



FROM THE VINEYARD

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THE RELIQUARY OF BROTHER ANDRÉ (St. André Bessette) begins its tour in the Diocese of Peterborough this weekend, starting at our Cathedral. Father Jomon Kalladanthayil, CSC and his team from the Congregation of the Holy Cross will bring the relics and offer a program in various parishes and schools about this popular Canadian saint. See our website for more details about times and places. I pray that this tour may increase knowledge and devotion to Brother André in our diocese, and appreciation for his holiness, concern for the sick and many accomplishments.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ORGANIZERS OF THE ST. JOSEPH DINNER! A great time was had by all at “The Venue” this past Saturday night, as we gathered in support of Campus Ministry at Trent University and Fleming College. The meal was delicious, Father Dustin Feddon gave a rousing keynote address, and the atmosphere was just fine. Father Eric Mason also spoke very well as he embraces his new assignment as Chaplain and head of Peterborough Campus Ministry. Thanks so much to all of you who came out in support of this very worthy cause!

I HAVE RECENTLY CALLED EDMUND MUNROE SCOTT to Holy Orders, and will ordain him a transitional deacon on Friday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m. Edmund comes to us originally from the Anglican Church where he ministered most recently at St. John the Baptist Church in Lakefield. I was privileged to receive him and his wife Martha into full communion of the Catholic Church four years ago. The Vatican recently gave approval for Edmund to proceed to Holy Orders, after being assured that he has taken the necessary steps for additional study and formation. The ordination will take place at St. Joseph Parish in Douro, where Edmund and Martha have been active parishioners for these past years. Please keep him in your prayers!

THE INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND (IRF) collection will be taken up in our Diocese on the weekend of November 17/18. This is our third collection to support the pledge of the Canadian Bishops to raise 30 million dollars to promote projects that advance the cause of reconciliation and address the trauma caused by residential schools. Thank you for your generosity in the past two collections! Our Diocesan IRF committee, composed of Indigenous representatives, has met several times in recent months. They recently recommended eight projects totalling \$160,000.00 for approval by the National IRF Board of Directors, which oversees the local campaigns. The applicants are from various First Nations and Métis groups in Kawartha, Muskoka and Parry Sound regions, and their projects are all very worthy ones – your kind donations are making this possible.

TOMORROW IS REMEMBRANCE DAY, when Canadians pause to remember those who died in war, especially those who fought bravely to defend our freedom. As Christians, we pray for the victims of violent conflict throughout the world and that God’s kingdom of justice and peace may prevail among nations.

Fraternally, + Daniel