



FROM THE VINEYARD

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS of PVNC Catholic District School Board's Student Leadership Award. I was privileged to participate in a ceremony at Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School this week, honouring students who have demonstrated qualities of Catholic leadership in school, family, community and parish. One student from each elementary and secondary school was chosen for this prestigious award, celebrating Christian service and leadership. You may read the full story of the ceremony [here](#) on the PVNC website.

WE ARE PLANNING FOR TWO ORDINATIONS THIS SPRING. Deacon Edmund Scott will be ordained to the priesthood on Friday, May 31, 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains. (Clergy are reminded to rsvp to the dinner invitation that was sent last week.) Then, we look forward to the ordination of Peter Bissonnette to the diaconate, which will take place at St. Michael's Church in Cobourg on Saturday, June 15 at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome to these ordinations, which are joyful occasions of grace for our Diocese!

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE held a successful Diocesan Convention at St. Mary's in Huntsville this past weekend. The opening Mass was celebrated by me and included many priests of our northern deanery and several deacons as well. Afterwards, Monsignor David Tramontini of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie gave a humorous, insightful and encouraging keynote address to the participants. It was wonderful to see attendees to the convention from parishes across our Diocese, a good reminder of the importance of the Catholic Women's League in the life of the Church.

THE PRIESTS' ONGOING FORMATION COMMITTEE does important work planning our annual retreat in June and the Study Days in November. We had a good meeting this week as the outgoing committee (Fr. Tom Lynch, Fr. Jerry Tavares, Fr. Paul Massel, Fr. Sany Seshaiyah) passed the baton to the newly formed committee who will carry forward the good work that has been done. Sincere thanks to those who have served so generously in the past, and to the new committee of Fr. Bill Moloney, Fr. Michal Nneji, Fr. Emmanuel Okpataku, Fr. Dominick Mbah and Fr. Stephen De Carlo.

YOUNG ADULTS ARE INVITED TO A VOCATION-THEMED outreach to the poor with the Sisters of the Poor of Jesus Christ. Being held at Santa Cruz Parish in Downtown Toronto on Saturday, May 18, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the event is an opportunity for prayer, service and an inside look at religious life. Anyone interested in participating is invited to register by emailing frstephendecarlo@peterboroughdiocese.org.

MOTHERS' DAY IS CELEBRATED THIS SUNDAY. I offer my prayerful best wishes to all the moms out there, in appreciation of all that you do for your families. May this be for you a day of appreciation and relaxation!

Fraternally, † Daniel