



# FROM THE VINEYARD

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO** of Toronto, one of twenty-one new Cardinals named by Pope Francis this past weekend. He will receive the “red hat” at a Consistory to be held on December 8<sup>th</sup> this year. Cardinals serve as close advisors to the Holy Father and form the group of electors for the next pope when a papal conclave is held. This [article](#) from the Archdiocese of Toronto website provides some good background about Archbishop Leo and the College of Cardinals.

**OUR PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS AND BOOKEEPERS** enjoyed their annual outing this week, hosted at St. Mary’s Church in Campbellford. We were well looked after by Father Bill Moloney and Cathy Hauwert, who organized a full program of activities, which included a visit to Mary’s Closet, the community thrift store run by the parish. We also toured a local dairy farm and chocolate factory and were treated to a tasty lunch. A few brave souls even finished off the day with a round of skeet shooting! Sincere thanks to everyone who organized this great day, one of the ways we like to show our appreciation to our hard-working diocese staff.

**OUR ANNUAL FINANCE FORUMS WILL BE HELD SOON**, a yearly meeting for parish priests and parish finance council members. The in-person session takes place on Sunday, October 20, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., at St. Anne’s Church in Peterborough. Alternatively, people may join the online session, being held on Tuesday, October 22, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. These annual sessions are a good way to hear about the financial concerns in the parishes and lay out the broader diocesan picture for council members who give generously of their time.

**I WAS ALSO AT ST. MARY’S IN CAMPBELLFORD** this past weekend, very happy to be the celebrant and homilist for the two morning Masses. Later that day I enjoyed the fundraising concert held at Stirling Festival Theater featuring the talented “Next Generation Leahy.” The show was great and it was wonderful to see people there from Campbellford, Peterborough and beyond!

**BISHOP WILLIAM MCGRATTAN**, President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, issued a letter earlier this week about the deteriorating situation in the Middle East. Bishop McGrattan takes up Pope Francis’s call, inviting to Christians to pray and fast for peace, especially in this month dedicated to the Blessed Mother. The text of the letter may be found [here](#) and contains an important appeal, inviting us “to become instruments of peace wherever we live.”

**[THE FALL EDITION OF THE CATHOLIC HERALD](#)** was published recently. I must thank all the contributors and our excellent editor, Father Ray Rick, who has authored a fine article on our Cathedral and the significance of Cathedrals in general. Copies of our Diocesan magazine have been delivered to the parishes and it is also available online here.

**OUR NATION MARKS THANKSGIVING THIS WEEKEND, and I pray that your holiday may be a blessed one with the presence of family, friends, and a profound sense of gratitude to God.**

*Fraternally,  
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