



FROM THE VINEYARD

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CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK takes place in Ontario from May 5 to 10 with the theme, “We are Called to Love.” Catholic schools will engage in a series of events designed to celebrate the gift of publicly funded Catholic education, which has existed in our province since the 1840s. Among those events, I look forward to participating in the PVNC Catholic School Board’s “Student Leadership Awards Ceremony.” My video message for Catholic Education Week can be viewed [here](#) and more information can be found on the PVNCCDSB [website](#).

[THE NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE](#) takes place in Ottawa this coming Thursday, May 9, an important witness to our political leaders about the dignity of all human life. 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.

PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS OFTEN HAPPEN in the month of May, which means that many of our priests are celebrating important anniversaries. Congratulations to Father Jim Sercely, who reaches the milestone of 50 years of priestly ministry this week! Other notable anniversaries include Father Tom Lynch and Father Richard Woloszyn (40 years), Father Paul Gemmiti and Father Brian McColl (30 years), Father Gerry Campeau (25 years) and Father Sany Seshaiyah (20 years). May God continue to bless them all in His service!

[THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE](#) will be held this weekend at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Huntsville. Many women from parishes across our Diocese will gather for these important days focused on the theme, “Here I am Lord, I Come to do Your Will.” We pray for a good convention and a time of planning, socializing and rejoicing in the accomplishments of the Catholic Women’s League.

YOUNG ADULTS ARE INVITED TO A VOCATION-THEMED outreach to the poor. Father Stephen DeCarlo will organize a group to join with the “Sisters of the Poor of Jesus Christ” at Santa Cruz Parish in Downtown Toronto on Saturday, May 18, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This day is an opportunity for prayer, service and a practical experience of religious life. There is no cost to attend the event. Anyone interested in participating is invited to contact Father Stephen at frstephendecarlo@peterboroughdiocese.org.

IT WILL SOON BE TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL PRIESTS’ RETREAT. We are looking forward to some spiritually refreshing days at Queen of the Apostles Retreat Center in Mississauga from June 3 to 7, with Father John O’Brien, SJ as our retreat leader. Priests may expect registration material to arrive in their inboxes soon!

Fraternally, † Daniel