



# FROM THE VINEYARD

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**THE ANNUAL PLENARY MEETING OF THE CANADIAN BISHOPS (CCCB)** took place in Cornwall this week. It was a busy round of meetings and, best of all, a chance to touch base in person after meeting only virtually in 2020 and 2021. I was especially happy to catch up with my predecessor, Bishop Bill McGrattan of Calgary, who is currently the vice-president of the CCCB. While our agenda was a full one, we certainly prioritized the matters concerning the Church and Indigenous people, especially in the wake of Pope Francis' historic pilgrimage to Canada this summer. The results and commitments flowing from the Plenary meeting are described in the CCCB Press release [here](#).

**TODAY IS THE NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION** and events are taking place across the country to mark the tragic legacy of Residential schools in our nation. Prayers have been offered today in the churches of our diocese, asking God to guide us in the ongoing journey of reconciliation with Indigenous people. The Canadian Bishops have also issued a statement on this day which you may read [here](#).

**LIFE CHAIN TAKES PLACE** in nearly 300 locations across Canada this Sunday (from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in most places) a silent, peaceful protest to defend the unborn. In Peterborough, Life Chain will be held at Lansdowne St. West and Aylmer. For a full list of Life Chain locations (including Lindsay, Bowmanville and Cobourg) you may check the [Campaign Life website](#). Let us pray for the success of these demonstrations, promoting the sacredness of human life in the womb and beyond.

**WE HAD A SUCCESSFUL SESSION OF PASTORAL PLANNING** with the parishes of our Central Deanery last Saturday. There was a great spirit of openness and sharing! This Saturday we are receiving delegates from our Southern Deanery parishes who will spend some time in discussion of various pastoral goals. This is leading to a Diocese-wide meeting later this fall where the input received will help us to design a pastoral plan for the coming years taking account of resources, opportunities and challenges.

**THE ASSEMBLY OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF ONTARIO (ACBO)** will meet next week in Toronto, our first in-person gathering since 2020. We have added a few new members since then so it will be good to meet face to face as we address a range of topics important to the twelve Latin rite dioceses and various Eastern rite eparchies in our province.

**BEWARE OF SCAMMERS!** Earlier this week a false posting about a job in the Diocese of Peterborough was put up on a popular employment website. Several times in the past couple of years scammers have hacked the email accounts of our clergy to appeal to parishioners for money or gift cards. Please treat these kinds of approaches with skepticism, especially when they don't pass the "smell test." We always appreciate being alerted to any such suspicious activity.

Fraternally, † Daniel