



FROM THE VINEYARD

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BISHOP JOSE KALLUVELIL, Eparch of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Eparchy of Mississauga, visited our Cathedral last Sunday. Syro-Malabar Catholics hail from India, and many of the students at Trent University and Fleming College belong to that Eastern rite church. Since there is no local Syro-Malabar church, they customarily worship here in our Latin rite parishes, with a strong contingent at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains. Bishop Kalluvellil celebrated Mass on Sunday afternoon (“Holy Qurbana” as it is called in their rite) with many young people in attendance. Plans are afoot to resume the monthly celebration of the Syro-Malabar Mass at the Cathedral, which will be a blessing to the many Catholic students who come here from India.

THE LATEST EDITION OF “THE CATHOLIC HERALD” has just been published online, with hard copies arriving in parishes at Christmastime. Sincere thanks to our many contributors and to our editor, Fr. Ray Rick, who has produced a particularly full edition about Catholic life and doings in the Diocese of Peterborough and beyond. Our diocesan magazine is always informative and interesting and represents the writing efforts of many people! You can reach the online version of The Catholic Herald [here](#).

A JUBILEE YEAR OF THE SACRED HEART will be celebrated by the Church over the next eighteen months, to mark the 350th Anniversary of the apparitions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. The Jubilee runs from December 27, 2023, until the feast of the Sacred Heart in 2025, June 27. Plans are being put in place for various devotions and activities at our three churches in the diocese dedicated to the Sacred Heart: these are the parish churches in Peterborough and Trout Creek and the mission church in Harwood. Further information can be found on our website, including the specifics of the partial and plenary indulgence that I have established for this jubilee year.

SIMBANG GABI is the Novena of Masses celebrated by Filipinos around the world in preparation for Christmas. It begins here in Peterborough tonight and continues until Saturday December 23rd. Everyone is welcome to Immaculate Conception Church on Rogers St., each evening at 6:30 p.m. Mass will be followed by a dinner with a variety of Philippine dishes. This is always a wonderful Advent celebration in our city, and I will be privileged to celebrate the culminating Mass next Saturday.

THIS CHRISTMAS, I WANT TO ESPECIALLY THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL and all the clergy and the faithful for their charitable efforts to ease the burdens of the poor in our community and to spread some Christmas cheer.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT IS CALLED GAUDETE SUNDAY emphasizing the joy we anticipate in the celebration of Christ’s coming. May we continue to work together so that all people will share this great joy.

Fraternally, † Daniel