



FROM THE VINEYARD

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OUR NEW CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER FOR CAMPUS MINISTRY will officially open this weekend. It has been a long journey preparing this house at 376 Rubidge St. to be a gathering place for students from Trent University and Fleming College. We are excited to invite people to an Open House being held this Sunday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to see this beautiful new Catholic Student Center. This dream of a place for Campus Ministry has been realized through the generosity and combined efforts of many people – and by the grace of God, of course! Please join us this Sunday afternoon, take the tour and enjoy some refreshments.

A COLLECTION FOR OUR INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND will take place in the parishes of the Diocese next weekend. We are grateful for your generosity which has enabled us already to fund about a dozen projects in First Nation communities and Metis organizations – part of the Church's ongoing commitment toward Truth and Reconciliation and “walking together” with Indigenous people. Information about projects already supported can be found on our website where you may also donate online.

OUR THREE PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATES will be formally instituted in the Ministry of Reader at the 10:30 a.m. Mass at our Cathedral this Sunday. This is one of several vocational steps that a man takes prior to Ordination, either as a priest or deacon. Since proclamation of the Word is at the heart of the ministry of a deacon, this is an important and significant step. Please keep in your prayers our three candidates and their families.

I ENJOYED MY VISIT TO ST. MICHAEL'S CEMETERY in Cobourg on Saturday, where I blessed the new Columbarium after the celebration of Mass. Despite the chilly weather, a nice crowd of people came out and there was a positive and joyful spirit. The new Columbarium has been well designed and built in a peaceful and prayerful setting. Congratulations to the members of the Cemetery Board who worked hard on the project from inception to completion!

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN PETERBOROUGH will celebrate its 75th Anniversary this Thursday, with a Mass and formal program in the morning and an Open House in the evening. I look forward to being present with members of the school community to mark this important milestone anniversary!

WE HAD A COUPLE OF FAREWELL GATHERINGS at the Diocesan Pastoral Center this week. We thanked Father Peter Seabrooke who has chaired our Diocesan Property, Planning and Building Committee for many years and was ready to step back. We also said goodbye to Chris LeBlanc, who has worked for us for several years in Stewardship and Development, first with Campus Ministry and then with the Diocese directly. We thank God for their dedicated service and wish them both well!

*Fraternally,
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