



# FROM THE VINEYARD

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**PETER BISSONNETTE WILL BE ORDAINED A DEACON** on Saturday, June 15th at 1:00 p.m. The Ordination will take place at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Cobourg, where Peter will be spending a summer pastoral internship. I was pleased to call him to orders late last week as he completed his third year of theological studies at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto. Please pray for Peter as he is admitted to Holy Orders and takes this significant step on the road to priesthood for our diocese. We welcome and encourage people to attend this celebration of Ordination to the Diaconate.

**PRIESTS, PRINCIPALS AND CHAPLAINCY LEADERS** will gather on Wednesday next week for one of our twice-yearly meetings at the PVNC Catholic District School Board. These are always fruitful opportunities to discuss various pastoral issues in the educational realm and to promote our united efforts. The agenda looks full, with some important topics to be addressed. I remind priests who have pastoral care for PVNC schools about the importance of attending this meeting.

[THE NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE](#) takes place in Ottawa on Thursday, May 9. This annual pro-life gathering brings thousands of people to Parliament Hill to protest abortion and euthanasia to affirm the dignity of all life from conception to natural death. A bus will leave from our Cathedral at 8:15 a.m. that day, going to Ottawa and returning about 9:00 p.m. (Cost of \$35 per person, \$50 per family, and \$10 for students.) To reserve a seat, please call Elizabeth at 705-292-7056.

[THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE](#) will be held at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Huntsville on the weekend of May 4 and 5. Centred on the theme, "Here I am Lord, I Come to do Your Will," the convention brings together women from the many parishes of our diocese. I look forward to celebrating the Opening Mass of the Convention on Saturday morning and staying for some of the program that day. We are blessed with the important service of the Catholic Women's League in our parishes as well as their vital work for faith, family and justice on the national scene!

[NATIONAL FAMILY AND LIFE WEEK](#), sponsored by the Canadian Bishops, takes place from May 13-19. This year's theme, "Love hopes all things," is drawn from St. Paul and reflects our belief that hope is a virtue which renews our relationship with God and others. Some excellent resources for parishes and families can be found on the CCCB website [here](#).

**WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER FATHER BILL RUSSELL**, a retired priest of the Diocese of Peterborough who died this past weekend. "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord."

Fraternally, † Daniel