



FROM THE VINEYARD

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A PASTORAL LETTER TO YOUNG PEOPLE from the Catholic Bishops of Canada was released earlier this week. Its publication fell on the anniversary of the death of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the first millennial to be proclaimed “beatified” by the Church. This letter was the fruit of many conversations held on ZOOM in the fall of 2020 between bishops and young people aged twelve to twenty-five. It is a lively letter of encouragement, touching on subjects like technology, faith and the place of Jesus in our lives. The text of the letter (in an attractive, easy-to-read format) can be found [here](#). A [video](#) has also been produced to explain the letter and make its content even more accessible. This pastoral letter would be a good study and discussion resource for individuals, families, schools, parishes, and youth groups.

PETERBOROUGH IS GOING TO LISBON FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023! Plans are underway for a pilgrimage where our young people will gather with Pope Francis and youth from around the world. For more information including registration options, please check the World Youth Day 2023 webpage on the Diocesan website.

FATHER CHRISTIAN OKWURU, SMMM, the Superior General of the Sons of Mary, Mother of Mercy, paid a visit to Peterborough this week. He is on a pastoral visit to the many places in Canada where the Congregation is present. Founded in Nigeria in 1970, the priests of the Congregation serve in many countries around the world. We are blessed to have three of their priests currently providing ministry in our Diocese. It was a pleasure to meet with Father Okwuru and to thank him for the generous service of his priests.

THE FIRST OF TWO DIOCESAN FINANCE FORUMS was held on Wednesday this week. Sincere thanks to Fr. Dominick Mbah and the parishioners of St. Martin’s in Ennismore for hosting Parish Finance Council members from around the diocese. Another session covering the same material will be held online this Tuesday evening.

IT WAS A REAL JOY TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish on Thursday evening – and even a few Confirmandi from St. Joseph Parish in Douro joined in this celebration. I am thankful for parents and families along with our parishes and schools that continue to support the faith development of our youth. Let us keep these young people in our prayers.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE/CARITAS CANADA is looking to the future. I was happy to meet today with Donna Modeste (Diocesan President) and Dean Detloff (Central Ontario Animator) and to learn about two upcoming virtual events: a webinar on October 20 about what is involved in being a Development and Peace member; and an online session on October 29 about the virtual Fall campaign “People and Planet first.” You can get more information and register [here](#). These look like excellent events to acquaint people with the work of Development and Peace and encourage more involvement at the parish level!

Fraternally, † Daniel