



FROM THE VINEYARD

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THE DEVASTATING STORM that blew through Southern Ontario on Saturday caused much damage and loss of life. We offer our condolences and prayers in union with Pope Francis, who expressed his pastoral concern and prayers earlier this week. The city of Peterborough and surrounding areas were hit particularly hard, with power outages affecting many places (including our parishes) for days. Sincere thanks to our priests and dedicated staff who continued to provide service and offer Masses under these challenging conditions. Several of our buildings sustained damage but (thankfully) most of it looks minor.

DEACON PETER LUKOW WILL BE ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD, tonight at 7:00 o'clock at our Cathedral. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares for priestly service in the Diocese of Peterborough. The prolonged power outage at the Cathedral this week has caused a few complications, but we are relieved that the lights are back on! I am informed that the livestream of the Ordination Mass on our Diocesan You Tube channel should be able to proceed.

FATHER PAUL MASSEL WAS FEATURED ON "VOCARE," a television show on Shalom Media that tells personal stories of the vocation to priesthood and religious life. It was a most interesting broadcast, telling the tale of Father Paul's journey from a theatrical and musical career to the priesthood – where he continues to use those God-given gifts! I am told that the 25-minute program should be available for viewing on Shalom Media's website here, although it does not seem to have been uploaded just yet. Unless I missed it!

THE PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE WILL BE ON RETREAT from Monday to Friday this coming week at Queen of Apostles Retreat Center in Mississauga. (A few priests will remain in the Diocese at various locations for emergencies and weekday Mass.) We are excited to be getting together for this time of spiritual renewal, the first priests' retreat we have been able to hold since 2019. Please keep us in your prayers in the coming week.

THE "BE A SAINT" GOLF TOURNAMENT IS BACK! This event is part of the Be a Saint for St. Joseph's at Fleming Campaign. The tournament will be held at the Quarry Golf Club in Ennismore on Thursday, June 16. More details and registration information can be found here. It sounds like a fun event for a worthy cause!

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY is celebrated each year on the Feast of the Ascension – which happens to fall this Sunday. The Church invites Catholics to reflect upon the media of social communication (films, radio, television, newspapers, internet and social media) and how these influence our lives. Ideally, media will promote values that lead to a more human society. The Church strives to use the various forms of media to promote the Gospel. If you haven't done so already, why not follow the Diocese of Peterborough on Facebook and Twitter? We make it a priority to share items newsworthy and inspirational on those platforms.

Fraternally, † Daniel