



# FROM THE VINEYARD

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**THE UKRAINIAN RITE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF CANADA** have issued a pastoral letter this week, dealing with the war in Ukraine. Addressed to the faithful of Canada and to all people of good will, it invites a response of faith to the ongoing war and the humanitarian crisis it has caused. The Ukrainian Catholic Bishops invite us to prayer, fasting and action to assist our suffering brothers and sisters who continue to be harmed by this conflict. You may read the text of this pastoral letter [here](#). Let us continue to pray for peace in Ukraine, especially as winter approaches.

**CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN OUTREACH (CCO)** missionaries continue to be a vital part of campus ministry at Trent University. I enjoyed sitting down to lunch with them today and Father Neil Pereira, a chance to socialize and touch base with them about their ministry. They run many faith studies with groups of university students, enabling young people to learn more about their Catholic faith and deepen their spiritual life. Keep up the good work, Erika, Claudine and Byron!

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 TAKES PLACE IN LISBON**, this summer. We are planning to send group of young pilgrims from the Diocese of Peterborough. Father Stephen DeCarlo and Father Neil Pereira have been busily putting plans in place! Check out our [Diocesan website](#) for more details and information about how to register.

**THANKS TO ALL WHO JOINED IN OUR TWO DIOCESAN FINANCE FORUMS.** And thanks to Deb McRae for her dedicated leadership and work to prepare the information for these Forums and facilitate the discussions. It was good to meet with members of Parish Finance Councils to discuss various diocesan issues and the impacts on our local faith communities. Our parishes rely on the service of these dedicated people who volunteer their time and expertise!

**OUR DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLANNING PROCESS** forges ahead! The next of our regional meetings takes place in the Northern Deanery at St. Paul's Parish in Gravenhurst, on Saturday, October 29. Additionally, we are planning an online consultation session with youth from the diocese on Monday evening, November 7. Go to our [Diocesan website](#) for information about how to take part in this online meeting of young people. "Holy Spirit, flame of love, empower us with your gifts to build up the Church in the Diocese of Peterborough and beyond."

**FIFTEEN COUPLES WILL BE INVOLVED IN OUR ONLINE MARRIAGE PREPARATION** course this weekend. Let us keep them in prayer as they prepare for the blessings of a sacramental marriage founded on the love of God!

**MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS TAKE PLACE** in our province this Monday. As Christians we strive to be good citizens and do that in part by exercising our right to vote. Additionally, the election of Catholic School Board trustees is a responsibility for us to take very seriously.

Fraternally, † Daniel