



FROM THE VINEYARD

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A MEMORIAL MASS FOR BISHOP NICOLA DE ANGELIS, CFIC, who passed away last week, was celebrated at our Cathedral on Tuesday evening. It was a prayerful and fitting liturgy for a man who faithfully shepherded the Diocese of Peterborough for more than eleven years. Father Joseph Devereaux, who worked closely with Bishop Nick over the years as his Chancellor and Judicial Vicar, gave a heartfelt and inspiring homily. I was pleased that some twenty priests were able to join us and concelebrate. A video of this Mass may be viewed on our You Tube channel.

THE FUNERAL MASS for Bishop Nicola De Angelis was celebrated in Montefiascone, Italy, on Saturday morning. Father John Perdue (the last priest of our Diocese to be ordained by Bishop De Angelis) made the trip from Rome to attend the funeral. And he did an excellent job of reading my message to the congregation, sounding very confident in his Italian! A video of Father John at the funeral Mass is posted here. Let us continue to keep Bishop Nick in our prayers, that he may know the reward of his labours and the blessings of eternity.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH who celebrated major jubilees in religious life and were honoured at a celebration earlier this month. 80 years: Sister Shirley Tapp; 75 years: Sister Eunice Summers (died, June 12) Sister June Bergin, Sister Hilda Maloney, Sister Annetta Ryan; 70 years: Sister Joan Driscoll, Sister Ruth Gosselin, Sister Anna Summers; 60 years: Sister Marjorie Fitzpatrick; 25 years: Sister Ann Regier. Thank you, Sisters, for your dedicated service and may God continue to bless you!

THE RETIRED PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE gathered for their annual Barbecue at our Diocesan Pastoral Center yesterday: that was a lot of wisdom and pastoral experience on one patio! Sincere thanks to the staff of the DPC and the Cathedral who, along with Father Bill Moloney and Father Peter Seabrooke, were the main organizers of the event.

THE ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL takes place over two weekends, July 1/2 and 8/9. I am always grateful for the generosity of parishioners in this appeal which enables us to meet various Diocesan needs. This year, the proceeds will go toward the ongoing restoration of our Cathedral, and to assisting the nineteen young people attending World Youth Day in Lisbon this summer.

THE COMMISSION FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops released a [pastoral letter](#) yesterday: "Living as Catholics in the Public Square – Freedom of Religion and Conscience in Canada." The letter urges Catholics to actively participate in public life, championing the common good and contributing to important public debates.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28 IS MOVING DAY IN THE DIOCESE as various priests take up new pastoral assignments – or in some cases, retirement from ministry. Let us keep them all in our prayers as they step into the next phase of their priesthood.

Fraternally, † Daniel