



FROM THE VINEYARD

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THE CHURCH CELEBRATES AN “ORDINARY” JUBILEE every twenty-five years. (An Extraordinary Jubilee for the “Year of Mercy” was held in 2016.) Late last week, Pope Francis published the [Bull of Indiction](#) for the Jubilee to be held in 2025. Focused on the theme “Hope Does Not Disappoint,” drawn from St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans, the Holy Father expressed his desire that “the Jubilee may be an opportunity to be renewed in hope.” We look forward to planning various activities for the Jubilee year here in the Diocese of Peterborough. Be sure to check our this information [page](#) on our Diocesan website.

I WAS HAPPY TO JOIN IN LOBBY DAY for Catholic Education at Queen’s Park this past week. Various bishops, Catholic school trustees and teachers worked in teams to meet MPP’s and urge their continued support for Catholic education. A day of meetings was capped off by a reception in the afternoon, replete with a string quartet of Catholic students, and some encouraging speeches by MPPs from all parties.

A NEW CATHOLIC SCHOOL IS COMING TO BOWMANVILLE. An announcement was made today by the PVNC Catholic District School Board and the provincial government about a new elementary school expected to open in September 2026. Planned for Northglen Blvd and Middle Road, this new facility should help to ease overcrowding in Clarington Catholic schools. This is good news and you can read all about it on the PVNCCDSB [website](#).

YOU CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FORMED.ORG RESOURCES at some upcoming webinars. Since we subscribed to “Formed” on behalf of the Diocese, so many people have been accessing their library of wonderful Catholic video resources. A webinar on May 22, 2:00 to 2:30 p.m. will explore the offerings for devotion to the Sacred Heart – this is timely as we celebrate the 350th Anniversary of the apparitions to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. Another webinar takes place on May 29, 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. and explores the many resources for youth. This presentation is especially for pastors, youth ministers, parents and school chaplains. Please contact Robyn Henighan by May 20 to register for both: robynhenighan@peterboroughdiocese.org.

THIS SUNDAY IS THE FEAST OF PENTECOST, when the Church celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. It is an ideal day to celebrate Confirmation and I am looking forward to confirming the young people at St. Alphonsus and the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains this weekend. My sincere thanks to all those in the diocese who have worked to prepare our young people for their Pentecost, and the renewal of the Holy Spirit within them.

THIS IS ALSO VICTORIA DAY WEEKEND, when many of our cottage country parishes return to their “busy season.” Safe travels to all of you who will be on the road this weekend, and may you enjoy a safe and restful holiday!

Fraternally, + Daniel