



FROM THE VINEYARD

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FATHER BENEDIKT LEE YOUNG WOO came to the Diocesan Pastoral Center yesterday. He is newly arrived from Korea as the pastor of Korean Martyrs' Parish in Brighton. Father Benedikt also celebrates Mass at Sacred Heart in Peterborough, St. Therese in Courtice and St. Mary's Cathedral in Kingston. He tells me that he typically drives 500 kilometers in a weekend! We are very happy to welcome him to the Diocese of Peterborough, and very grateful to the Bishop of Jeonju who has for many years sent priests to us to serve the Korean Catholic community here.

SPIRIT GARDEN IN TORONTO is nearing completion and should open later this month at Nathan Philips Square. The *Fifth Annual Indigenous Legacy Gathering* will be held there on the weekend of September 29/30. Tepees representing many Indigenous communities will cover the square. The multi-faith group that has supported the Spirit Garden will also have a tent. More information about Spirit Garden and the gathering later this month can be found [here](#).

PROJECT RACHEL RETREATS will take place at **St. Mary of Egypt Refuge** (near Madoc) on October 27-29, 2023, and April 19-21, 2024. This ministry to post-abortive women offers welcome, hospitality and the loving embrace of Christian community, as well as the opportunity to encounter the love and mercy of God. Anyone interested may call 289-691-6840 or email projectrachel@stmarysrefuge.org. Or go directly to their [website](#) for more information.

THE WAY OF BEAUTY is a three-part webinar series being sponsored by the CCCB's Office for Evangelization and Catechesis. The final part of this series will be presented by our own Father Paul Massel, on the subject of "Beauty and the Liturgy." It takes place on September 21 at 1:00 p.m. For more information or to register for this presentation, follow this [link](#).

A NEW SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM for First Eucharist and Reconciliation using *Signs of Grace* from Augustine Institute is rolling out in our diocese. Priests and catechists are reminded about the training session, being held tomorrow, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at St. Anne Parish in Peterborough.

OUR PROPERTY, PLANNING AND BUILDING COMMITTEE met earlier this week to review the various renovation and building projects that have been submitted recently by parishes. It was a busy meeting, as it seems there may be a backlog of projects that were on hold over the pandemic. We truly appreciate the expertise of the lay people and clergy who make up this committee and always give their best advice!

CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER SIMMY JOSEPH, CMI, whom I installed as the new pastor of St. Alphonsus Parish in Peterborough this past weekend. On Sunday, I am looking forward to installing **Father Jozef Vano** as the pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish. We are so grateful to both of them for their priestly service in our diocese!

Fraternally, + Daniel