



FROM THE VINEYARD

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A SLIGHTLY SHORTER EDITION OF FROM THE VINEYARD THIS WEEK, since I have been working in vineyards beyond my own.

I HAVE SPENT MOST OF THE PAST WEEK IN MY FORMER DIOCESE OF HAMILTON, celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, was in need of some extra help (i.e., me) on that front, since he recently lost his Auxiliary Bishop (i.e., me). I spent the weekend in the Kitchener-Waterloo-Guelph area and have been attending to parishes in Hamilton and Halton since then. I will wrap up on Friday and Saturday at St. Francis Xavier in Stoney Creek, the place where I started my pastoral ministry as a newly-ordained priest. This has all been excellent practice for my return to the Peterborough Diocese – I will confirm the young people at ST. MARY'S IN LINDSAY on Sunday.

WE WERE SADDENED TO LEARN OF THE DEATH OF DEACON RICHARD BLAKE this week, who passed away after a brief illness. Deacon Richard was ordained for the Archdiocese of Toronto and served there for several years. After he and his wife, Catherine, retired here to Peterborough, he served very faithfully and effectively at St. Anne's Parish. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

WE ALSO EXTEND OUR SYMPATHIES TO PVNC CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR MICHAEL NASELLO whose father, Joseph, died last week. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

DAVID WELLS, AN INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN CATHOLIC WRITER AND SPEAKER from England was giving workshops at the Diocese of Hamilton and the Halton Catholic District School Board this week. I was able to talk my way into one of his presentations and found him to be insightful, inspiring and very funny. I even managed to come away with an autographed copy of one of his books, "The Reluctant Disciple," an unexpected bonus of my visit here this week. My new mission – read it in less than three years!

PLEASE BE GENEROUS IN THIS WEEKEND'S DIOCESAN APPEAL in response to the humanitarian crisis of Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, being organized by Development and Peace–Caritas Canada.

Pax et Bonum,

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