROB VANDENBERG, who have been called to Holy Orders. I will ordain them to the Permanent Diaconate on Saturday, June 18th at 11:00 a.m. at our Cathedral. Chris and Rob are the first graduates of our Permanent Deacon Formation Program in the Diocese of Peterborough. They and their families made a major commitment of time and effort these past four years to fulfill the many demands of the program. Pray that God may bless them abundantly as the great day of Ordination approaches!

THE GREAT DAY ALSO APPROACHES FOR DEACON PETER LUKOW, whom I will ordain to the Priesthood on Friday, May 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral. I know that Peter is anxious to get RSVPs back from the clergy, who can sometimes be tardy with these things! I remind you that the Ordination Mass will be livestreamed on our Diocesan YouTube channel.

I CONCLUDED MY ONLINE RETREAT with the priests of the Diocese of Saskatoon earlier today. They were gathered at St. Peter's Abbey in Muenster, Saskatchewan while I zoomed in from the comfort of my kitchen table. A few of their priests also participated by Zoom as I led them through a reflection on the Rite of Priestly Ordination. I was glad that the technology worked extremely well, even though it's never quite the same as being there in person.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CATHOLIC STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNERS at PVNC Catholic District School Board. A ceremony was held at Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School in Peterborough on Wednesday, honouring students who demonstrated outstanding qualities in leadership, family commitment and involvement in school and community. I was sorry that illness prevented me from attending, but Monsignor Michael Heffernan (our Vicar General) offered and greetings and a message of encouragement on my behalf.

THE PILGRIM STATUE from the Shrine of Our Lady of Cap de Madeleine will be coming to our Cathedral! This shrine is one of the most famous in North America and is the national shrine of the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary. We will receive the Pilgrim Statue at our Cathedral on Sunday May 22nd at 1:30 p.m. with a program of devotion that includes the recitation of the Holy Rosary and the Crowning of Mary. Please join us for this prayerful celebration in honour of our Blessed Mother.

MOTHERS' DAY IS THIS SUNDAY. I pray that families may gather safely and in gratitude to God for all the blessings and love we receive through our mothers!

Fraternally, † Daniel