



FROM THE VINEYARD

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THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH HAVE BEEN IN LINDSAY since 1890, contributing richly to the community and the life of St. Mary's Parish. That era is coming to an end as the last Sister of St. Joseph in Lindsay will soon be departing. In recognition and appreciation of this long history, St. Mary's Parish is hosting a Mass of Thanksgiving followed by a reception next Sunday, June 9 at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome to this celebration, a fitting way to thank the Sisters of St. Joseph for their long and dedicated service in Lindsay.

DEACON EDMUND SCOTT WILL BE ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD tonight at 7:00 p.m. at our Cathedral. Please keep him in your prayers on this joyful day, that God may bless him richly in his priestly service. Anyone is welcome to attend the Ordination Mass and the reception afterwards. You may also view the Mass on our Diocesan You Tube Channel.

WE ARE ALSO PLANNING THE ORDINATION OF PETER BISSONNETTE to the Diaconate. This Ordination Mass will take place on Saturday, June 15 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Church in Cobourg, where Peter is doing a summer pastoral placement. Once again, all are very welcome to attend the Ordination Mass. Let us pray for Peter as he enters holy orders and takes this significant step on the road to priesthood.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS has an even greater significance this year, as we celebrate the 350th Anniversary of the apparitions of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. On this year's Solemnity – Friday, June 7th – Sacred Heart Parish in Peterborough will have all-day Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions beginning at 9:00 a.m. The day will conclude with a Eucharistic procession at 4:30 p.m. after which I will celebrate Mass at 5:30 p.m. Information about the Plenary and Partial Indulgence which may be obtained this holy year may be found [here](#) on our website.

I MENTIONED THE RECENT INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM on Palliative Care in last week's issue of "Vineyard." This gathering in Toronto, which was sponsored by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Pontifical Academy for Life, brought together ethicists and international experts in Palliative Care. A brief, interesting video about the recent Symposium, entitled "Unlocking Hope," may be viewed [here](#).

THE PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE WILL BE ON RETREAT this coming week, from June 3 to 7 at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre. Please keep us in your prayers as we gather for this annual time of prayer, fraternity and spiritual renewal. (Because of the retreat, I will put "From the Vineyard" on hold next Friday, but it will return in two weeks' time.)

Fraternally, † Daniel