



FROM THE VINEYARD

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THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE will take place this weekend. Delegates from across the Diocese will gather at St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School here in Peterborough, for a busy round of meetings and activities. I look forward to celebrating the Opening Mass at the Cathedral tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. Father Roy Villas, Diocesan Spiritual Advisor, will be on hand for the Closing Mass on Sunday.

THIS FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, often known as Good Shepherd Sunday, is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. First established by Pope Paul VI in 1964, this is now the 60th time we are celebrating the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Reflecting on the theme of Grace and Mission, Pope Francis has written, "This day is a precious opportunity for recalling with wonder that the Lord's call is grace, complete gift, and at the same time a commitment to bring the Gospel to others." The full text of the Holy Father's message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations may be found [here](#).

ON THE MATTER OF VOCATIONS, I will be visiting St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto on Tuesday, along with Father Stephen DeCarlo. This is an annual visit in which we receive updates and evaluations from the faculty on our men who are in formation for the priesthood there. And it is always a nice feature to take our seminarians to dinner afterwards and hear from them directly about how their year has gone.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK begins on Sunday, centered this year on the theme of "We are Many; We are One," drawn from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans. Many activities will be taking place in school boards across our diocese and province this week, as we acknowledge the important contributions of publicly funded Catholic education in our province. I was happy to release this [video message](#) for Catholic Education Week. And I would encourage everyone to read "The Facts about Education in Ontario" on the Ontario Catholic School Trustees [website](#), as it exposes many of the fallacies of the "One School System" argument.

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN NORWOOD celebrates its 50th Anniversary on Saturday, with a program of activities beginning at 2:00 p.m. I am looking forward to attending with students, parents, staff members and various community and educational leaders. I will also celebrate the Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Paul's Church at 5:00 p.m.

OUR WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMS had great success with the Portuguese dinner held last month. They are anticipating another fine night of food and entertainment with the **Spaghetti Supper**, being held on Saturday May 6 at Sacred Heart Parish in Peterborough. Doors open at 6:30. If you are interested in a fun night and good meal – and supporting a worthy cause - you can purchase tickets for \$25.00 each at the parish office of our Cathedral.

Fraternally, † Daniel