



FROM THE VINEYARD

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FATHER STEPHEN DECARLO AND I visited [St. Augustine's Seminary](#) in Scarborough yesterday, happy to receive the evaluation reports of our two seminarians who are studying there. It was good to connect with the rector, Father Edwin Gonsalves, and several faculty members, and to hear about all the good work being done at St. Augustine's to form men for the priesthood. And we were able to enjoy a pleasant dinner with our seminarians afterwards and hear about their experiences this past school year.

DEACON EDMUND MUNROE SCOTT has received his official "call to orders," and will be ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains on Friday, May 31 at 7:00 p.m. Please mark the date in your calendars. Deacon Scott has been pursuing preparation for the priesthood for several years now, and most recently has served a pastoral internship at St. Alphonsus Parish in Peterborough. Pray for him as he prepares for his ordination, that his priestly service may bring true blessing to the people of God.

FATHER ERIC MASON has good news from Peterborough Campus Ministry: the renovations at the Campus Ministry center on Rubidge Street have been completed and the house has been beautifully repurposed. A deep cleaning awaits, and furniture and appliances will be moved back into place in the coming weeks. This will ensure that our Campus Ministry Center will be ready for the start of the new school year, and we look forward to a joyful opening celebration at that time. Our sincere thanks to all those who contributed to the renovation of this center, one that will facilitate ministry to students at Trent University and Fleming College for years to come!

THIS YEAR MARKS THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY of the dedication of Canada to St. Joseph as our patron saint. [St. Joseph's Oratory](#) in Montreal is planning a seven-month long celebration (March to October) in which they look forward to welcoming even more pilgrims to this major national shrine. This year is an ideal time for visits by individual pilgrims or for parishes to plan to visit St. Joseph's Oratory. More information about visiting the Oratory this year may be found on their [website](#).

OUR PRIEST BENEFIT FUND COMMITTEE will be meeting next week, with particular attention to the annual PBF Appeal which takes place in June. We are always so grateful to you for your generosity in this appeal, which is the major way we attend to the care of our retired priests of our diocese.

I THANK GOD TODAY ON THE 7TH ANNIVERSARY of my Installation as the Bishop of Peterborough. And although formal celebrations are non-existent, I did appreciate Father Bill Moloney's "serenade by phone" this morning! I also humbly ask your continued prayers for me in my role as chief shepherd of this wonderful Diocese of Peterborough.

Fraternally, † Daniel