



# FROM THE VINEYARD

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**THE RELICS OF BROTHER ANDRE** (who was canonized St. Andre Bessette in 2010) are coming to the Diocese of Peterborough. A team from the Congregation of the Holy Cross will bring the relics and offer a program in various parishes about our first Canadian-born male saint. It all begins at the Cathedral of Saint Peter-in-Chains, next weekend, November 11 and 12. Then the reliquary proceeds to St. Michael's in Cobourg, St. Joseph's in Bowmanville, St. Peter the Apostle in Parry Sound, Our Lady of Lourdes in Cardiff, finishing at St. Anne's in Peterborough on Friday, November 17. I know that the team will also bring the relics to various Catholic schools, giving the students an opportunity to learn more about Brother Andre. Check out our website for more details!

**THE 16<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS** concluded last weekend. The participants released a Letter to the people of God, reflecting on the experience. They note, "at the invitation of the Holy Father, we made significant room for silence to foster mutual listening and a desire for communion in the Spirit among us." They Synod members have also released a Synthesis Report which charts a path for work to be done between now and next fall, when the second and final gathering of this Synod will occur.

**A CANDLIGHT MASS FOR ALL SOULS' DAY** was held yesterday evening at our Cathedral, the second year in a row for this liturgy, which makes it something of a tradition already. I was happy to be the celebrant and homilist, and to see the many people who came out on a chilly night to pray for their deceased loved ones. Candles were blessed for participants to take home and maintain a spirit of prayer for the faithful departed this November.

**I WILL BLESS THE NEW COLUMBARIUM** at St. Peter's Cemetery in Peterborough on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. This new installation will provide a beautiful setting to inter cremated remains – a nice feature for the cemetery and one that will serve grieving families in this community.

**WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE ANNUAL PRIEST STUDY DAYS** taking place next week at Nottawasaga Inn in Alliston. These couple of days are always informative and refreshing for the priests of the diocese, and they promise to be practical as well, as we explore the theme "Roadmap for Ministry."

**FAITH DAY FOR THE PVNC CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD** took place today, with teachers engaging in professional development both online and in groups at their schools. I was able to join in online for one of the keynotes, in which Fr. Darren Dias and Dr. Nigaan Sinclair reflected on the implications of Pope Francis' visit to Canada for Catholic education. This reunited the duo, who provided television commentary for the Pope's visit in the summer of 2022.

**Fraternally, † Daniel**