



FROM THE VINEYARD

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THE CLERGY TRANSFERS for our Diocese were published earlier this week, a set of moves which will take place at the end of June. Sincere thanks to all those priests who have graciously accepted new assignments – be assured of our prayers!

THE NATIONAL WEEK OF FAMILY AND LIFE, sponsored by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, is held from May 7-14. The theme, “Love One Another,” is chosen from Jesus’ words, “Love one another. Just as I have loved you, love one another” (John 13:34). A variety of tools for use at home, in schools and/or parishes emphasizing the joy and beauty of family and life are available at the [CCCB website](#). “Daily Prayers and Activities for Parishes and Families” is particularly well done!

THE NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE takes place this **Thursday, May 11**; its theme is ‘Stand Firm’. We are called to stand firm for the pre-born, mothers in crisis pregnancies, those targeted due to disability, and the elderly in hospitals and care homes. Marching in solidarity with the vulnerable and marginalized, this gathering reminds people and government officials that life matters from conception until natural death. Many local parishes and Right to Life organizations in the Diocese are organizing same day bus trips to the event, and there is still a chance to reach out and arrange your participation.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CATHOLIC STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNERS, who were honoured by the PVCNCDSB on Wednesday this week. I was happy to join in the festivities at Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School, where one student from each school in the board was honoured for their service and leadership. The awards highlight those students who best exemplify the Catholic Graduate Expectations, and this ceremony is always a highlight of Catholic Education Week. Congratulations once again to all the award winners who have done us proud!

BOOKKEEPERS FROM ACROSS THE DIOCESE joined our Temporal Affairs staff for an in-service at Immaculate Conception Parish in Peterborough this week. It was a full day of learning and professional development and an enjoyable time just to get together. Sincere thanks to all who participated and helped to organize a wonderful event!

THE PROVINCIAL SYMPOSIUM FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION is held every few years and includes participants from the 29 English Catholic and 8 French Catholic school boards in our province. Sponsored jointly by the **Institute for Catholic Education** and the **Office Provincial de l’Education de la foi Catholique de l’Ontario**, this Symposium brings together teachers, clergy, trustees, administrators, students and chaplaincy leaders. I look forward to participating in the proceedings next week, as we learn about various aspects of adult faith formation for those engaged in Catholic Education.

Fraternally, † Daniel