



FROM THE VINEYARD

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EVERYTHING IS SET FOR ORDINATIONS TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE tomorrow. It promises to be a sunny day, and a beautiful Mass offered at our Cathedral at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend this joyful liturgy. Please keep in your prayers our three *ordinandi*, Peter Bagnall, Sean Dunlop and Nic Dubonnet as they respond to the Lord's call to serve God's people and are set aside for the sacred ministry of deacon. Let us also hold their families in prayer at this very special time.

PLANS ARE ALSO COMING TOGETHER FOR THE BICENTENNIAL of the First Mass celebrated in Peterborough. On Sunday, June 7th, the Feast of Corpus Christi, we will welcome the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Ivan Jurkovic as the celebrant of the 10:30 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral. Archbishop Michael Mulhall of Kingston 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. And it finishes off with an outdoor reception! Please join us for this anniversary celebration, as we rejoice in our history and seek God's blessings on our Diocese in the future.

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS, Pope Leo's encyclical letter on Artificial Intelligence, was released on Monday. Given the interest in this issue and its social impacts, this encyclical has drawn more than the usual attention. The Holy See has noted "Magnifica Humanitas offers insights into the protection of the human person in the age of artificial intelligence, recognizing a profound epochal shift. It places the dignity of the human person at the centre as the criteria for guiding technical progress." You may find a link to the Encyclical letter along with some other helpful resources at the Canadian Bishops' [website](#).

THE ANNUAL PRIESTS' RETREAT runs from Monday to Friday next week. Please keep us in prayer during these days of prayer, fraternity and spiritual renewal. FYI – during the days of the retreat, daily Mass will be offered here in the city of Peterborough at 8:00 a.m.: Monday and Wednesday at St. John the Baptist Church; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at Sacred Heart Church.
(Because of the retreat, we will not be publishing From the Vineyard next week.)

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH celebrated the planting of new cherry blossom tree on their grounds this morning, in memory of Father Damian Smullen. The planting and blessing of the tree was followed by Mass in the Church. This was a lovely way to remember a beloved former pastor and a very devoted priest of our diocese, who passed away in 2024.

IT WILL BE A BUSY WEEKEND OF CONFIRMATIONS, including one celebrated at our Cathedral for Ecole Monseigneur Jamot. My annual and meagre attempt to speak French is aided greatly by Father Max Delamour, who very generously serves as chaplain to Msgr. Jamot school, in addition to ministering as associate pastor at the Cathedral.

*Fraternally,
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