



FROM THE VINEYARD

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WE WERE SORRY TO LEARN THAT FATHER PATRICK KENNEDY died last week. Ordained a priest for the Diocese of Peterborough in 1987, Father Patrick ministered at our Cathedral, as well as in Bowmanville, Lakefield, Wooler and Bobcaygeon. He had been living in Toronto since his retirement. His Funeral Mass will take place at Conception Harbour in Newfoundland, his family home. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Father Patrick Kennedy and for the consolation of his family.

BISHOP JOSEPH DABROWSKI was installed as the 14th Bishop of the Diocese of Charlottetown yesterday in a Mass at St. Dunstan's Cathedral. I decided to make the whirlwind trip to P.E.I. to join in the celebration, knowing Bishop Dabrowski well from his service as the Auxiliary Bishop of London, Ontario these past eight years. He received a true East Coast welcome at the Mass of Installation and the reception afterwards, and he will undoubtedly be an excellent bishop there. We are just sorry to lose him from the Assembly of Ontario Bishops.

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL takes place in our parishes this coming weekend and next. We are dubbing this year's campaign "Preserving Legacy; Building Tomorrow." Proceeds will support the ongoing restoration of our Cathedral, and the nineteen young people attending World Youth Day in Lisbon this summer. The causes are worthy ones, and I am truly grateful for your generosity!

I ENJOYED MY VISIT TO ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH in Millbrook this past Sunday. I concluded the spring round of Confirmations by conferring the gifts of the Holy Spirit on three young people at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. We also marked the 45th Anniversary of the parish and combined the communities from both the parish church and St. Bernadette's Mission in Nestleton. The spirit was festive and the brunch afterwards in the parish hall was a taste treat! Thank you, Father Tony Barol and parishioners for your kind welcome.

WEDNESDAY WAS MOVING DAY for priests accepting new parish assignments so this weekend will see introductions in many places. May priests and parishioners alike be open to the graces and blessings of "new beginnings!"

CONGRATULATIONS TO STUDENTS who have been celebrating graduations this month, whether from elementary or secondary school. And may all students, teachers and staff enjoy a safe and relaxing summer!

THE SUMMER IS UPON US which means a busier time in our cottage country parishes, of which there are many. It also means some more northern travels for me, which I always look forward to. And lastly, it means a vacation for *From the Vineyard*, providing a break for both the writer and the readers! Happy Canada Day! I pray that God may bless you all in these beautiful summer months.

Fraternally, † Daniel