



FROM THE VINEYARD

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BISHOP NICOLA DE ANGELIS, C.F.I.C., the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Peterborough, passed away early this morning at Montefiascone, Italy. Bishop De Angelis, a member of the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception, was ordained as Auxiliary Bishop for Toronto in 1992 and appointed Bishop of Peterborough in 2002. He served with great dedication, fatherly care and pastoral charity until his retirement from office in 2014. Please read my statement to the faithful of the diocese about the passing of “Bishop Nic.” As we give thanks to God for the gift of his earthly life and priestly service, let us also pray that he may enter the joy of eternal life.

THE FUNERAL MASS for Bishop Nicola De Angelis will be celebrated tomorrow morning in Montefiascone, Italy. With the short timeline, it was not possible for me to attend. So, I am very grateful that Father John Perdue of our diocese, currently doing graduate studies in Rome, will attend the funeral and read a statement from me on behalf of the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Peterborough. Let us keep Bishop De Angelis in our prayers and commend his soul to almighty God.

A MEMORIAL MASS for Bishop De Angelis will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains this Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. We are very happy to welcome the faithful to this Mass and any priests who wish to concelebrate. This Mass will be livestreamed on our Diocesan You Tube channel. I have also requested that the priests of the diocese celebrate a Memorial Mass for Bishop De Angelis in their parishes sometime in the coming week.

CONGRATULATIONS TO STEPHEN O’SULLIVAN who was announced this week as the new Director of Education for the PVNC Catholic District School Board. Stephen is a Catholic educator of long experience who has served in this board since 2010 as vice-principal, principal and, most recently, Superintendent of Education. He begins his new job this summer and we extend to him every prayer and blessing as he assumes this important role of leadership within Catholic Education.

A RETIREMENT PARTY WAS HELD FOR JOAN CARRAGHER last night, as she steps down from the role of Director of Education for PVNC Catholic District School Board. Family, friends and colleagues (including yours truly) gathered to toast Joan and to celebrate her many years and accomplishments in Catholic education. I was pleased to bring greetings from the Diocese of Peterborough and to commend Joan for her excellent work, especially the various ways that she promoted the home-school-parish partnership. Enjoy a blessed retirement, Joan!

TODAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS. It is also the World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests, so what a beautiful day for Bishop Nicola De Angelis, C.F.I.C., to enter eternal life. I look forward to being at Sacred Heart in Peterborough later today, for a celebration of their parish feast day.

Fraternally, † Daniel