



FROM THE VINEYARD

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CHRIS BORSELLINO AND ROB VANDENBERG WILL BE ORDAINED to the Permanent Diaconate on Saturday, June 18 at 11:00 a.m. at our Cathedral. They are the first graduates of our own Diocesan program for the formation of Permanent Deacons, and they and their families have made a great commitment over these years of preparation. You can learn more about Chris and Rob and our Permanent Diaconate Formation Program on this [brochure](#) (with helpful links) on our Diocesan website. Please keep them both in your prayers!

THE PRIESTS' RETREAT held last week at Queen of Apostles' Renewal Center in Mississauga was a great time of blessing and spiritual growth. Our Retreat Leader, Father Dennis O'Donnell, gave thoughtful talks each day to assist us in this time of prayer. My sincere thanks to the Priests' Ongoing Formation Committee for the work they did to organize this priests' retreat, the first one we have been able to hold since 2019. The fraternal and priestly spirit was strong, as we truly appreciated this time to be together!

A NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS, sponsored by the **Institute for Catholic Education**, begins on Wednesday June 15, and concludes on Friday, June 24, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. An ancient devotion in the Church, the novena entails nine days of prayer leading up to a particular feast. Students learn about Novenas in Grade 6 of their Growing in Faith; Growing in Christ religion program. The novena, with readings for each of the nine days, may be accessed [here](#). This is a very good resource for June, the month of the Sacred Heart.

CANADIAN CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY held their annual conference at the University of St. Michael's College this past week. Campus ministers and partners from across the country gathered for several days of presentations and sharing of best practices. I was happy to attend as the Liaison from the Bishops' Conference, a role I have fulfilled for the past nine years and from which I am now stepping back. I was fortunate to enjoy one final "in-person" conference, as the gathering has been online for the past two years.

THE VISIT OF THE PILGRIM STATUE FROM CAP DE MADELEINE was postponed after the storm and power outage several weeks ago. I am glad that this event has been rescheduled for Tuesday, July 12 at 7:00 p.m. at our Cathedral. This cross-country tour has now been dedicated as a special time of prayer for the Papal Visit in July. More details to follow.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POPE FRANCIS' VISIT TO CANADA is gradually being released. We are only about six weeks away from what we pray will be an historic encounter with Indigenous people and a journey that promotes reconciliation. You can get lots of background and keep up with the latest news by viewing the [Papal Visit website](#).

Fraternally, + Daniel