



FROM THE VINEYARD

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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Peterborough Diocesan Association Meeting is being held tomorrow, Saturday morning, at Bishop Doyle Hall in Peterborough; registration at 9:30 a.m. with meeting to begin at 10:00 a.m. It will be a good opportunity for Knights from different parts of the Diocese to confer about common interests and the many good ventures of this important Catholic men's fraternal organization.

IT'S JUST ABOUT A WEEK UNTIL THE CITY-WIDE LENTEN MISSION. Father Luke Joseph Leighton, CFR, and Father Juan Diego Sutherland, CFR, will speak on the Mission Theme "Pledge of Future Glory." The mission will be presented twice daily (morning and evening) at the Cathedral of St. Peter's in Chain from Monday, March 11 to Wednesday, March 13. Father Luke and Father Juan Diego will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral and various of the city parishes on Sunday for a good and proper kick-off. I invite you to make this mission a part of your Lent!

"WIDE SLEEVES" IS A RECENTLY COMPLETED HISTORY of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada. It is the work of Sr. Veronica O'Reilly who tells well the story of the early foundation in Toronto in 1851 through the five successive foundations in Hamilton, London, Peterborough, Pembroke and Sault Ste. Marie, up to the year 1951 when over 3000 women had joined the order. Compiling many pictures and maps, Sr. Joan Driscoll completed the 500-page work. We are pleased to make the book available to anyone wanting to read this exciting history. Copies can be obtained (\$40.00) by calling 705-745-1309, ext. 502 or email: kmoncrief-kitchen@csjcanada.org.

THE ANNUAL SHARE LENT COLLECTION is coming soon, being held as usual on the 5th Sunday of Lent. The Bishops of Canada support this work of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace to assist the Global South. This year's campaign is entitled, "Reaping our Rights," and resources for it (including a letter of support from Bishop William McGrattan, President of the CCCB) can be found [here](#). This annual campaign helps the Church in Canada to promote justice and combat poverty in accord with Catholic social teaching.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS FROM SEVERAL PARISHES had an excellent tour of St. Peter-in-Chains Cathedral yesterday. Father Tom Lynch did his usual expert job of "showing off" the Cathedral and sharing some of its rich history. Students from Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist in Peterborough and St. Mary's in Lindsay enjoyed the visit and learned a lot from it - and I was happy to tag along and chime in where I thought I could help!

OUR PERMANENT DEACON FORMATION GROUP will convene for their monthly session at St. Alphonsus Parish in Peterborough tomorrow. Topics include introduction to moral theology, spirituality and an ongoing series on Church history. I look forward to presenting on the theme of "The Bishop and the Diaconate." I am grateful to all the participants and the organizers who work so hard on this fine formation program.

Fraternally, + Daniel