



FROM THE VINEYARD

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ON THE OCCASION OF THE 1ST ANNIVERSARY OF POPE LEO'S ELECTION, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops sent the Holy Father a congratulatory [letter](#). CCCB President Bishop Pierre Goudreault notes "We thank you sincerely for your generous service to the Universal Church and for the pastoral leadership with which you continue to strengthen the People of God." Let us continue to hold Pope Leo in our prayers!

THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE FIRST MASS celebrated in Peterborough is coming soon! We will mark this day on Sunday June 7, the Feast of Corpus Christi, with a Mass celebrated at our Cathedral at 10:30 a.m. by the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Ivan Jurkovic. Archbishop Michael Mulhall of Kingston – our Metropolitan and a former priest of Peterborough – will be the homilist. The liturgy will conclude with a Corpus Christi Procession and a rededication of the Christ the King statue on the Cathedral lawn, which was erected at the centennial celebration in 1926. All are welcome to this milestone celebration of the Catholic community in our city!

THE BISHOPS OF ONTARIO ARE PREPARING FOR THE "AD LIMINA" VISIT to the Holy See in January of 2027. This visit "to the thresholds" of the apostles is required of bishops every so often – the last such visit of our Ontario Assembly was in April of 2017. The diocesan staff have been working earnestly to prepare the Ad Limina Report that is due next month, a survey of life in the diocese since 2017. While it is a lot of work, it is also helping us to do a broad review of the pastoral, liturgical, and administrative issues that we face in the Diocese of Peterborough. I pray it will be a good and helpful resource for the next bishop, as the last report was for me.

THE ANNUAL PRIESTS' RETREAT will be held from June 1 to 5 at Queen of Apostles' Renewal Center in Mississauga. Father Paul Pearson, a priest of the Toronto Oratory will be our director. Priests are reminded to RSVP to the digital invitation that was sent two weeks ago. Please pray for our priests as they prepare for this time of fraternal gathering, rest and spiritual renewal.

WE ARE WELL INTO THE CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATIONS in the diocese and will be for a few more weeks. I have enjoyed making the rounds and meeting the young people who have worked so hard to prepare for this sacrament. I wish to thank all those who have been involved in the preparation of the candidates.

THE VICTORIA DAY WEEKEND marks the start of the summer season for our northern and cottage country parishes (even if the weather hasn't felt much like it.) Let us pray for a safe weekend for travellers and many blessings on those parishes that always look forward to welcoming their summer parishioners.

*Fraternally,
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