



FROM THE VINEYARD

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THE WAY OF THE CROSS IS COMING BACK TO PETERBOROUGH! For the first time since 2019, young people will present the Passion of the Lord in the streets of our city on Good Friday. This event has a long and celebrated local history but went on hiatus with the public health concerns of the last few years. It is wonderful to see it return through the efforts of our young people and a dedicated group of volunteers. All are invited to join the procession on Good Friday (April 7) beginning at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains at 10:00 a.m. and concluding at Immaculate Conception parish in east city. Volunteers are needed for all aspects of the production and you may reach out to Tom at 705-313-9836 if you are interested in helping out. The Way of the Cross [website](#) is being rebooted and refreshed and you can go there for more information.

MOST REV. FRANK LEO has been appointed the new Archbishop of Toronto. This news was announced on Saturday along with the retirement of Cardinal Thomas Collins who has served as Archbishop there since 2007. At fifty-one years old, Archbishop-designate Leo is the youngest bishop in Canada, ordained an auxiliary bishop of Montreal this past September. Prior to that he served as the General Secretary of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (2015-21) a seminary professor and a member of the Diplomatic Service of the Holy See. As a theologian with a specialization in the study of the Blessed Virgin Mary, it is fitting that he will be installed as the Archbishop of Toronto on the Feast of the Annunciation, Saturday, March 25.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6361 celebrated their fiftieth anniversary at St. Joseph Parish in Bowmanville last Saturday night. It was my privilege to celebrate the Mass that evening and then join in the dinner and festivities afterwards in the parish hall. Lots of deserving tributes were paid to the Knights and the work they have done at St. Joseph's and in the Bowmanville community these past five decades. Congratulations to Grand Knight Kas Watroba, Father Craig Cruikshank, and to the many Knights (and others) who joined in the celebrations and made it a great evening of thanksgiving and fun!

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE REPRESENTATIVES from across the Diocese will meet at St. Anne's Parish in Peterborough tomorrow. I look forward to joining them for this kick-off and orientation to this year's Share Lent campaign, "Stand for the Land." The campaign focuses especially on partners in Honduras and Columbia who are working against environmental degradation and violence, caused by corrupt governments and industries.

ASH WEDNESDAY FALLS THIS WEEK, and with it begins the holy season of Lent. This season of prayer, penance and almsgiving prepares the faithful for the celebration of the great mysteries of our faith in Holy Week and Easter. It is also the season when catechumens prepare for the sacraments of Christian Initiation. Our churches are typically busy on Ash Wednesday and may that be a portent of a blessed Lenten season, one in which we turn from sin and turn back to the Lord with undivided hearts!

Fraternally, † Daniel