



FROM THE VINEYARD

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BISHOP WILLIAM MCGRATTAN, President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, published a statement yesterday to the Catholic faithful in our country about the “recent escalation of conflict in the Holy Land.” Bishop McGrattan invites us to “join other people of good will, here and around the world, in imploring God to move the hearts of those leaders engaged in the present conflict to cease acts of terror, deescalate violence and war, and resume constructive efforts that are aimed at establishing lasting peace and concord.” You may read the entire statement [here](#). Let us continue our prayers for peace.

THE ABRAHAM FESTIVAL celebrates its 20th Anniversary of bringing together Christians, Muslims and Jews in the Peterborough Community. The [program](#) for “Making a Joyful Noise” includes several events this weekend, culminating with a Musical performance from the three cultures at St. James United Church (221 Romaine St.) on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. Twenty years of interfaith friendship is certainly something to celebrate, especially considering recent world events.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL in Douro will celebrate the blessing of their new addition on Saturday morning at 10:30. I look forward to being on hand for the festivities which will include the traditional ribbon cutting. The new addition includes four classrooms, a library, staffroom and washrooms. Students and staff were able to move in on the first day of school in September, after living in a construction zone the previous school year! Congratulations to all who worked so hard to complete this good project.

THE ST. JOSEPH DINNER is set for Saturday, November 4th at “The Venue” in Peterborough. This annual gala that supports our campus ministry at Trent University and Fleming College is always a “must attend” event! This year’s program includes the music of Rhythm and Grace and a keynote by Father Dustin Feddon, who will speak of his ministry to those returning from prison to society. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to the Peterborough Campus Ministry [website](#).

I VISITED ST. PAUL PARISH IN NORWOOD & OUR LADY MOUNT CARMEL IN HAVELOCK last weekend. It was a wonderful timing to be there for Thanksgiving weekend and I appreciated the kind welcome of Fr. David West and parishioners in both communities. Time was a little too tight for me to drop into the Norwood Fair, but maybe next year!

THANKSGIVING IS MORE A SEASON THAN A DAY, so I am looking forward to the Harvest Dinner at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Kirkfield this weekend. Fr. Michael Nneji promises it will be a wonderful event bringing together people from the four church communities that make up that parish!

Fraternally, + Daniel