



FROM THE VINEYARD

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HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II'S DEATH last Thursday ended her remarkable 70-year reign as monarch and a life of gracious service. Condolences have come in from around the world, including this [statement](#) from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Pope Francis sent a telegram saying, "I willingly join all who mourn her loss in praying for the late queen's eternal rest and in paying tribute to her life of unstinting service, to the good of the nation and the Commonwealth, her example of devotion to duty, her steadfast witness of faith in Jesus Christ and her firm hope in his promises." Her state funeral will be celebrated at Westminster Abbey on Monday, attended by thousands of mourners and broadcast internationally. We pray for the repose of her soul and for God's blessing on King Charles III as her successor.

WELCOME TO SEVERAL PRIESTS who have taken up ministry recently in the Diocese of Peterborough. Father Dominic Clovis, IVE and Father Martin Mairena, IVE have arrived as the pastoral team at St. Mary's in Lindsay; Father Darlington OPAIRAKE, C.Ss.P. has been appointed associate pastor at St. Joseph's in Bowmanville; and just west of there at St. Therese Parish in Courtice, Father Tomasz Jarosz, OMI has taken up his duties as associate pastor. Welcome, one and all, to the Diocese of Peterborough!

THE FRANCISCAN CAPUCHINS have arrived in Peterborough and taken up residence at 820 Frank St. (the former St. John Paul II House.) Brother Alan and Brother Stephen invite one and all to the Open House at "La Verna," taking place tomorrow, Saturday, September 17 from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. They are eager to share with people their hopes and plans for ministry as this newly established Capuchin House of Franciscan Spirituality. I plan to drop in at some point!

OUR FIRST PERMANENT DIACONATE FORMATION SESSION took place at St. Martin's in Ennismore last Saturday. After last spring's Ordinations, we are beginning with a new cohort of aspirants, seeking to discern whether the Lord is calling them to his service in the Church. Let us pray for blessings upon them individually and as a group!

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLANNING embarks on a busy phase this fall, with parish representatives gathering at a meeting in each Deanery, and then coming together for a Diocesan meeting later in November. Information about this ongoing process along with our Prayer for Diocesan Pastoral Planning may be found on our website.

WE HAVE HAD SOUND SYSTEM TROUBLES at our Cathedral in recent weeks, which has prevented the livestream of the YouTube Mass. We have instead been broadcasting the livestream of Mass from Mary Queen of the World Basilica in Montreal through Salt & Light TV.

But I am told that our sound problems have been fixed and we will be back with our You Tube Mass on Saturday.

WE HAVE SCALED BACK some of our Covid protocols at liturgies as of today, aligning with the “all virus” approach of our province. You may see the latest information on our website.

THE FALL EDITION OF “THE CATHOLIC HERALD” has been published recently online. Be sure to check it out! Our intrepid editor, Father Ray Rick, tells me that the hard copy edition will be distributed to parishes soon.

Fraternally, † Daniel