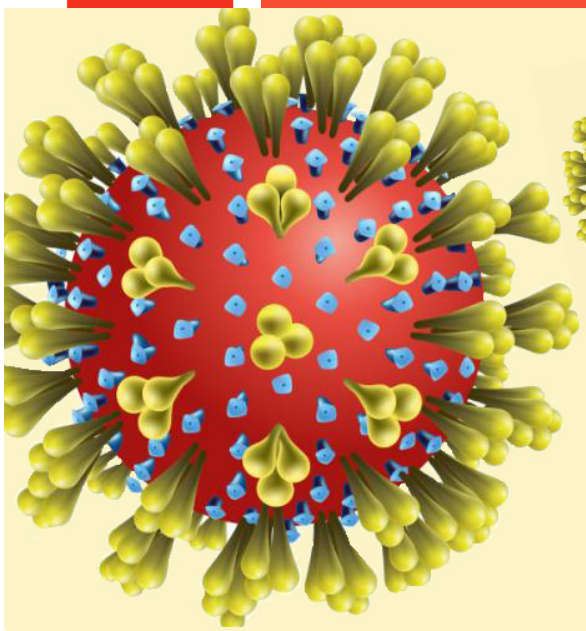


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Prayer of Pope Francis for protection from COVID-19

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.
You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.
We are certain that you will provide, so that,
as you did at Cana of Galilee,
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the Father's will
and to do what Jesus tells us:
He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.
We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.
Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



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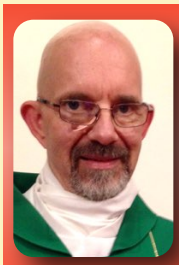
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EDITORIAL

Fr. Ray Rick

Search for Meaning

These are strange and unwelcome days! Our routines are completely shot and we find ourselves wondering what to do next and when it will all end.

I find it difficult to remember what day of the week it is. With my familiar schedule out the window, I have to (or perhaps I should say, I get to) think about what I should do next. And that's not a bad thing.

Another not-bad thing, I think, is the question that arises from time to time: what does this mean? Or, perhaps, what is God trying to tell us?

I don't have the answers, and I'm suspicious of people who claim they do.

But asking the question comes to us naturally, simply because we believe there is a higher power Who is supposed to be in charge of all things. What does this all mean? What lessons are we supposed to learn?

Let me try one more question: what lessons can we learn?

Ah, this is different! If we sidestep the implied obligation of "supposed to", we can focus on our lived experience and, perhaps, find a few nuggets worth keeping.

Suddenly we are forced to stay home almost all the time. Is there something about "home" that we may have under appreciated lately? Deprived of many business, social or recreational contacts, can we zero in on the family community in a new way? Is there something there we've let slide and need to re-evaluate?

Now I can't go to Church anymore. Is this a time, then, to reassess what the gathered community of faith, the hearing of scripture and reception of sacraments can contribute to my journey through life? Is there, perhaps, something good there that I've failed to fully appreciate?

If, perhaps, we experience a kind of yearning for the faith dimension of life, how can we nourish that at home? Can we find the resources for prayer and contemplation in books and images we already possess, or can we find new and worthwhile material from TV, radio and the internet?

We may be spending a lot more time on the internet these days. Is that a good thing? Do I have shelf-control and the genuine desire to seek out things that are helpful and come from reliable sources?

Is this, on the other hand, an opportunity to embrace the quiet time? What if we were to deliberately shut off the noise and spend some time alone with our thoughts?

Realizing that the coronavirus was brought to our shores and, indeed, to our neighbourhoods from afar, might we not imagine that we actually travel too much these days? Our ease of movement from continent to continent consumes resources, contributes to pollution and enables the spread of such diseases. Would we not be wise to find contentment at home rather than on the far side of the planet?

There may be other questions as well. Since we believe that God is still watching over us and our world, it's natural to conclude that He caused, or allowed, this plague to happen. We would love to know why, but may never have a complete answer. If, however, we reflect on our experiences and actively seek His guidance, we may be able to glean a few insights into the inadequacies of our busy lives up to this point and into ways we can live differently. Let us dare to imagine that this plague will soon end and we can live a life somehow better than the one we had before. ✠

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Calming the Storm

Bishop Daniel Miehm



The media have transmitted stark images from around the world during this COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, and some of the very bleakest have come from Italy: deserted streets, makeshift hospitals, coffins lined up in churches. Maybe I am guilty of some myopia or innate Western bias, but it was when the crisis hit Italy that I really began to take notice of it and realized that it was coming our way. Even as we have faced our own struggles in Canada, the news reports from Italy continue to be disturbing.

Yet in the midst of it all, there emerged another image from that country, stark in its own way and yet somehow consoling and uplifting. Pope Francis stood last week in an empty, rainy St. Peter's square, and imparted his *Urbi et Orbi* blessing, literally "to the city and the world." This Papal blessing is usually reserved to Christmas and Easter, yet the Pope imparted it last week in view of the global crisis brought on by COVID-19. He exposed the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration and spoke on the Gospel text of Jesus calming the storm, inviting us to renew our faith in the Lord in these difficult times. "Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?" These words of Jesus to the disciples are spoken to us in these days, at a time when the pandemic has put us all "in the same boat." Pope Francis reminds us that faith is not simply believing that God exists but coming to Him and trusting in Him. And he stated that amid this current tempest, the Lord wants us to "put into practice that solidarity and hope capable of giving strength, support and meaning to these hours when everything seems to be floundering."

I found it most moving when the Holy Father pointed to the beautiful colonnade of St. Peter's square as a kind of spiritual show and tell: "From this colonnade that embraces Rome and whole world, may God's blessing come down on you as a consoling embrace. Lord, may you bless the world, give health to our bodies and comfort our hearts."

Even at a time when the church doors are closed in social solidarity, the Church does not cease to embrace the world in faith and raise our prayers to almighty God. We have experienced a very different kind of Lent and the coming Holy Week and Easter will be unlike any we have seen in the Diocese of Peterborough. But know that priests continue to offer the sacrifice of the Mass and to offer their prayers daily for the intentions of the faithful. Be assured that people everywhere continue to beseech the Lord in a prayerful spirit through devotions, Sacred Scripture and spiritual reading. We are not deprived of these spiritual resources, even at a time when we cannot assemble as a faith community: and they will anchor us and confirm us until such time as we can gather as the Body of Christ again.



This present tribulation will pass, albeit not without grief, much anxiety and loss of life: yet it need not bring with it a loss of faith. The disciples were shaken in their faith but ultimately renewed and strengthened. More than ever we turn to the Lord who has the power to still the storms in the world and in our hearts, the power to bring blessing, health and peace. May the Lord bless you abundantly with these gifts this coming Holy Week and Easter.



Fr. John Perdue

p+bo CAMPUS MINISTRY

Before the semester was cut short at Trent University and Sir Sandford Fleming College, Peterborough Campus Ministry continued to see growth in our student groups and to witness lives being changed by Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit continues to work powerfully in the hearts of students. It is a blessing to be Chaplain to Peterborough Campus Ministry and to be encouraged by the earnest efforts of young men and women seeking to know, love and serve the Lord. Our student groups continue to attract new members at every 'Club Craze' event; I continue to offer Mass on Campus weekly and the students coordinate coffee and donut socials after Mass; I also offer students weekly Office Hours at both institutions; our four CCO missionaries continue their excellent and inspiring work of building leaders for the renewal of the world. It's great to share the good news with you all!

February's St. Joseph Dinner in support of Campus Ministry was a huge success. We had our largest crowd ever and a good time was had by all. We heard testimonies from students involved with





Campus Ministry at Trent and Fleming; we enjoyed live music by Rhythm and Grace; we were inspired by the keynote address of Angele Regnier, co-founder of Catholic Christian Outreach; and we enjoyed a delicious meal. Many thanks to everyone who came, to those who sponsored a student, to our donors and corporate sponsors and especially to our Gold Sponsor, the McCloskey Family.

This semester saw us bring Trent and Fleming students together for yet another special event. We attended 'Faith Night with the Petes' and were inspired to hear former Nashville Predators NHL star Mike Fisher share how he was able to cultivate his relationship with Jesus Christ as a professional athlete. It is so important for our future leaders to hear the testimony of current leaders who combine faith with their professional pursuits in order to lead balanced and meaningful lives; lives with the right priorities.

Friends, the good work we are accomplishing needs much more support to be what it should be. College and University students are the future leaders of our society and we are encountering them at a time when they are shaping their identity and charting the course for their future. We wish to expand our capacity to reach students and to gather students by hiring a Campus Minister to assist at Fleming College and by purchasing and operating a Catholic Student Centre downtown. These hopes and dreams will only be possible as you, the Catholic community, surround the students with your support. Please consider joining our monthly support team and becoming a game-changer for the future of our Church. Contact lisaschultz@ptbovocations.ca or call 705-874-1871 to learn more.

Thank you so much for your prayerful and practical support. Together, we can make a tremendous difference! ✠

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IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME

Kevin Costner's "Field of Dreams" coined the iconic line: *"If you build it, they will come."* Immaculate Conception Parish's Rebuilt Committee/Parish Council may not have had this quote in mind, but they have conceived a parallel initiative.

On March 1st, Immaculate Conception instituted a 3:30 p.m. Sunday Eucharist. This outreach is aimed at those finding Sunday mornings challenging…especially young families. This "thinking outside the box" will be reviewed at the end of September to see if numbers warrant the continuation of a Mass at this time.

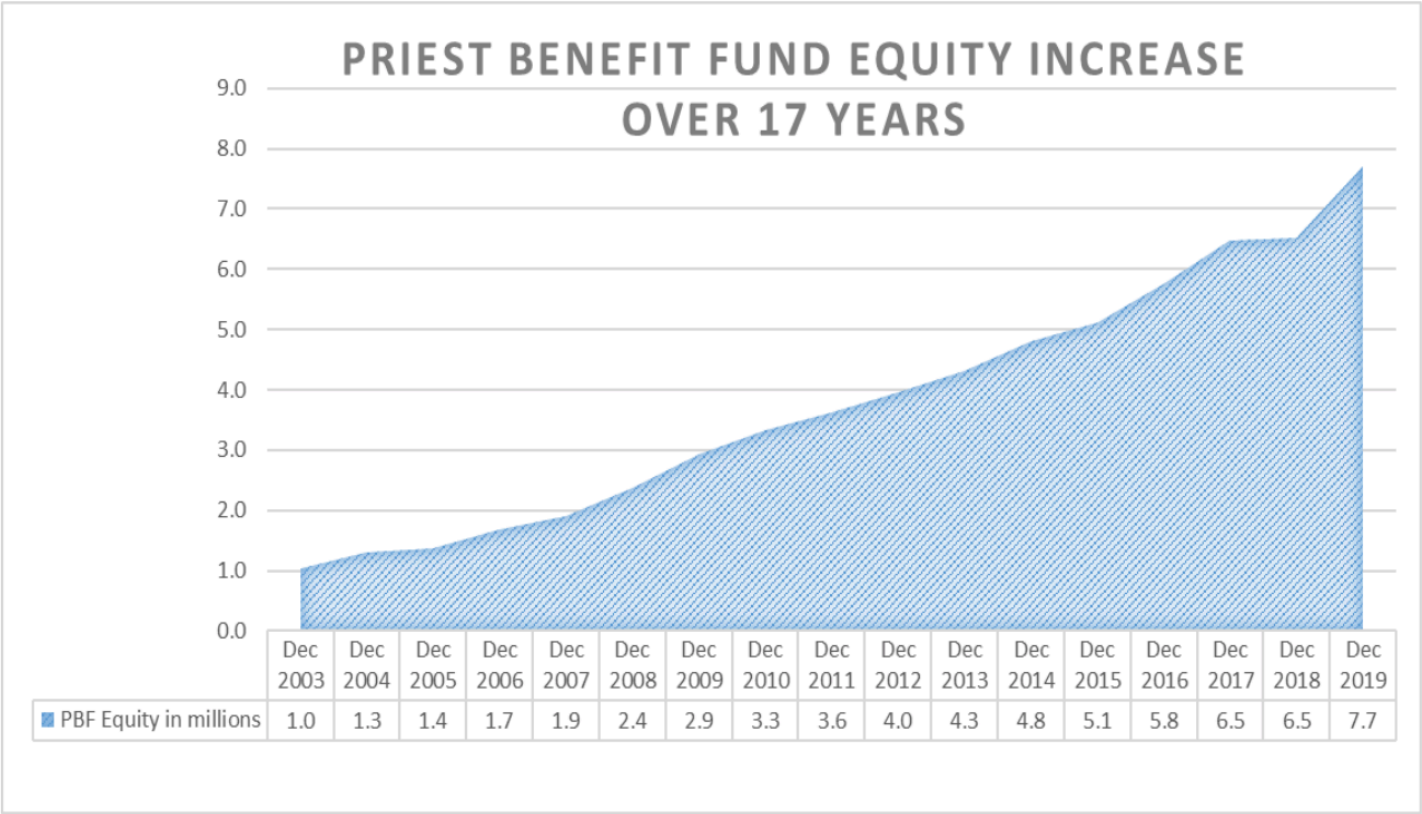
Word of mouth and prayers will help determine the future of this "rebuilding". Please let everyone know and encourage them to spread the word. All are welcome.

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Priest Benefit Fund Financial Stewardship

From the Diocesan Pastoral Centre Temporal Affairs Office

The Diocese of Peterborough Priests' Benefit Fund (PBF) is a pooled, non-registered, defined benefit that collectively invests and administrates the funds per Diocesan Policy. The assets of the Fund are segregated and held in a separate fund under the supervision of His Excellency Bishop D. Miehm, the PBF Advisory Committee, and the Diocesan Finance Council. The Diocese has been able to continue positive sustained growth of the PBF for the needs of our retired priests and those suffering from longer term illnesses. The chart below shows an encouraging trend of growth over the last seventeen (17) years, from 2003 having approximately $1,024,000 in equity to the *December 2019 equity balance in excess of *$7,674,140. **Note the fund is in an Actuarial Deficit position – details further into the article.*

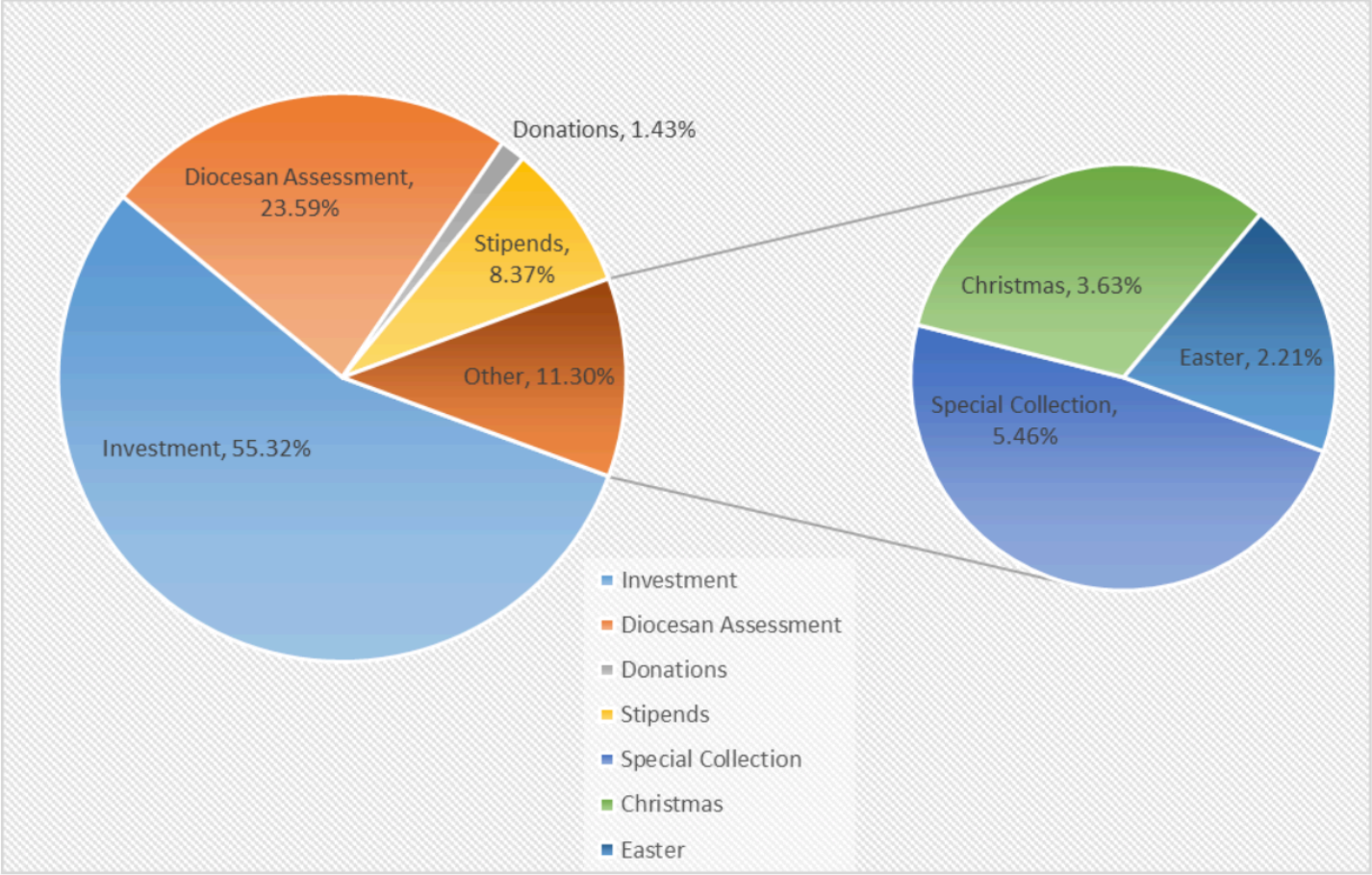


	Dec 2003	Dec 2004	Dec 2005	Dec 2006	Dec 2007	Dec 2008	Dec 2009	Dec 2010	Dec 2011	Dec 2012	Dec 2013	Dec 2014	Dec 2015	Dec 2016	Dec 2017	Dec 2018	Dec 2019
PBF Equity in millions	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.7	1.9	2.4	2.9	3.3	3.6	4.0	4.3	4.8	5.1	5.8	6.5	6.5	7.7

*December 2019 Financial Statements have not yet been finalized and may be subject to change.

Where PBF revenues are derived from.

The chart below has been averaged based on calendar years 2012 through 2019 and demonstrates that special collections compromise only 11.3% of overall PBF annual income.

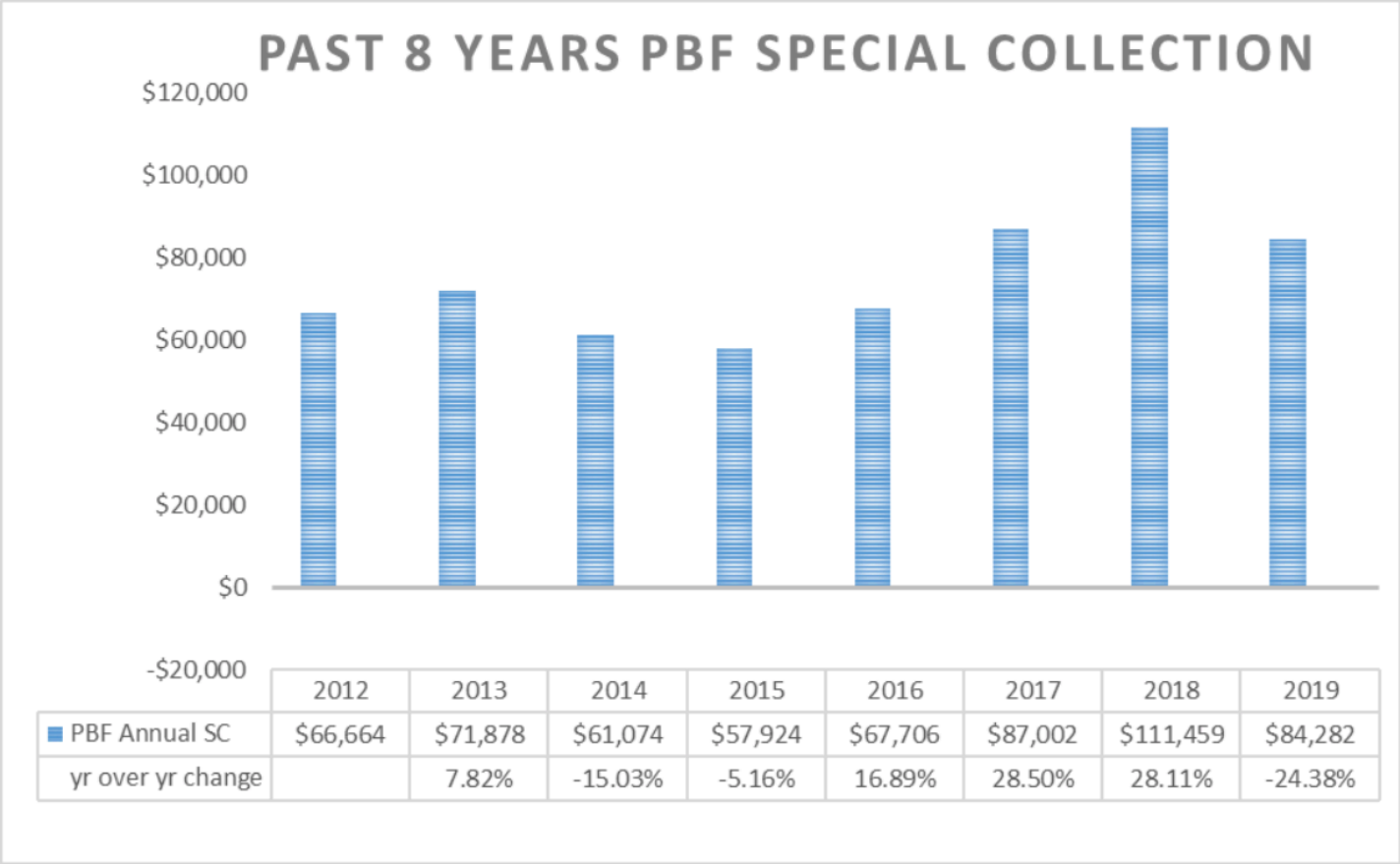


The Diocese of Peterborough is in a similar position to many other Dioceses which have not had the ability to set aside enough funds to meet retirement benefit payments and budget, instead apply a pay-as-go basis in the year the benefit costs become due and payable.

The Diocese commissioned an actuarial study through Morneau Shepell in early 2015 and again in 2018 which took into consideration the market value of the fund, investment interest rate assumptions less the basic retirement benefits and health care for retired and long-term ill beneficiaries. Based on the 2018 Actuarial Report, the total unfunded liability for post retirement priests' benefits was $1,745,700 with **78.6% being funded** based on clergy retirement age of 75. The 2018 Actuarial Study showed dramatic improvement from the 2015 unfunded actuarial liability of $5,063,000 or **48.7% being funded**. Between the years of 2012 through 2019 the average annual costs for retirement benefits and health care was $488,547. The current period of volatility in markets (coronavirus) will undoubtedly affect the largest percentage of income for the PBF.

His Excellency Bishop D. Miehm, the PBF Advisory Committee, Diocesan Finance Council and staff closely monitor the PBF investment. The calendar year 2019 was very generous to investors/investments and the PBF ended the 2019 calendar year with an approximate 13% earnings from investments after fees.

It is evident, that we must continue to fund the deficit by increasing the three-annual special collections. Again, this year the Diocese has the ambitious goal to reduce the gap between actual annual retirement collections and expenditures, particularly related to the PBF collection.



	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
PBF Annual SC	$66,664	$71,878	$61,074	$57,924	$67,706	$87,002	$111,459	$84,282
yr over yr change		7.82%	-15.03%	-5.16%	16.89%	28.50%	28.11%	-24.38%

It is our hope that in sharing this story of sound financial stewardship, generosity and sacrifice, we can all have confidence that the path we have walked is bringing us closer to our goal of meeting the ongoing and future needs of the retired and long-term ill Diocesan priests.

It is with great thanks to all of you for your ongoing trust in the financial stewardship of the Diocese. It is the Diocese's optimism that this year's **June 14th PBF special collection** will allow us to continue to reduce the unfunded liability while making the annual collection(s) represent a greater percentage of funding the Priest Benefit Fund's annual expenditures.

Donations can be made to the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, care of PBF, any Diocese of Peterborough parish and electronically by credit card or PayPal on the Diocesan website at: https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/get-involved/donate.aspx under the Fund drop down choice "2. Care of Retired Priests".

The care of all current and future retired Diocesan priests is vital. We kindly thank you for your past generosity in assisting in the care of our retired priests and ask you to consider to continue to make a difference.

Thank you, Deb McRae
Diocesan Director of Finance, Property and Administration



Grand Opening Event

Parish Hall Renovation

by Karen Cook



What a wonderful, fantastic event last Friday night (February 28th), celebrating a community dream coming true – a fully accessible, inviting and beautiful new entrance on the Downeyville Hall, along with an upgraded handicapped washroom and a spacious new gathering area on the lower level.

There were glowing compliments from the attendees about the stunning appearance of the renovations and superb workmanship of the contractor and sub-contractors.

So many people to be thanked for helping to make the grand opening such a success:

- Mary Jane Connell, Don & Sharon O'Leary & Lorraine Perdue for help setting up the hall and then cleaning up afterwards
- Mary Jane Connell for organizing the luncheon;
- Mary C, Lorraine P, Sharon O, Mary Herlihey and Marilynne James for making up the trays of food; everyone who donated sandwiches
- Don & Sharon O for running the bar
- Bishop Daniel Miehm & Father Andrew Broda for blessing the renovation



- Bishop Miehm (Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough), Dylan Robichaud (representing MP Jamie Schmale) Andy Letham (CKL Mayor) and Ron Ashmore (CKL Councillor) for attending and congratulatory messages
- Anita Jilesen, Eileen Hennessey, the Downeyville Fiddlers, A Pint of Blarney, and the Seven ManTrio for the marvellous music
- Dorothy Carroll for the poignant recitations of two of her father's poems
- Dan Carroll for looking after the sound system
- Bob Carroll for MC-ing the entertainment portion of the program
- Grand Knight Ken O'Neill and his grandson for setting up the slide show
- Project Contractor – Ken Scully & assistant, Bruce Durward; Sub-contractors – Bob Carroll, Dan Carroll, Tom Lucas, George Winn and Jim Goudie for joining us. The quality of the renovation is a tribute to your first-class workmanship
- Everyone who attended to share this celebration with the Downeyville Hall Renovation Committee





With St. Peter as My Personal Guide

Father William Moloney, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Peterborough, was born in Douro on June 29th, the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. Fr. Bill has always felt St. Peter's special presence in his life; in recognition of this fact took the Confirmation name of 'Peter'.

"When I graduated from St. Peter's High School in Peterborough, I enrolled in St. Peter's Seminary in London. The first parish I served, while still a seminarian, was St. Peter in Parry Sound. I was ordained 37 years ago at the Cathedral of St. Peter-In-Chains in Peterborough. It's where my priestly life began."

"While some people might call this a **co-incidence**, I call it a **God-incidence**!" Fr. Bill says with a hearty laugh. "And while the patron for the priesthood will always be Jesus Christ, I've always felt St. Peter was my personal guide throughout life."

The Cathedral of St. Peter-In-Chains is "the spiritual heart of this diocese, from which flow the holy oils for the sacraments of life" states Fr. Bill solemnly. "It is also the centre of my life."

Built in 1836, the Cathedral's current roof is leaking, causing the original wooden beams to rot and the original stone walls to crumble.

In response to this crisis, Fr. Bill has given the largest donation he was able to make to support the Cathedral Restoration Campaign. Then, he took it another step, by challenging his brother priests to do the same—together to make a significant gift from the **Priests of the Diocese of Peterborough** as a whole, to assist the Mother Church.



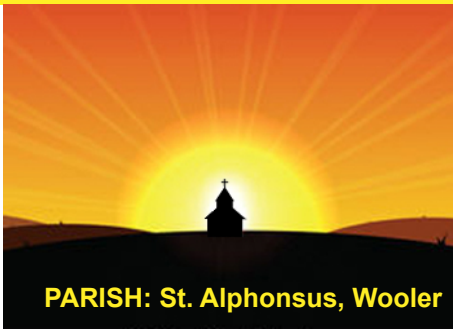
Fr. Bill's reasoning? "As priests, we need to lead by our example. I believe that we can't ask parishioners to donate to the Restoration Fund for the Cathedral of St. Peter-In-Chains unless we have given our gift first."



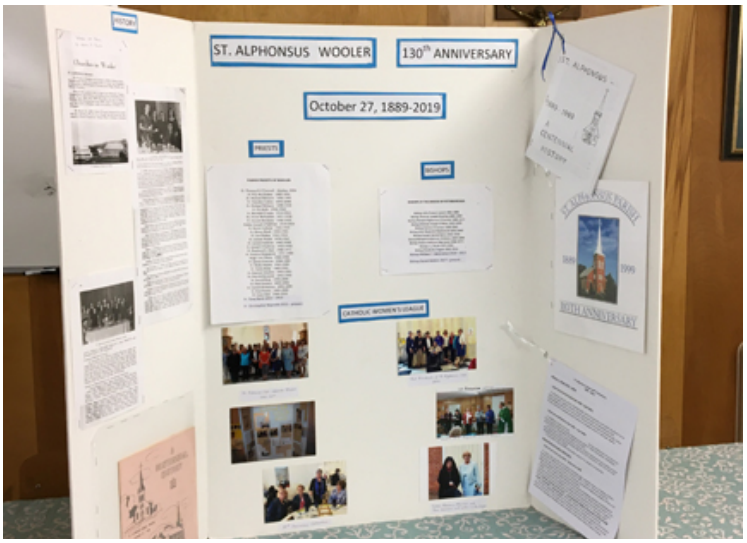


130th Anniversary

by Denise Brennan







The parish of St. Alphonsus Liguori, Wooler began its existence as a mission of Brighton in October 1844 when Fr. Tom O'Connell was appointed pastor of the newly formed parish of Brighton. This included the Townships of Murray and Brighton and the towns of Wooler and Brighton. Mass was said for a time in various homes and the Murray Township Hall. Fr. O'Connell purchased a site, plans were made for a brick church to be constructed in Wooler, and the excavation began. He was transferred and succeeded by Fr. McCloskey, who lived in a rented room over Anderson's store while the church was being built. In June 1889 the cornerstone of our church was blessed and in October the building was completed for a cost of $5000. The rectory was built in 1907. Our parish hall was built in 1964.



On October 27th, 2019, St. Alphonsus Liguori, Wooler celebrated 130 years as a parish community. We welcomed his Excellency, Most Reverend Bishop Miehm, who celebrated our Mass at 9 am together with our pastor Fr. Christopher Reynolds. This was followed by a reception in the church hall, where we gathered to share some fellowship. The parishioners enjoyed a display of history boards and pictures that chronicled a history rich in service and faith to both their parishioners and their community. It was a celebration enjoyed by all.

A New Direction for Sacred Heart College

Fr. Tom Lynch



Sacred Heart College is proud to announce that it is expanding our role of formation and education in new and exciting ways. Since its formation, the College has been dedicated to being a teaching, research and learning community, and now it has expanded that role to be the new Evangelization and Catechetics Centre for the Diocese of Peterborough. We have looked critically at how best to serve both the youth and students of our diocese as was laid out in the original goals. To reach this core group, is also to reach their families and their parishes.

It is no surprise that the entire Church is engaged in new ways to transmit and teach the Eternal Truths. For over 30 years, we have been grappling with the problems and opportunities of preaching the Gospel to our society. Here at the College, we have come to realize that we Catholics need to have not only information but also formation. Its effects are lasting. Having looked critically at the demographics of the Diocese, this shift in direction means new forms of cooperation with our existing lay organizations and parishes. We are fully engaged in the Diocesan Pastoral Planning process and assisted by the Diocese in new programs, initiatives, and ideas.

We are seeking out strategic alliances with other degree granting institutions and other non-degree granting groups to offer both training and opportunities. This will mean continuing to work with Campus Ministries and Catholic Campus Outreach, as well as new sharing with other campuses which are close to our Diocesan borders such as Ontario University Institute of Technology in Oshawa. It means a zeroing in on the great gift to our Diocese of thousands of young people who come to our campuses each year and who are ripe to receive the Word of God and be open to the action of the Holy Spirit.

It also means an outreach. We will be expanding to assist catechists in our parishes in training and forming them to be effective teachers and strong witnesses to the Faith in Sacramental Preparation Programs and adult catechesis and formation. Such programs won't be tasked with academic requirements, but instead reach people in the midst of busy and complicated lives. For this reason, we are partnering with the University of Steubenville to offer on-line and hybrid training courses in an exciting array of areas.

Of course, evangelization isn't just for those inside the Church, but also outside the Church. There are many forms of believers and non-believers and the College will assist with both research and practical means to continue the dialogue between faith and reason, and to lead with wisdom, justice and compassion in a changing world, as we say in our Mission Statement. As with many initiatives, this response to the changing needs of our Diocese because of demographics and the reception of the faith and rise of non-institutional spiritualities means an adaptation on our part. We have decided to de-emphasize academic and credit courses and programs so as to concentrate on the reaching out to hearts and minds in our world and to help to form young and old (and in-between) hearts after the heart of Jesus Christ. This new direction has much in common with the original vision for the College as both seek to form intentional disciples to truly be ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20) . It is our intention to not merely offer programs in the City of Peterborough, but to actively go out to other parishes and sites as is needed. This de-emphasis on academic credits and programs means a new concentration on evangelization and catechesis using all the methods that are available to us with technology and new staff. Being the Evangelization and Catechetics Centre will honour the direct and continuing generosity of donors and support to continue that which was the goal since the beginning of the College - *Caritas et Veritas* as our motto says, "Seeking Love and Truth". The Evangelization Centre is well on its way to making that vision credible, effective and on-going. I look forward to sharing more exciting news with you and encouraging you in continuing to support the Sacred Heart Evangelization & Catechetics Centre. ✠

Sacred Heart of Peterborough

Baggage Allowances

THE CHOIR LOFT

Kathleen Moquin



I am not a fashion plate but my time in the rat race has allowed me to cultivate, with every power suit and career dress, a distinct professional image. I humbly concede any claim to final fashion victory though, having almost completely disregarded the category of fashion accessories. I hate shopping for shoes, content to keep purchasing versions of my favourite black leather pumps. I rarely change my earrings and haven't worn a watch in more than a decade. I reserve chains and pendants, bangles and bracelets for special occasions. I look awful in hats, and I can't tie a scarf. Only in the realm of handbags, totes, and purses have I approached contender status.

Aside from its influences on my fashion statement, the purse has been an ever-present, practical wardrobe item. My first purses were colourful sewn fabric handbags that could accommodate plush animal friends, a tube of flavoured lip-gloss, and a coin purse. My sister and I had matching macramé purses. We owned fringeless tooled-leather crossbody purses, hobo bags, and fanny packs. During my tenure in the high school orchestra, I maneuvered a violin case, a ream of sheet music, and a music stand to various rehearsal venues with a denim bucket bag swaying on my shoulder. My university backpack transported heavy textbooks and binders, but only my purse could safeguard my scientific calculator. If it isn't around my neck, my stethoscope can usually be found in my purse. These days, I am singularly loyal to my Coach fine leather shoulder bag.



Consider the instructions that Jesus gives to the twelve disciples whom He summons, then sends, on mission: "Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave" (*New Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition*, Matt. 10.9-11). Who goes on a trip without packing a bag, dressing for the weather, or checking the credit card balance? In this chapter, Jesus outlines the itinerary for the disciples' mission, and the details are frankly grim. Even as they are sent to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matt. 10.8) are the disciples reminded that they are being sent out "like sheep into the midst of wolves" (Matt. 10.16). Jesus tells the disciples that they will not be welcomed at every destination along their journey nor will their message about the good news of the kingdom be wholly received by their hosts. Talk about a glitch in travel plans: "If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town" (Matt. 10.14). And their journey is going to be a long one, "for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes" (Matt. 10.23). As a means of travel insurance, Jesus offers God's protection, since "even the hairs on your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows" (Matt. 10.29-30). Jesus does not apprise the disciples of their destination, only that they will be rewarded for their efforts: "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me . . . truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward" (Matt. 10.40-42).

Later, in the Gospel of John, Jesus discloses to the disciples His particular mission journey, that "I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14.3). When the disciples confusedly reply that they don't know the way because they don't know where He is going, Jesus tells them "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14.6). Lacking shoes, money, and bags, the faithful disciples follow Jesus's command to proclaim the Gospel message throughout the world. This is the origin of the Church.

Let us have the confidence to leave behind the baggage of sin and follow Jesus, in His Church and through her sacraments, on our journey to the Father. ✠

Dr. Kathleen Moquin lives with her family in Parry Sound.



Valentine's Day Renewal of Marriage Vows

Father Salvador Curutchet, the new Pastor of Sacred Heart Church, invited couples to renew their marriage vows at a special mass in Sacred Heart Church February 14th.



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SAINT PROFILE

Fr. Joseph Devereaux

St.s Corona & Victor

2nd century
Feast day: May 14th

These are indeed interesting times, with the COVID-19 virus and corresponding worldwide social and economic disruptions and anxiety. Many people will say this is just nature taking its course. However, Pope Francis even alludes to the fact that the present epidemic may be on account of man's misuse of nature. Others would say that perhaps God is chastising humanity because of our other more grievous sins. Nonetheless, one only need read the Old Testament to see that God does indeed use material events to send His children signs that they need to turn back to Him.

As Catholic Christians, we are familiar with the intercession of saints and know that each saint is assigned a particular intercessory task or patronage. There are a number of saints that are prayed to during epidemics. Is it a coincidence that one is named St. Corona? Even the secular media has made a connection. A quite good article from Reuters Press has appeared in the syndicated news streams, including our Canadian daily, *The National Post*, entitled "German cathedral dusts off relics of St. Corona, patron of epidemics." Experts have been painstakingly cleaning the gold, bronze and ivory shrine containing the remains of St. Corona, which has been hidden from public view for the last 25 years, in preparation for public display. However, the shrine or reliquary has been brought out earlier than planned and is expected to draw more interest due to the current pandemic.



St. Corona shares her feast day with a Roman soldier, St. Victor, who is believed to have been martyred at the same time in Roman Syria during the reign of Marcus Aurelius around 170 A.D. Victor a converted Roman soldier was made an example of by a very anti-Christian judge, who had him brutally beaten, his eyes gouged out, and finally beheaded.

Corona, purported to be the young wife of another soldier, hearing of the cruelty being inflicted upon Victor, fled to his assistance, wherein she publicly announced the secret of her own Christianity and knelt in prayer beside Victor. Corona was in turn imprisoned and tortured by being tied to the tops of two palm trees bent down to the ground. When the ropes were cut the trees sprang back to their natural upright position and Corona's body was dismembered.

The remains of the two saints were placed in a basilica in the city of Anzů, Italy since the 9th century. In 997, King Otto III brought Corona's relics to the Cathedral in Aachen, one of Europe's oldest, where they were placed in a tomb underneath a slab in the cathedral. In 1911, the relics were placed in a small elaborate one-meter high shrine.

It is interesting that while Corona is patron saint against epidemics, the present Covid-19 virus (or Corona) virus is so called because under a microscope, it looks like a globe with little globules, resembling a crown. The name Corona (Latin) or Stephanie (Greek) both mean "crown."

The shared feast day of Victor and Corona (also called Stephanie in the Orthodox Church) is May 14th in the Roman Catholic Church and November 11th in the Orthodox church calendar. Corona is especially venerated in Austria and eastern Bavaria. ✠

Fr. Joseph Devereaux is Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Hastings, and Chancellor of the Diocese.

St Corona Novena
to end the Coronavirus Pandemic

Faithful St. Corona, who willingly received the crown of martyrdom for the Catholic Faith, I ask for thy intercession against the coronavirus pandemic.

Pray for me and my family, for my loved ones, and for every person who has the virus or is in danger of getting it and being harmed by it.

Through thy intercession, obtain the protection of our physical health from our Lord's goodness, if it be God's will, and if not, obtain for us the help to remain in sanctifying grace and so to be ready always to meet our Lord face-to-face. Amen.

Theology on Tap



On January 24th, the newly formed St. Mary's Young Adults Group in Lindsay held their first Theology on Tap-like event. Fr. Stephen DeCarlo (himself a young adult) gave the talk focused on prayer and what it means to have a Christian spirituality. He drew mainly from the Catechism and St. Francis deSales' *Introduction to the Devout Life*.



Coffee Sunday

Once a month St. Mary's Parish in Lindsay hosts Coffee Sunday, where the parishioners can relax and hang out with each other while enjoying a cup of coffee, tea, and many treats.

On January 5th, 2020, we showed the mini-film "Resettled" during Coffee Sunday to highlight how the Diocese helped Syrian refugees.





St. Therese Parish, Courtice

World Day of Consecrated Life

This year, at St. Therese Parish, we had a Celebration of the World Day of Consecrated Life 2020 with His Excellency Most Rev. Bishop Daniel Miehm at 3 PM on Sunday, February 2nd. Our Priests Fr. Tomasz Koscinski OMI and Fr. Daniel Janulewicz OMI and all the Sisters of St. Mary of Leuca Convent. Mother Aurelia joined the Celebration with Bishop and all the Consecrated men and women from the Diocese.

There was a grant reception afterwards in our parish hall.

His Excellency's notice introducing the event a week in advance is reprinted at right.

Please follow the link below for additional photos.

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THE WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE takes place on Sunday, February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This year, we are celebrating Mass at St. Therese Parish in Courtice, Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m.

We will be hosted there by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate and the Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca and look forward to welcoming parishioners and Consecrated men and women from around our Diocese.

Father Gerardus Hauwert, IVE, from St. Michael Parish in Cobourg, has graciously agreed to be the homilist.

Fraternally, † Daniel Miehm



Feeding the Hungry



Our Lady of the Assumption Otonabee/St John the Evangelist Keene CWL on Feb 22nd served approximately 180 dinners to the homeless or food-insecure of our community. Being our 12th year of doing this, it makes our League members have a warm feeling and the clients are very appreciative.









80 years



Pictured are President Linda Pugh and Secretary Barb Grasser of the Trout Creek Sacred Heat CWL pinning an 80 year service pin on Catherine Quick.

Mrs. Quick is one of our longest standing members in the CWL.

She celebrated her 99th birthday in January. Congratulations!



FROM THE PEW

David Beresford

The Bone Collector

"Get an old bone that is lying around the yard," said the book. "Then grind down an old file or hacksaw blade according to the pattern provided. You can get dull hacksaw blades from a local machine shop. Grind this down slowly so you do not burn the metal and lose the temper." I was 12 years old, and a camp knife was something I needed quite badly. I was too young to camp on my own but our motto was Be Prepared, and a camp knife was the very definition of preparedness.

This book was in our Boy Scout library, the 6th St Peter's. It was filled with advice on fun things for scouts to do. It had instructions on how to make a pin tray out of a clam shell for mothers, and how to make a nail thing-a-ma-jig as a gift for fathers. This nail thingy consisted of piece of wood a foot long, with jar lids screwed all around it. The idea was that one would fill some jars with nails, and then screw these jars into their waiting lids. A hook on the top of the wood allowed the whole arrangement to be hung up in a workshop. All our dad's had these things, and either hanging in their basement or garages. They were utterly useless of course, nobody needs a small number of nails, especially in fragile glass jars. Yet, dads as a class are sentimental and save the ridiculous things their kids give them. Moms are sentimental too, but I never did see any clam shell pin trays in my friends' houses.

There were also instructions in that book on how to make a pipe out of an acorn and a reed (or maybe it was our Scout Leader's idea?). The method was to use the small blade of our scout knife to hollow out an acorn and to bore a hole in the side to insert a short piece of reed. We made these during our year-end Scout Camp on Wolf Island when I was a kid. We used some hollow sumac as the stems. Then, after a supper of tinned Irish Stew, over twenty of us sat on logs around the campfire smoking dried oak leaves in the acorn pipes we had made ourselves, singing rounds and cooking hot dog wieners on pointed sticks while our scout leader smoked a real pipe with real tobacco. The next morning Father Scott came over in a motorboat to say Mass for us, and afterwards bacon and scrambled eggs cooked by the leaders in a massive frying pan over an open fire. It was a different era.

My dad had a lot of tools and they looked old to me, and one of these was a file I found in his tool box that was soon going to be my camp knife. My dad did not have a grinding wheel, so I used his sander. I spent days, weeks, grinding down that file. The tricky bit was finding an old bone. If it is true that absence makes the heart grow fonder, this must have been the start of my passion for collecting bones and skulls. I think it was my continued disappointment in finding a suitable bone for the handle that caused me to postpone my project. Eventually the knife blade found its way to the bottom of my tool box where stayed, slowly rusting over.



I planned on finishing that knife so I began saving whatever bones I could find. I got some really good deer shinbones from the occasional deer I shot over the years, and other kinds of legs from road kill or lucky finds. Bones began to litter our yard (as instructed by the book).

I found the blade this year when I was searching for other tools I had lost, so I took up the task again. I now had a grinding wheel, and spent several pleasant Saturdays drinking coffee punctuated by grinding. Grind, dip in water to cool, and grind some more. I also had a good collection of bones to choose from.

I cut the bone to size for a handle, and polished it using car wax. I filled the hollow handle with epoxy to hold the blade secure, and capped the end with some copper where the blade is attached. The cost of this knife in labour is over 100 hours including my earlier work.

I used it to slice turkey this year for supper and it works. And, bonus, I have about twenty bushel baskets of bones left over. ✠

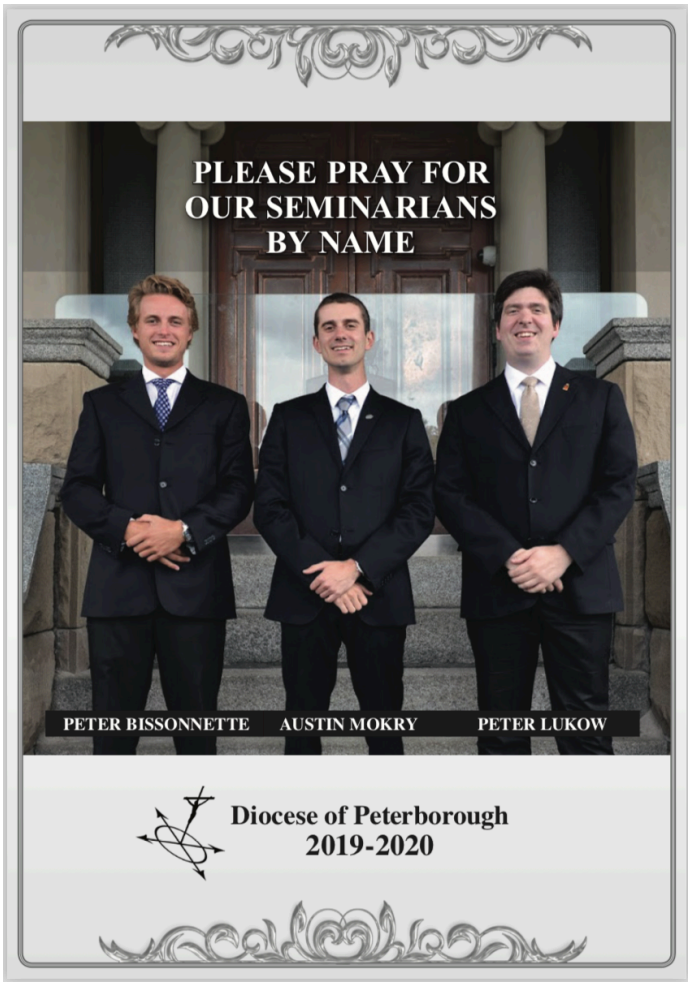
David Beresford teaches biology at Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Academy in Barry's Bay, and lives with his wife Theresa and their seven children on a farm near Lakefield Ontario.



Building a Culture of Vocations

by Fr. John Perdue

Greetings and Happy Easter from the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Peterborough! As I write this article, our province is in the midst of tackling the COVID-19 pandemic and measures are being taken to stop the spread of the disease. It is my sincere hope and prayer that, as you are reading this, we are seeing the fruits of our efforts and the disease has been eradicated. That will leave us more time and energy to focus on the resurrection of Jesus from the dead! We will be free to give due attention to God's transformative power at work, as the short and cold days of winter change into the brightness of spring and as we joyfully celebrate the empty tomb and our own share in Jesus' victory over death!



As the Coronavirus scare unfolded, many of us felt, very acutely, the pain of separation from the Sacramental life of the Church. First Sunday Masses had to be cancelled, then weekday Masses. Thanks be to God, advancements in technology allowed us to watch Mass online and we were able to hear homilies and to make Spiritual Communions. Friends, I hope that this experience, trying as it was, has kindled in our hearts a new love for the Priesthood and the mediation of God's grace through His ordained ministers. How blessed are we, to have the opportunity to receive the precious body and blood of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion and to receive His limitless mercy in the Sacrament of Confession. These graces come to us through the words and the hands of the priest. Let us, in the wake of this experience, redouble our efforts to pray for Vocations and to spread vocational awareness among our young people. Let us, together, make it commonplace for every Catholic young man and woman to consider the possibility that he is called to the priesthood or that she is called to religious life. Yes, at present, it is true that this question rarely crosses the mind of a young Catholic, but Easter compels us to acknowledge that with God, all things are possible; life can arise from death! It continues to be my heartfelt hope that our prayers and combined efforts to raise awareness about vocations will translate into home environments, church environments and school environments that encourage young people to consider a life given totally to Jesus Christ. Our primary weapon, in this endeavour, is prayer! Thank you so much to everyone out there who continues to pray for Vocations through the St. Joseph Vocation Society. If you have not yet signed up to join our prayer campaign, please visit www.ptbovocations.ca or call 705-874-1871 to do so. And please make an effort to pray for Vocations individually and as parish communities on World Day of Prayer for Vocations (Good Shepherd Sunday), May 3, 2020.

In addition to our prayer, we must work too! Who is helping to ensure that the families in our parishes know what the four Vocations are (Priesthood, Religious life, Marriage and the Committed Single Life)? Who is ensuring that our Confirmation classes are being given prayer cards to 'Know my Vocation'? Who is ensuring that the Prayers of the Faithful include an intention for Vocations? This work will not do itself, and until more of us awaken to the pressing need for Vocations, we will not see the fruit we desire. In the next 15 years, 22 of our priests are slated to retire. We have 3 men in the seminary.

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A Serra Club for Peterborough Diocese

A vocation is a calling from God.

Each one of us has a mission which is part of God's eternal plan, calling us to the priesthood, to the consecrated religious life, to marriage, or to a committed single life.

Members of **Serra International** are lay Catholic men and women of all ages and backgrounds, found in 43 countries, who through prayer and action celebrate and nurture vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The five essential elements of Serra include:

- **S**piritual growth in Christ
- **E**ncouragement of Church vocations
- **R**eligious education of the laity
- **R**esponsive (and active) lay leaders
- **A**ssociation in Christian fellowship

Serra International Objectives:

1) To foster and promote vocations to the priesthood and to support ordained priests in their sacred ministry

2) To encourage and affirm vocations to the consecrated religious life

3) To assist its members to recognize & respond to God's call to holiness

Why do we need Serra?

In the next 15 years, 21 of the priests working in the Diocese of Peterborough will retire. Unless replaced, 17 of 40 parishes could be without a priest. Currently we have 3 seminarians.

We need more priests!

What can we do to help?

Organize a Serra Club in Peterborough to encourage vocations through prayer and action in our parishes and diocese. Be trained to assume an active lay leadership role in the Club. (Annual dues: $80 for single membership; $40 for spousal.)

Serra Club Meetings:

in addition to a schedule of vocational events at the parish and/or diocesan level, Serrans meet every month to celebrate Mass, share a meal and fellowship and listen to engaging speakers and presentations that educate and inspire our members to greater holiness.

Serra Canada

is part of Serra International, with 17 established Clubs; 10 Clubs are located in Ontario. Annual conferences (International and Local) offer excellent speakers and workshops on vocations for Serrans to attend.

Pope Saint John Paul II

said that Serra's commitment to vocations: "demonstrates that the problem of vocations does not remain the concern of pastors alone, but relies on the sensibility of all…this is of vital importance." [Address to Serra International, December 7, 2000).

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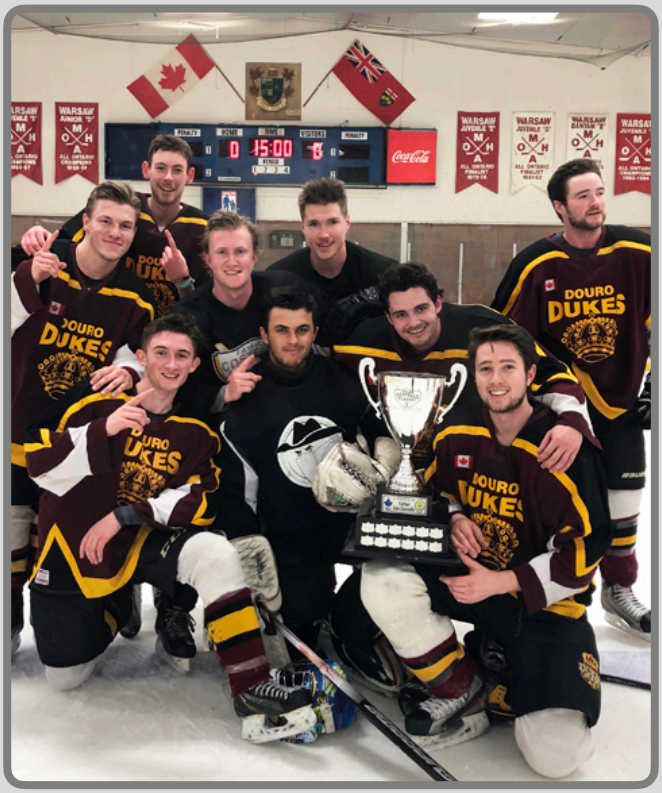
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Please roll up your sleeves and join our efforts. We are working diligently through Parish Vocation Teams and through a nascent Serra Club to do our part in raising vocational awareness. We need your help. Contact me to get involved. vocations@peterboroughdiocese.org, 705-874-1871.

By God's grace, and with your help, we will soon see young men joining our current seminarians. At present, Peter Lukow is completing his pastoral internship at St. Mary's Church in Lindsay and Peter Bissonnette and Austin Mokry are completing their Spiritual Year at St. Augustine's Seminary in Scarborough. We have two young men living at the St. John Paul II House of Discernment in Peterborough. Please keep these young men in your prayers! The Vocations Office is accepting applications to the Seminary and to JPII House right now for Fall 2020, so please encourage any interested young men to contact me.

Please God, some of our recent Vocations activities will inspire young people to open their hearts to the will of God in their lives.

The Flying Fathers Hockey Club had a successful and fruitful recent tour in Northern Ontario, including one stop in our Diocese. The team played in Gravenhurst, Mattawa, Temiscaming, QB, Kirkland Lake and Timmins, where many laughs were had and thousands of dollars were raised for charity.





On the heels of the Flying Fathers tour came the Father Costello Classic hockey tournament in Warsaw, ON. Five local teams of young men faced off against the seminarians from St. Augustine's Seminary in Scarborough, and a good time was had by all! Finally, a large contingent from Peterborough and from Lindsay recently attended the Ordinandi Dinner in Toronto, an annual event to honour the graduates of the Seminary who are soon to be ordained priests. We thoroughly enjoyed the good company and the opportunity to hear each graduate's vocation story.

Please continue to pray for an increase in Vocations in our Diocese, and contact me to get involved. God bless you!

Father John Perdue
Director of Vocations
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Are you being "Called to Serve" as a Permanent Deacon?

A police officer, a real estate agent, a business executive, a school teacher, a first responder, an electrician, a medical imaging technician and an IT consultant all have one thing in common. Each one of these men felt called to consider a ministry of service as a permanent deacon in the Roman Catholic Church. Some of these men are retired, others continue in their jobs. Most of them are married with children.

Each one of them is responding to a heartfelt call to become a sacramental sign of God's loving presence in the world. Some of these men work with prisoners, some work in schools, some visit nursing homes and shut-ins, some collect food for the hungry, some are concerned with the needs of children; all of them are actively engaged in their parish communities.

Is God calling you to a ministry of service? Are you being called to be a sign of God's mercy and compassion to the forgotten, to the poor, to prisoners, to adult faith formation, to refugees, to the homeless, to the unemployed, to the addicted, to the mentally ill, to parish leadership?





In response to the number of Catholic laymen who have expressed a sincere interest in exploring a possible vocation to the permanent diaconate, the Diocese of Peterborough is opening its application process for the admission of new candidates for the permanent diaconate in September of 2020.

In January 2021, the formal interview processes, pastoral recommendations, personal visits and screening procedures for prospective candidates will begin.

The diaconate was restored as a permanent ministry of the Roman Catholic Church by Pope Paul VI, on June 18, 1967, upon the recommendation of the Second Vatican Council. The first permanent deacons in Canada were ordained in the Archdiocese of Toronto in 1974. Since that time, most dioceses of Canada, including the Diocese of Peterborough, have been served by permanent deacons.

The call to the order of deacon is a call to a ministry of service. The service ministry of a deacon may take many forms. Most deacons serve in parish ministry, primarily working with the pastor and parish staff. Deacons assist priests during Mass, administer baptisms, witness marriages, preside at funerals with no mass and at wakes, officiate at Benediction and lead community prayer services. They proclaim the Gospel and preach at liturgical celebrations. They provide catechetical instruction, adult faith formation and sacramental preparation. Deacons personally serve the poor, the aged, the



sick and the imprisoned, bringing the Gospel to all those in need. Like priests, deacons call others to ministry by their witness and example. As a facilitator of ministry, a deacon's task is to work with the pastor and parish staff in identifying areas of need and then to invite lay men and women to engage in the ministry. When the lay team is ready to take over, the deacon moves on to another area of need to repeat the process. Indeed, this is a "call to serve."

Who may become a permanent deacon?

Diaconal candidates are:

- Catholic males who have been baptized and are practicing the faith for at least five years;
- Between the ages of 35 and 60 at the time of admission;
- Of good moral character and reputation;
- In a valid, stable marriage, or living celibately if unmarried or widowed;
- Actively involved in a parish community or ecclesial movement;
- Of sound physical and psychological health;
- Economically stable and self-sufficient;
- Resident in the Diocese of Peterborough;
- Living a deep sacramental spiritual life evidenced by attendance at Mass, reception of sacraments, and participation in spiritual exercises and retreats.
- Married candidates must have the consent and support of their wives, who must be willing to participate in formation as needed.
- Diaconal candidates must seek the recommendation of their pastors, who will attest to the above traits and attest suitability for ministry.

If you believe that you are being called to serve as a permanent deacon in the Diocese of Peterborough and would like more information, contact:

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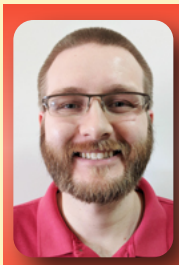




With the "devil" at his back and "altar servers" by his side Fr. Ray Rick could be seen racing down Queen Street in his canoe on wheels in the second performance of "Push Your Priest Around".

Lakefield's 2020 Polar Paddle event took place February 1st. There were great crowds lining the street cheering on their favourite teams.

Turns out, his parishioners weren't pushy enough!



CATHOLIC CURIOSITIES

Stephen Retallick

Standing Room Only:
A Brief History of Church Pews

Pews; those long, wood benches — some with ornate features, others modern in design — on which parishioners sit during Holy Mass and other services, are a common fixture in many churches around the world. However, many would be surprised to know that this wasn't always the case.

Prior to the 13th century, the faithful stood for the duration of Holy Mass, except for periods of kneeling, although there were often benches where the elderly could sit. Because it was customary for the pulpit to be placed in the centre of the church, outside the sanctuary, the faithful had to walk over to hear the priest's homily, which was normally short. It's easy to forget they didn't have microphones and sound systems way back then!



Introduction of Stone Pews and Sedilia

Around the start of the 13th century, stone benches of various designs began to appear in English churches. While some churches had benches carved into the wall, others opted for free-standing backless benches that were placed along the walls of the nave - the central area of the church.

Sedilia - a group of seats, often stone and set back into the wall, and located on the liturgical south side of the altar - were used during Holy Mass by the celebrant, deacon, and subdeacon. Built in the 11th century, the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, in North Stoke, West Sussex,



Note: A "piscina", a shallow basin where communion vessels were washed, can be seen on the far left.

England, contains a prime example of a stone sedilia. It has three seats at different levels, and was added in the 13th century. Although stone was commonly used for this type of seating, decorative timber sedilia, such as those found at Westminster Abbey, were constructed as well.



Pews and the Protestant Reformation

By the 15th century, wood had become the favoured material for building pews. Decorative "pew ends" with ornate carvings were added to the ends of pews, some depicting religious and cultural themes. These can still be found in churches built or renovated during that period, such as the Church of St. Nonna, in Altarnun, Bodmin Moor, Cornwall. Gradually, pews were moved away from the walls, placed in rows, and fixed to the floor facing the altar.

After the Protestant Reformation in the 16th century, pews began to appear in greater numbers. Because the focus of a Protestant service was on the sermon, the faithful sat for longer periods of time as they listened to the minister preach from the pulpit.



Box Pews

Since pews were expensive and churches couldn't afford them, the faithful would pay to have them installed for their family's use. This practice became popular across England, and pews were passed from generation to generation. As the pews were considered the family's personal property, some would go to extreme measures to prevent others from sitting in them, even adding walls and a locked door. Like a second home, some "box pews," as they were called, even included fireplaces and windows.

Pew Rentals

As time went on, pews became less expensive and churches could afford to have them installed. It became common for churches to rent pews to families or individuals to raise income, and this practice was adopted by the Catholic Church in the United States. It was even authorized by the Third Council of Baltimore as a type of fundraiser, and lasted until the mid-20th century.

Something to ponder

In many Orthodox churches standing during liturgies is still the norm. One Russian Orthodox source states: "[W]e who gather together to worship are not an audience to be entertained, but servants in the presence of our Master. Throughout history[,] it has been the rule [that] servants do not sit in the presence of their Master, but stand." ✠

Stephen, his wife and their son live in Peterborough.

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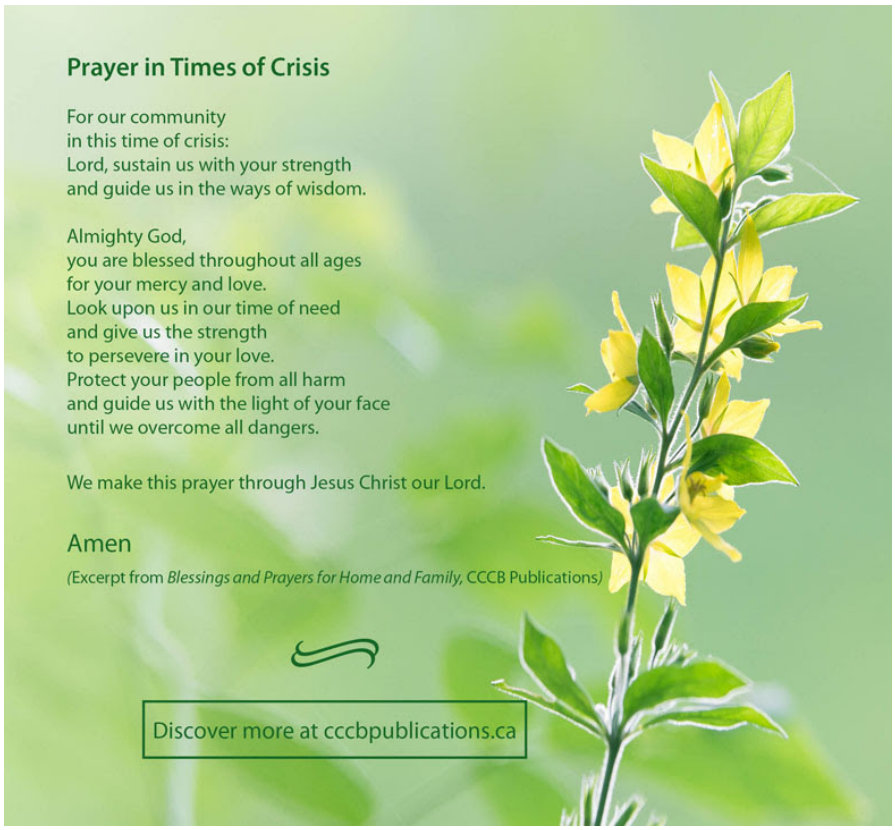
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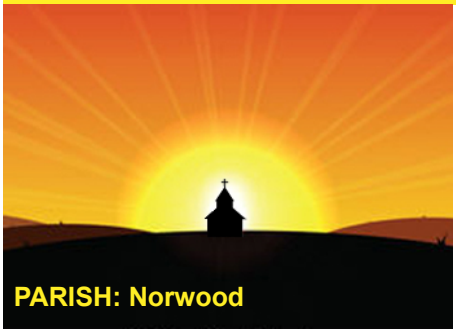
Editor's note: The first time we attempted this, I accidentally cut off the bottom line of the grid. My mistake! And I heard about it from someone, with a request that we try again. So, here's a new puzzle, and I hope I'm getting it right this time.

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Note, every word below appears in the grid above: horizontally, vertically or diagonally, frontwards or backwards. Words that repeat, like "said", may only be found once. Try to find smaller words, like "he", on their own and not inside longer ones, like "they" or "them". Good luck.

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.





150th Anniversary

On June 2nd, 2019 a great celebration was held at St. Paul's Church in Norwood. We turned 150 years old in August. Bishop Miehm was present to celebrate Mass together with Fr. Leo Coughlin and Fr. John Albao. Following the Mass there was a catered lunch in the Millennium Room at the Asphodel Norwood Community Centre with approximately 150 people in attendance. Greetings and well wishes were received from local community members. For a small donation, parishioners received an updated history book.







St. Paul Norwood and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Havelock Catholic Women's League Service Pin Awards



Wendy Tedford and Jacqui Whyte present 25 year pins to Lisa Cossar and Elaine Godin.



Jane Bryenton and Carole Egan receive their 40 year pins.



Anna Cosgrove and Colleen Tersptra gather together after receiving their 55 year pins.

Our Catholic Women's League Service Pin award celebration was held on Wednesday December 4, 2019 at St. Paul Church, Norwood.



Wendy Tedford and Marg Van Will present Rolande Fluery and Joan Howell with their 65 year pins.



Back Row (L-R): Colleen Terpstra(55), Marg Van Will, Father Damian Smullen, Lisa Cossar (25) , Elaine Godin (25)
Front Row: (L-R) : Jane Bryenton (40), Carole Egan (40), Rolande Fluery (65), Anna Cosgrove (55)
Absent from photo: Rosaria Jang (10), Julie English (10), Karen MacDonald (10) and Joan Howell (65)

We were so happy to have Father Damian Smullen, CWL Diocesan Spiritual Advisor present to celebrate our Mass and to present these pins.
Wendy Tedford, Past Diocesan CWL President gave enthusiastic support as she helped our President, Jacqui Whyte, in presenting the awards.
We had 11 pins presented, the most awarded at one time for Norwood-Havelock CWL.
A reception followed providing an opportunity for congratulatory hugs for very deserving recipients.

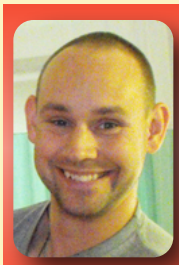
Christ, the Lord,

hath triumphed o'r the grave



Hallelujah!

Happy Easter, everybody!



DOMESTIC CHRUCH

Luke Procter

Father Risk Factors

In every aspect of life, we always seem to want to find the root causes of events or situations: why a car crash happened, or why a child got sick. It's no different when it comes to human behaviour. Researchers have spent untold hours, years, even decades, researching why people do things. Unfortunately, when it comes to human beings, no one answer is sufficient as a cause for our behaviour. We can only deal in correlations, not causations. Instead of saying a particular behaviour was caused by certain events or situations, we can only say that when certain factors are present, some behaviours are more likely to occur as well.

One of the most significant uses of this idea of correlation is in regard to criminal activity. One research team in Ottawa, lead by Don Andrews of Carleton University, found four major correlations, or risk factors, for criminal behaviour. These factors, found in his 2003 book (co-authored with James Bonta) *The Psychology of Criminal Conduct*, are as follows:

1. Antisocial (or pro-criminal) associates;
2. Antisocial attitudes;
3. Antisocial personality patterns; and,
4. A history of antisocial behaviour (i.e. criminal record.)

Essentially, Andrews and his team found that alone, each of these factors could somewhat predict future criminal activity; however, if more than one, or all of the risk factors were present, then there would be a significant likelihood that an individual would commit a crime in the future.

Why mention this? After all, this is the *Catholic Herald*, not a criminology journal. While some of the readers may be well-versed in psychology and enjoy statistics, I'm sure that most are not. What I propose is that these risk factors in reverse can be applied to fathering (and parenting in general.) If each of the above risk factors point towards the likelihood of an individual committing a crime, then is it not reasonable to consider that if the opposite were true, then criminal activity would be less likely?

For example, if a man were to surround himself with pro-family friends and have pro-family or pro-fatherhood attitudes, would he not be more likely to be an excellent father to his children? I am merely taking a 'reasonableness' approach – this is not a thesis or research paper after all. My hope is that I can provide an additional tool to help dads become better at fathering their children and ultimately become the men God desires them to be. I will delve into each factor over the next several *Herald* issues, beginning with the importance of pro-fathering associates.

When I say associates, I mean more than simply coworkers or business partners. Associates can be friends, family, or anyone else with whom a person may have some sort of relationship. We all learn from and are influenced by each other. The people we see the most and spend the most time with help form our attitudes and behaviours for better or worse. What does this mean for fathers?

Our world today is filled with examples of bumbling, inept or incompetent fathers. Just watch Homer from *The Simpsons* or Tim Allen from *Home Improvement* to get a glimpse of what our society tells men fathers are like. We are surrounded by those who feel fathers are second-class parents, glorified babysitters, or only as useful as their paycheck. As Catholics, we know that this is far from the truth; we know fathers are ultimately called to be an example of God in the home, the domestic church.

Ask any dad if they feel like a revered member of the world, and you'll likely receive a negative answer. It would be challenging to find a dozen men in any workplace, or even in the Catholic church, who believe that fatherhood is sacred. Yet it is these men who must form a father's group of associates. These men identify as a father in everything they do and recognize that becoming a father changes a man to his inner core. These men embrace fatherhood in its entirety. They take their role seriously, not as just a provider, but as a leader and servant, imitating Christ. This is a challenging role to attain and sustain.

This sustaining can only be done with the help of other similar-minded dads. Fatherhood can be a lonely existence. Men who choose family over work or leisure are often ridiculed or misunderstood. Fathers who miss work or other events to care for a sick child or choose to spend Saturday with their children versus on the golf course seem uncommon. This can result in a sense of despair and weakness. Their work or coworkers very likely will not understand and will not be able to affirm him in his choices.

Men are expected to be the strong ones, the ones who can 'hold it together' for their families. They are called to imitate Christ as rock, as servant, and through suffering. That suffering is often accompanied by a certain isolation. It has been said

that one of the greatest tragedies of Jesus' passion wasn't the pain or the humiliation; It was the loneliness. Consider that almost the entire passion narrative involves Jesus on his own: his arrest in the garden; standing before Pilate; enduring the scourging and crowning with thorns; travelling the Way of the Cross, the *via dolorosa.* Indeed, there are only three occasions on the Way where Jesus is accompanied: when he meets His Mother, when Veronica wipes His face, and when Simon helps carry the cross. These snapshots of Christ's suffering highlight the desolation of aloneness that comes with suffering, and many fathers can relate. The bottling-up of our thoughts, fears and struggles merely adds to our burden. What could be a relatively minor issue can become huge when fathers are expected to shoulder the burden alone.

I want to focus on Simon for a moment. He is mentioned just once in each of the three synoptic gospels. It is almost like he is passed over by the scriptures, just as he was passing through Jerusalem. Yet, despite his transient situation, he helped Jesus carry His cross in the single most significant event in history. Do you have a Simon of Cyrene in your life? I found working as a garbage collector, that I could be like Simon to a huge number of people. Despite my 'passing through' their lives, I provided an opportunity for people to unburden themselves. Maybe because the garbage man is seen as almost anonymous, it was easier for them to reveal and let out their innermost thoughts, feelings and struggles. Every man should have a Simon they can go to for help carrying their burdens. Personal experience has shown me that trying to carry my cross by myself is extremely punishing. Having a personal relationship with Jesus and His Family helps, but there is truly no substitute for a fellow man to confide in.



How do we find these men to help us carry our crosses? How can we encounter these dads who can become our friends or allies? The best way I've found is to see who brings their children to Mass every week. A father who brings his children to Mass regularly shows a dedication to the faith *and* his family. These are men who embrace fatherhood, complete with all its joys, triumphs, sadness and pain.

Consider meeting with these men once a month. The locale and topics need not be formal. Going out to a local pub, sharing a meal, or merely discussing a book or article are all great ways to develop these relationships. It has been my experience that many men are desperate for an environment and group where they can express their innermost thoughts, desires and struggles. I would say that the goal should not be to fix the issues, but merely to listen. Releasing our individual struggles and pain can be an amazing support. We can also discover that our situation is shared by many others. Just knowing that we are not alone in our struggles can be a help.

All of the benefits of having a kind of 'band of brothers' can make a huge impact on a father. As discussed at the beginning, merely having pro-fathering associates does not guarantee a man will be an excellent father. However, having that support and camaraderie does lend itself to excellence in fathering. Without that support, however it may manifest itself, a man can collapse. I have found great benefit from a number of fathers in my parish. In fact, on more than one occasion my wife has mentioned how much more patient, kind and loving I am to her and my children after a monthly meeting with these men.

The last positive associate we should all have is a confessor. When we are struggling and beaten down by life, we are more likely to commit transgressions against purity, faith, and charity. The sacrament of confession is a vital recourse for a man. It forces us to unload our life to another man, whom we call Father. For myself, this sacrament has been life-changing so many times and has become the Simon of Cyrene in my life. Often when I'm going through the hardest times, the graces from God through the sacrament flow much more abundantly. It forces us to lean on Christ through the ministry of the priest. Forgiving sins is only one aspect of the sacrament; it also gives a man the opportunity to unburden himself and be healed. In confession, no one is expected to 'hold it together.' It is an amazing place of vulnerability, weakness and acceptance. As St. Paul relates the words of the Lord, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Cor 12:9) It is only when we are weak and vulnerable in confession that Christ can do his greatest work.

While we can't choose our family, we can choose our friends. When it comes to fathering, and living a holy Catholic life, we must choose like-minded friends. Raising children is not a solo job, nor is the faith life. We need each other, and we do best when we are accessible to others. While having several faithful men and friends is no guarantee of fathering excellence, it certainly can help a man to live his vocation in life in a way that is holy and loving. Ultimately, experiencing the love of Christ through the love of a brother helps enable us to give that love to our children and family. Don't be afraid to be a brother to another man, to be a Simon of Cyrene. We all need someone who can let us fall apart – and help Christ build us up. ✠

Luke Procter is a father of three and writes from Lindsay.

That Your Joy May Be Complete*
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Bishop William McGrattan

The early Church anointed by the Holy Spirit witnessed to Christ with a profound sense of joy. This experiential knowledge in the presence of the risen Christ gave rise to the impetus to evangelize, to proclaim the "Kerygma" or the "Good News". This living belief in the Risen Christ gave rise to the need for catechesis and formation in this faith

It is anticipated in the coming year that the Congregation for Catholic Education will issue a new General Directory for Catechesis (G.D.C.). There will be an emphasis and focus on the new evangelization while acknowledging that catechesis extends over a broad range of ages, from children to adults, as well as communities, families, schools, parishes and in preparation for the receiving of the sacraments.

The methods of catechesis will vary based on the context and the individuals involved. However, in this present age they must take into account the emerging priority of the new evangelization. Evangelization and catechesis must adopt methods that are personal, experiential, based on Scripture, and which meet the expressed desire to encounter and learn more about God through the person of Jesus Christ.





St. Anselm once stated that "Faith Seeking Understanding" is the definition of theology or the study of God. We might envision that the baptized guided by the Holy Spirit are engaged in theology in its broadest sense at some point in their lives. Seeking to understand one's faith necessarily involves asking questions which usually come from our lived experience.

The principles at work through the Catechesis of Good Shepherd respect the experience of the child within the atrium and invites their enquiry or questions to form the basis of an age appropriate growth in the knowledge of their our faith. From the rich and diverse experience of the atrium they begin the study of God or theology at their level, like Jesus in the temple being about His father's work.

In her book "Mustard Seed Preaching", Ann Garrido outlines nine (9) characteristics which influence how children in the atrium seek to understand and interpret the Gospel and their understanding of faith. Since children are small in comparison to adults they are drawn to the references in Jesus' teaching that talk about smallness or weakness as signs of God's presence and His Kingdom. They are also naturally drawn to what is essential. Their simple curiosity results in some very profound questions which touch upon the heart of the matter. What something is grasps them more than trying to describe how they perceive it. This also leads children to want

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to deal with reality, to ask about the created world. Who am I? How did the world come into existence? Who is God?

Children are also very much attracted to beauty. What is beautiful to a child are often simple phrases and rhymes that are repeatable, music and songs which captivate and engage their senses. The joy expressed by children in the atrium can be both active and reflective. They can be given to delight, to shrieks of new discovery and at the same time an inner joy that might be described as contemplative, a posture of resting and peace or contentment. It must also be acknowledged that children have an innate capacity and desire for loving relationships, to know that family as important but that somehow we are part of a larger family because they are naturally open to what is transcendent, to know that they are God's children. In addition to this expansive approach to their world they also possess "absorbent minds." This is a Montessori term which implies that they receive, integrate and remember based on the environment in which they find themselves. The environment of the atrium provides a sacred space that allows them to learn through repetitive tasks with their hands, since "touch" impresses on their minds what they also see and hear.

It is these nine methods or principles by which the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd allows the child to seek and understand their faith, to become as Garrido says "Child Theologian." In the atrium they come to know the basic Kerygma. That God loves us, that it is Jesus who reveals to us God's love, that the Scriptures tell us about his love, that he showed this love by his death on the cross, yet it was God's love that raised him from the dead so that we might know this love through the Church, to which we belong through our baptism and that we are called to grow in this love through lives of holiness. This is how the gift of joy becomes complete in those who experience the atrium and the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.



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December 11: GUADALUPE - TEOTIHUACAN
After breakfast we leave for the Shrine of Guadalupe. We depart to the Square of the Three Cultures. Visit the Old and the New Basilica dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe, the museum with great art treasures from Spanish colonial times. We learn about the history of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Juan Diego who was beatified by Pope John Paul II. Afternoon drive to Teotihuacan outside Mexico City for a visit to the Pyramids of the Sun and the Moon. Return to our hotel for dinner/overnight.



December 12: GUADALUPE
Breakfast. Today being the feast day, we have a full day visit to the Shrine of Guadalupe to partake in the festivities. The Shrince, visited by several million people every year, built near the location where Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Juan Diego in 1531. Evening return to our hotel for dinner/overnight.



December 13: MEXICO
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The Greatest Gift

The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few (Matthew 9:37-38)

In retrospect, I spent the last 25 years of my life supporting these "few" labourers. Working for a national Catholic charity, my job was to raise millions of dollars each year so that ministry to the people of God could continue in some of the remotest and poorest areas in Canada.

When my husband and I moved to the diocese of Peterborough two years ago upon my retirement, I found a situation not unlike that of Canada's 25 mission dioceses. The "labourers" are few, but deserve our support. Many of the older buildings, including the Cathedral of St. Peter In Chains, need major repairs. And the financial situation of the Diocese remains challenging, even though the significant 14 million dollar debt was retired several years ago.

What can I do to assist my community of faith?

After a discussion with my husband and my children, I decided to leave a gift of $10,000 through my Will. After all, once we are free from the cares of this world, all that we have and all that we are can be offered not only as gifts to delight and care for our loved ones, but also to further the work of God on this earth. What better legacy could there be than that?

If you don't have a Will, get one. It's the only way to ensure that the assets you worked a lifetime to accumulate go to the people and charities you care about. Decide what type of gift you want to give:

- **Specific bequest:** a sum of money (i.e. $10,000) or a particular piece of property, such as your home, stocks and bonds, jewellery, or other items of value.
- **Rest, residue and remainder of Estate:** leaving all or a percentage (i.e. 25%) of what remains of your estate after paying debts, taxes, expenses, and other bequests.

If you already have a Will—and I do—it's as simple as asking your lawyer to add a **codicil** to your existing Will. My codicil reads as follows:

> **I DIRECT my Trustee to distribute the sum of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS ($10,000) to the ROMAN CATHOLIC EPISCOPAL CORPORATION FOR THE DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH (Peterborough, Ontario) for the use by the organization as they may deem fit**

My faith is the greatest gift I have ever received. It has been nourished by priests and the community of the faithful throughout my life. I make my gift to safeguard that ministry of faith so that everyone will have the opportunity to learn and experience the love of God.

Therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest (Matthew 9:38)

Kathleen Ancker
St. Mary Parish, Grafton ON

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