



# FROM THE VINEYARD

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**THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS (CCCB)** holds its Annual Plenary meeting in Cornwall next week. It is the first time we are gathering in-person for a Plenary since 2019, having been relegated to online meetings in the previous two years. We will consider a variety of issues including the Synod process and the follow-up to Pope Francis's visit and the ongoing work of reconciliation with Indigenous people. Please pray for fruitful outcomes from this meeting which will involve about ninety bishops from across our country.

**VARIOUS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE COUNCILS** in our Diocese are celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this fall. The League itself was founded in 1920 so these councils rank as some of the oldest. Two weeks ago, I attended a Mass and banquet at St. Michael's in Cobourg for their CWL's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Last Sunday, the CWL at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains marked their centenary at the 10:30 Mass followed by a luncheon at Bishop Doyle Hall. These have been wonderful opportunities to acknowledge the Catholic Women's League and give thanks to God for their legacy of service across our diocese!

**REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** (Peterborough and Lakeshore Councils) met with me and members of the Diocesan staff yesterday. The work of the Society continued throughout the pandemic and has been essential in these recent times of inflation and economic hardship. It was inspiring to hear of the charitable works provided by them through parishes, pantries and stores, thanks to the willing service and generous donations of many people.

Let's all redouble our efforts to support the St. Vincent de Paul Society as they work with those facing poverty and advocate on their behalf.

**OUR FIRST DEANERY GATHERING FOR DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLANNING** will take place tomorrow. Representatives from parishes in the Central Deanery will meet in Lakefield to consider and discuss pastoral goals that emerged from online consultations in the past year. Sincere thanks to the parishioners who will take part in these meetings in the coming weeks!

**THE MEN IN BLACK CONCERT IS BACK**, though maybe not by popular demand! Father Bill Moloney and parishioners at St. Mary's in Campbellford are hosting this showcase of talent by our priests on Friday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m. The evening is always a lot of fun and the only thing asked of the audience is a freewill offering and an abundance of Christian charity!

**"JUST GET OVER IT"** – the name is getting attention, for sure! The First Peoples House of Learning at Trent University is partnering with the Diocese to provide Indigenous Education sessions for clergy, lay staff, and the faithful. Take a look at our Diocesan website homepage to register for one of the sessions we are offering for the faithful. Let us continue to walk the path of reconciliation with the Indigenous peoples.

**TODAY IS THE FEAST OF ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA**, better known to the world as the Franciscan Friar, "Padre Pio." The Franciscan Capuchins are displaying the relics of Padre Pio in the chapel at their residence, "La Verna," 820 Frank St., Peterborough. The relics are being shown today until 7:00 p.m., Saturday from noon to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fraternally, † Daniel