



FROM THE VINEYARD

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NEARLY 100 PEOPLE BRAVED THE FIRST WINTRY WEATHER Thursday evening to attend the **MSGR. JAMOT LECTURE AT SACED HEART COLLEGE.** Dr. Randy Boyagoda, novelist, professor and principal of St. Michael's College gave a presentation that was insightful, humorous and stimulating. His topic, Catholicism in the Canadian Public Square, was much appreciated by the audience. Congratulations to Father Tom Lynch, Dr. Robin Lathangue and the staff of Sacred Heart College on such a successful event.

FATHER PETER SELVARAJ WAS INSTALLED as the new pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Bracebridge this past weekend. He has already been well-received by the parishioners and I know that he will do very well there. Father Joe Moran, our Vicar General, was kind enough to preside at the event in my absence.

I WAS PLEASED TO BE AT TRENT UNIVERSITY LAST FRIDAY to celebrate Mass and share lunch with a fine group of Catholic students who participate in our Campus Ministry. It was an education for me to meet with students from different communities, countries and faculties. Father John Perdue is their chaplain and works hard for them and with them. I congratulated them on the cleverness of their club name, "The Catholic Council of Trent." I am not sure that they were all aware of the word play involved in that brand. If you're not, Google it!

THE PRIESTS OF OUR DIOCESE ENJOYED THE ANNUAL STUDY DAYS held at Nottawasaga Inn this week. The topic of "Healthy Priest, Healthy Parish" was well chosen and the talks all focused on various aspects of priestly wellness. I really enjoyed the great spirit of fraternity and fun that marked those days. The speakers were well-received and even the November weather cooperated. Thanks to the organizing committee who put it all together.

I VISITED CENTRAL EAST CORRECTIONAL CENTRE in Lindsay this week with Father Eric Mason and Deacon Sean Gallagher. Visiting the prisons in our diocese has been a priority for me, and it is heartening to see the good pastoral work that is being done. I am grateful to Father Eric and Deacon Sean for their service: also to Father Joe Moran who visits Beaver Creek Institution in Gravenhurst and Father Jean-Pierre Pilon who visits at Warkworth Institution.

I LEARNED A LOT ABOUT CAMP NORTHERN LIGHTS at a meeting with Board Members last week. They have a long history of providing a summer camping experience for young people in our community, with special concern for the underprivileged. A hiatus at the Camp this summer has allowed them to make some welcome improvements to their buildings: they look forward to a great camping season in Summer 2018!

LAST WEEKEND I CELEBRATED BOTH A BAPTISM AND A FUNERAL: the former, my cousins' baby girl; the latter, the father of a close friend. This Monday I will be the celebrant at the funeral of my aunt, Elizabeth Germann, who passed away this week. She led a long, blessed and faith-filled life. I appreciate your prayers for her and her family at this time.

Pax et Bonum, †Daniel