



FROM THE VINEYARD

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TODAY IS THE MEMORIAL OF ST. PATRICK, who among other claims to fame is the secondary patron of the Diocese of Peterborough. This no doubt reflects the Irish heritage of so much our diocese, especially the city of Peterborough, the Kawarthas and environs. Two parishes of the diocese are named for St. Patrick, located in Kinmount and Kearney. And if you are wondering who the principal patron saint of the Diocese of Peterborough is – well, it is St. Peter, of course. A happy St. Patrick’s Day to all those of Irish heritage and all who wish they were!

FATHER RON MEYER is the pastor of the above-mentioned St. Patrick’s in Kinmount and Our Lady of Fatima Mission in Minden. Please keep him in your prayers as he suffered a stroke earlier this week and was taken to hospital. Visits are limited at this time, but he most certainly appreciates your prayers and concern. After speaking to him yesterday it is clear that he is in good spirits and getting good medical help and advice about the next steps to be taken. We are grateful to Father James Saginario for covering Masses in Kinmount and Minden this Sunday and we are working out a plan for further pastoral coverage.

OUR COUNCIL OF PRIESTS met this past week, with a lot of fresh faces given several newly elected members. Father Randy Foster was elected as chair of the council, a role that he has fulfilled previously. He will be ably assisted by Father Bill Moloney who won the most ballots for the position of vice-chair. I am grateful to the priests who serve on the Council of Priests, giving of their time and knowledge despite many other pastoral duties.

THE PORTUGUESE DINNER in support of our pilgrims attending World Youth Day takes place at Immaculate Conception Parish in Peterborough on Saturday, March 25 (doors open at 6:30). I am looking forward to being there, even though I will be rushing in from the Mass of Installation for Archbishop Frank Leo in Toronto. Tickets for the dinner are available at the office of the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains, at the very reasonable price of \$55.00. Come out and support a good cause!

SOME GOOD NEWS FOR THE DAUGHTERS OF ST. MARY OF LEUCA who run a daycare adjacent to St. Therese Parish in Courtice. It was announced several weeks ago that their foundress, **Elisabetta Martinez**, has moved a step further on the path to sainthood. Pope Francis recently approved a miracle to advance her cause toward canonization – the next step being beatification, after which she would be referred to as “Blessed Elisabetta Martinez.” Check out this [news story](#) to learn something about her life and the miracle which has propelled her along the path to sainthood.

BISHOP TOM DOWD OF SAULT STE MARIE AND I HAVE A FRIENDLY WAGER! He is dropping the puck at tonight’s game between the Sudbury Wolves and Peterborough Petes and suggested a fun bet: “winning” bishop gets bragging rights; “losing” bishop has to wear the jersey of the winning team, like a figurative sackcloth and ashes. I have confidence in our Petes and am already preparing a jersey to be sent to Bishop Dowd by Priority Post.

Fraternally, † Daniel