



# FROM THE VINEYARD

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**THE WORLD DAY OF YOUTH** takes place this Sunday, and with it, our own *Diocesan Youth Day*. In 2020, Pope Francis transferred the observance of the World Day of Youth (instituted by St. John Paul II) from Palm Sunday to the Solemnity of Christ the King. Our Diocesan Youth Office has planned a program that begins at the 10:30 a.m. Mass at our Cathedral: there I will bless and recommission the Diocesan Youth Cross, which was often used at gatherings of young people, but went into hibernation in more recent years. Afterwards, the pilgrims who attended World Youth Day in Lisbon this summer will share some of their personal stories of this amazing, life-changing experience.

**TONIGHT AT 7:00 P.M., I WILL ORDAIN EDMUND MUNROE SCOTT** a transitional deacon at St. Joseph Parish in Douro. He has been preparing for several years on this journey toward priesthood, after coming to us via ministry in the Anglican church. We are looking forward to a gathering of parishioners, friends and family, and priests and deacons from our diocese as I confer on Edmund the grace of Holy Orders, and as he commences ordained service in the Catholic Church. Please keep him in your prayers.

**I WAS HAPPY TO ATTEND ECCODE** last night and this morning, which is the gathering of the “English Catholic Council of Directors of Education.” Catholic Directors of Education from across the province attended this meeting where I had some time on the agenda to bring greetings and information from the Ontario Catholic Bishops. Among other things, I was privileged to commission Stephen O’Sullivan in his new role as Director of Education for the PVNC Catholic District School Board. It was nice to pray for him and see him warmly supported by friends and colleagues.

**THE DIOCESAN CALENDAR** is a new, practical feature on the Diocese of Peterborough website. It has been well-populated with the various events and meetings that are part of the busy life of our Church. I will remind priests and deacons that it is a quick and handy way to confirm meeting dates and times – especially if, like me, you have a way of losing track of emails!

**THE ADVENT SEASON IS UPON US** in just over a week. We have been promoting the resources on **FORMED** for a while now – and every Catholic in our diocese has access to these great video resources. **Formed** has some excellent material for the season of Advent, both for adults and youngsters. Check out these offerings through our [website](#), which will also tell you how to sign up for **Formed** if you haven’t already done so.

**THE LIVESTREAM MASS FROM OUR CATHEDRAL** is still down with some technical problems. We will post a livestream Mass from another church on our YouTube channel this Sunday, with the hopes of resolving the problem soon. Thanks for your patience.

Fraternally, + Daniel