



Catholic Herald

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Słowo stało się ciałem

1 Na początku było Słowo.

Było ono u Boga i było Bogiem

2 Od samego początku było
Bogiem.

3 Ono powołało wszystk
nic, co zostało stworz
bez Niego.

4 W Nim było życie,
światłem.

5 To Światło świeci
a mrok nie był w sta

6 Bóg posłał swoje
Jan,

7 aby powiedział lu
Świetle i aby dzięki
uwierzyli.

8 Sam Jan nie był Ś
lecz miał o Nim opow

9 I nadeszło prawdziwe
które oświeca każdego c
przychodzącego na świat.

10 Pojawiło się na świecie,
który dzięki Niemu powstał,
ale świat Go nie rozpoznał.



wszło do swojej własności,
nie przyjęli.

którzy Je przyjęli, i

dziećmi Bożymi,
nie fizycznie
ści czy ludzkich

m i jako człowiek

wałę — chwałę,
tego jedyne
dy.

iał o Nim,
kół niego ludzi:
łem: „Nadchodzi
o istniał

szyscy
sk.

Prawo, natomiast
rystusowi nadeszła

ngdy nie widział, a pokazał
yny Syn — Bóg, który stanowi
z Ojcem.

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EDITORIAL

Fr. Ray Rick

Religious Symbiosis

Symbiotic relationships are those in which two or more dissimilar entities support each other in a mutually beneficial way.

Given the Christian understanding that we ought to be more concerned about others and less concerned about ourselves, I can't help but think that it's appropriate for us to apply this concept of symbiosis to our understanding of vocations in the Church.

This has been on my mind for a while, but especially since the departure of the Passionist Sisters, also known as the Polish Sisters. (You will find several pages dedicated to them in this issue.)

In my limited travels, I've run across at least a few Religious Sisters, and not just of the Polish variety, who have been somewhat preoccupied by their increasing ages and decreasing numbers. The same is no doubt true for Religious Brothers and of Diocesan Priests as well. Understandably, we get down on our knees (if we still can) and implore the Lord to send along some replacements.

Let's broaden the topic a bit more, shall we? Consider that marriage and family life is also experiencing hard times in our western culture these days. (I rather suspect the same may be true elsewhere in the world, too, but I'm not well enough travelled to say so.)

All these vocations could be viewed as existing in a symbiotic relationship. That is: we need each other!

I like to think that I contribute something worthwhile to the couples and the families in my parish, but the truth is that I need them as much as they need me. The same could be said for Religious Sisters. None of these vocations exist in complete isolation. We need these other kinds of people at the same time as we offer something of value to them.

Therefore, let us pray for one another.

The Lord, who trained us to turn our

attention to the needs of others, is surely pleased when we worry a little less about ourselves and a little more about others. Likewise, He surely hears us when we ask of Him favours for others. If I pray that God will supply us with lots of good Religious Sisters and Brothers, and that He raise up many good and faithful married couples, new priests will not be lacking. Likewise, let married couples and their families pray for Priests and Religious, and family life will flourish.

May God bless the Polish Sisters (and other Sisters, too).✠

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Statement of Apology by the Catholic Bishops of Canada to the Indigenous Peoples of This Land

We, the Catholic Bishops of Canada, gathered in Plenary this week, take this opportunity to affirm to you, the Indigenous Peoples of this land, that we acknowledge the suffering experienced in Canada's Indian Residential Schools. Many Catholic religious communities and dioceses participated in this system, which led to the suppression of Indigenous languages, culture and spirituality, failing to respect the rich history, traditions and wisdom of Indigenous Peoples. We acknowledge the grave abuses that were committed by some members of our Catholic community; physical, psychological, emotional, spiritual, cultural, and sexual. We also sorrowfully acknowledge the historical and ongoing trauma and the legacy of suffering and challenges faced by Indigenous Peoples that continue to this day. Along with those Catholic entities which were directly involved in the operation of the schools and which have already offered their own heartfelt apologies¹, we², the Catholic Bishops of Canada, express our profound remorse and apologize unequivocally.

We are fully committed to the process of healing and reconciliation. Together with the many pastoral initiatives already underway in dioceses across the country, and as a further tangible expression of this ongoing commitment, we are pledging to undertake fundraising in each region of the country to support initiatives discerned locally with Indigenous partners. Furthermore, we invite the Indigenous Peoples to journey with us into a new era of reconciliation, helping us in each of our dioceses across the country to prioritize initiatives of healing, to listen to the experience of Indigenous Peoples, especially to the survivors of Indian Residential Schools, and to educate our clergy, consecrated men and women, and lay faithful, on Indigenous cultures and spirituality. We commit ourselves to continue the work of providing documentation or records that will assist in the memorialization of those buried in unmarked graves.

Having heard the requests to engage Pope Francis in this reconciliation process, a delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders/knowledge keepers, and youth will meet with the Holy Father in Rome in December 2021. Pope Francis will encounter and listen to the Indigenous participants, so as to discern how he can support our common desire to renew relationships and walk together along the path of hope in the coming years. We pledge to work with the Holy See and our Indigenous partners on the possibility of a pastoral visit by the Pope to Canada as part of this healing journey.

We commit ourselves to continue accompanying you, the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples of this land. Standing in respect of your resiliency, strength and wisdom, we look forward to listening to and learning from you as we walk in solidarity.

24 September 2021

¹ [Indian Residential Schools and TRC - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops \(cccbb.ca\)](https://www.cccb.ca/en/indigenous-reconciliation/indian-residential-schools)

² [The CCCB website has a link to several apologies previously offered by Catholic bishops, including those offered by bishops at national TRC events](#)

Passionist Sisters Farewell

I come before you today with a lot of emotions, thoughts and memories of our apostolate in Peterborough. On behalf of the Sisters of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, I cannot begin to express to you how difficult it is to describe how we Sisters feel in departing from our mission of more than 40 years here in the Peterborough Diocese. When we arrived so many years ago, we could never have realized how connected we would be to such a warm and welcoming community of people. Thank you!

Many times we have been humbled by the kindness of your hearts. On our arrival we were warmly welcomed by Bishop James Doyle and were humbled by the generosity and care of the Sisters of St. Joseph. We thank especially Sister Cecily Malonoy and Sister Veronica O'Rielly just to mention a few. The continued support and love of the Sisters of St. Joseph during these 43 years has truly been a source of strength and many blessings.

Our time working in the Chancery Office was fulfilling and at times difficult, especially with English being our second language. Thank you for your patience with us.

Sr. Bogamilia and I will be going to Montreal to work with our Sisters there and to continue our mission in Canada while Sister Delores will be returning to Poland and will be appointed to one of our convents there to continue her ministry.

Each of us has spent more than half our lives working here in Canada and we leave with heart-felt gratitude towards you all. You will be kept in our hearts, prayers and collective memory for the rest of our lives.

We are leaving here with a wealth of memories that we will always treasure. We ask that you remember us in your prayers also. It has truly been a privilege for us to have worked in this diocese and now we say farewell and God bless you all.

Sister Gaudentia





"The love of the Crucified urges us"

2 Cor 5, 14

Almost 44 Years Have Passed Like a Day

On October 17, 1977 three Sisters of the Congregation of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ arrived in Peterborough, Ontario. These Sisters were Sisters Bogdana, Gaudentia and Dolores who had come from Poland via their Congregation's convent in Montreal. The Congregation had established their convent in Montreal in 1963.

On our arrival in Peterborough the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peterborough generously welcomed us to live with them until we established a residence of our own. Being that our knowledge of English was limited we undertook an intensive language course at George Brown College, in Toronto for six months. Again, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto welcomed us to stay with them. During this time we experienced the harshness of the Canadian winter by walking to class each day.

In June we arrived back in Peterborough and were welcomed by Bishop James Doyle to begin our work in the diocese. Sr. Bogdana and Sr. Dolores worked with the staff of the Diocesan Office for Religious Education and Sr. Gaudentia worked in the Diocesan Chancery Office. Three years later Sr. Bogumila joined us from the convent in Montreal. Sister took over the responsibility of housekeeping for Bishop Doyle.

Now, after the death of our beloved Sr. Bogdana in 2019 we are only three in the convent and we are all retired. Before this,

however, we had Sr. Kolbena, who was preparing linguistically for work in Africa, and Sr. Catherine. Sr. Ryszarda stayed with us for three years helping with housekeeping and accompanying Sr. Bogdana, who at this time was retired.

Looking back over the past 43 years of our mission here in Peterborough, the Sisters were very involved with the diocese and with the spiritual and educational needs of the Polish community. From the very beginning, Polish priests, Fr. Kazimierz Zuchowski and Stanislaw Soltysik (a Mickaelite priest) invited the Sisters to cooperate with the local Polish community. This included organizing Masses for the Polish people on a monthly basis, then more often.

With the arrival in the diocese of the Conventual Franciscan Fathers from Poland in 1980, Polish liturgical services took place every Sunday. Our role was to continue to prepare the liturgy, leading the singing, as well as, preparing the children for the Sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation.

Since November 4, 1978 the Polish school, named after Pope John Paul II, under the guidance of Sister Dolores and other Sisters and lay people, worked with the children of Polish families organizing studies and also church and patriotic events. These works have been covered extensively in the Convent





Chronicles and those of the Polish School.

We especially give thanks to God, our Blessed Mother, and St. John Paul II, for all the many graces we have received and the tremendous support and kindness we have been shown and continue to experience. With heart felt appreciation we remember Bishop James Doyle for inviting us into the diocese and for the continued support from the other bishops with whom we have worked and shared our apostolate; Bishops De Angelis, McGrattan and Miehms. We thank all the clergy of the diocese for their support, prayers and encouragement.

We give very special thanks to the Sisters of St. Joseph for their sisterly support from the day of our arrival in the diocese. These Sisters have been an inspiration and blessings.

To our Polish Community, who journeyed with us as compatriots and teachers, we say thank you for your kindness and cooperation. We thank the young people, our pupils past and present and especially those who continue to correspond with us over the years to express their gratitude.

We would like to thank our Mother General, Rev. Mother Agnes, her Council and our dear Sisters in Montreal for their continued love, guidance and support. ✠

Sr. Gaudentia Zwierzchowska, csp
Sr. Bogumiła Godlewska, csp
Sr. Dolores Pius, csp



THE LAST FAREWELL AND THANKS

Sentiments expressed at the funeral of Sr. Bogdana.

Sister Bogdana-Teresa Nieniałowska bids farewell to the Community of the Sisters of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Mother Agnes, General Superior, General Vicar Sister Ernesta and the Council of the Congregation, Mother Anita, and all the sisters whom she met on the way of her Passionist vocation.

We wish to extend on behalf of Sister Bogdana special words of gratitude and special farewells to our local superior sr. Gaudentia and sisters Bogumila and Dolores of the community of Peterborough with whom she was growing spiritually and working for 42 years in the Diocese of Peterborough. Thank you for the efforts, dedication and for the many years of loving care in the most difficult moments of the last stage of her life.

Thank you also to sister Superior Radomila and the sisters from the community of Montreal for their spiritual support and help in organizing today's celebration.

Thank you to the family members, Bożena and Hubert Chmieleccy who have travel from Poland to take part in the funeral. Thank you for all your acts of kindness and goodness that Sister Bogdana experience during many long years.

On behalf of Sister Bogdana we extend special thanks to His Excellency Bishop Daniel Miehm for celebrating Mass for her intention and for his personal visit & prayers. To Fr. Stan Witczak for preaching homily and for the kindness and goodness to our Congregation.

Thank you to all the clergy who have provided spiritual and sacramental support.

A special thank you to the Sisters of St. Joseph for their

many kindnesses from the very beginning of our apostolate in the Diocese of Peterborough.

Thank you Dr. Beamish, the nurses and the PSW's who attended with the professional medical care.

Thank you to all the priests present today who have provided spiritual and sacramental care.

Thank you to all, who have joined us to say farewell to Sister Bogdana. Thank you also, to those who helped with the funeral service. The altar servers, the musicians, the choir and readers.

Sister of Bogdana your love for our Congregation was obvious, you have been faithfully at the foot of the Cross and carried it with dignity. Your journey through life was a pilgrimage of love, care and concern for God and others. You were like many saints of the Church, a loving example of the Gospel values reaching out to the most needy, especially those immigrants who felt so lost.

I would like to highlight your great patriotism and love for Poland, which you were always eager to share with the young. Your life was like a flame burning for Christ and our Passionist Family. Your love of God was so strong that we can say today that you have in the words of St. Paul "run the good race, fought the good fight".

Sister Bogdana it is with joy and gratitude in our hearts that we hope to see you one day in heaven. We thank you for being part of our lives and ask that you remember us in your prayers in the Kingdom of God. May you rest in peace.

We would like to thank the ladies of our Polish Community for their generosity in preparing the reception which will take place after Mass today in the Bishop Doyle Hall across from the Cathedral. Thank you and God bless you all.





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Warsaw, September 15th, 2020

His Excellency
Bishop Daniel Miehm
In Peterborough

Your Excellency

I would like to inform you that at the meeting of the Congregation's General Council on June 13, 2020 the decision to close the Convent in Peterborough was decided for 2021.

The main reason for this decision was the advancing age of the Sisters and there not being any distinct apostolate.

Our Congregation would like to thank you for allowing the Sisters to work for 43 years in the diocese.

With assurance of prayers.

m. Agnes Jaszczykowska, csp
General Superior

7th April 2021

Your Excellency,

As you are aware our convent is to be suppressed here in the diocese of Peterborough and the Congregation of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ is to depart the diocese after this apostolate of 43 years.

According to the canon 616, we understand that you, the bishop, must be consulted before leaving the diocese and to receive the appropriate permission. The 'Letter of Suppression' from Rev. Mother Agnes, our Superior General, and her Council was passed onto you late last year.

It is our hope that this fulfills the requirement for the Bishop's permission for our Congregation to leave the diocese. This being the case could we please receive a letter from you saying you have received Mother General's letter stating that the required permission to suppress our convent and to leave the diocese has been met?

Once again, your Excellency, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to all the Bishops we have worked with, all the clergy and the laity for bestowing on us the many blessings we have received during our apostolate in this diocese.

We assure you of our continued prayers,

Your Sisters in Christ,

October 27, 2020

Mother Agnes Jaszczkowska, csp
General Superior
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Dear Mother Agnes,

Thank you for your letter of September 15, 2020, in which you inform me of the decision of the Congregation's General Council to close your convent in Peterborough in 2021. I was sad to read this news, but it was not unexpected given the advancing age of the three Sisters here.

Since 1977, Sisters from the Congregation of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ have served the Diocese of Peterborough well. Their dedicated ministry at our Diocesan Pastoral Office and their apostolate to the Polish community in the city of Peterborough has been of great benefit to the faithful of our diocese. Their example of committed religious life has been a witness to the goodness of God and the call of all believers to mirror His love to the world.

I fully understand this decision, although the Sisters will most certainly be missed in our Diocese. Please let me know if there is anything I might do to assist in this transition. Be assured of my prayers for the Sisters of your Congregation as you continue to serve the Lord and the Church in poverty, chastity, and obedience.

Yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Daniel Miehms
Bishop of Peterborough

c.c. Sister Gaudencia Zwierzchowska, csp

Tribute from one Polish family:

We didn't know the Polish Sisters for a long time, about 18 years, only, but it was a super time.

They brought so much to the Polish community in Peterborough with what they did at church and in the community. They helped out everyone in the area with whatever they could, with their warm smiles and their hard work if needed.

In church they worked hard to make the Polish community feel like they were back in Poland: going to church with a Polish Mass, singing all the traditional hymns, which was hard to do because we were just a small group, but the Sisters made it work.

When we heard that they were leaving to go to Montreal, it broke our hearts. We, and the rest of Peterborough, are going to miss the Polish Sisters because they did so much in the area. But they will not be forgotten.

Korkus family.





Building a Culture of Vocations

by Fr. John Perdue



Vocations Office Update

Greetings from the Peterborough Vocations Office. As I am composing this article, the Church's Sunday liturgy is leading us through the 6th Chapter of St. John's Gospel, where Jesus gives us the Bread of Life Discourse. This is an incredibly powerful teaching of Jesus on the gift of the Eucharist. Jesus says 'unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you have no life in you' and 'my flesh is food indeed and my blood is drink indeed'.

Passages like these ought to kindle a deep desire in the Catholic heart to receive Jesus' precious body and blood. These lines should remind us that we can never become a virtual church and that we need to gather and to be fed with the bread of angels. And from whose hands do we receive this life-giving bread? From the beautiful hands of the priest. Friends, please renew your efforts, this very moment, to pray for Vocations to the priesthood for the Diocese of Peterborough. We need dozens more young men to courageously step forward and answer Jesus' call to become Fishers of Men. And do not ever doubt that your prayers matter. I am convinced that they are bearing fruit. The faithful prayers of the members of the St. Joseph Society undoubtedly contributed to this good news: two more young men have applied to the seminary for our Diocese and have been accepted to begin formation at St. Augustine's Seminary this fall. This brings our total number of seminarians to four. Please register now to pray for Vocations through

the St. Joseph Vocation Society by visiting this website:

<https://www.ptbovocations.ca/en/get-involved/saint-joseph-vocation-society.aspx>

And that is not all the good news I have to share. One of our seminarians, Peter Lukow, will be ordained to the transitional diaconate this fall, with a view toward priestly ordination in May. Praise God! Please keep Peter in your prayers. Details about his ordination can be found on the attached poster.

Friends, we are looking for young men from 18-35 to participate in this year's Quo Vadis program. 'Quo Vadis' means 'where are you going?'. This is a group for young men who are discerning their vocation in life and are open to the priesthood. We gather on Saturday mornings for Mass or Holy Hour, discussion and lunch. This year, we will be discussing Fr. Mike Schmitz's book 'Pray, Decide and Don't Worry'. If you know a young man who may be interested, please invite him and pass along my contact information:

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Finally, friends, I am very pleased to announce that Fr. Stephen DeCarlo has been appointed Associate Vocations Director for our Diocese. I am happy to leave you with some words of introduction from Fr. Stephen. God bless you!

I am very pleased to report that we have accepted two new seminarians for the Diocese, thanks be to God. Steven Moore, a parishioner of St. Alphonsus in Peterborough, will reside at Serra House (the philosophy house of St. Augustine's Seminary) and will complete a Bachelor of Thomistic Thought at the Oratory of St. Philip Neri. Christian Parker, a parishioner of the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains, will also reside at Serra House and complete a Bachelor of Thomistic Thought at the Oratory of St. Philip Neri.

Peter Lukow will be ordained to the transitional diaconate on Friday Oct. 1st at 7 PM at St. Therese Church in Courtice. Due to the

COVID-19 pandemic and capacity restrictions, attendance will be by invite only, even for clergy. Of course, we wish the entire presbyterate could come, but please assist Peter with your prayers. Peter is entering his fourth year of theology studies at St. Augustine's Seminary and will, God-willing, be ordained to the priesthood in May 2022.

Peter Bissonnette is entering his second year of Theology at St. Augustine's Seminary.

Thank you for your prayers for our seminarians, and please contact me if you know any young men discerning a call to the ministerial priesthood. ☩

Breaking News!

Peter Lukow is now Rev. Mr. Peter Lukow, having been ordained a Deacon on Friday, 1 October 2021 (as foretold just above).

God willing, he should become a Priest next spring.

Please keep praying for Vocations, not only to the priesthood, but that all young people may know how God envisions them spending their lives in His service and for the good of the world around them.



My name is Fr. Stephen DeCarlo, and I am the recently appointed Associate Vocations Director for the Diocese of Peterborough. My role involves me working with Fr. John Perdue in creating a culture of vocations, promoting the priesthood and religious life, liaison with our seminarians in seminary, and journeying with young people as they discern their vocation in life.



So how is all this accomplished? My goal is to help young people discern the movement of the Holy Spirit in their lives when it comes to making major life choices, specifically discernment of a state in life. I know from my own experience that discerning a vocation is too difficult to do on one's own. There are many twists and turns, with lots of opportunities to make poor decisions and/or fall into traps. I would have been lost were it not for good directors, both spiritual and vocational. Thus, I hope to use my experiences, along with my still relatively short years of experience as a priest, as a tool to help others discern their vocations!



FROM THE PEW

David Beresford

Oil Cans

"I have heard of modern educationists who forbid children to play with tin soldiers."

– G. K. Chesterton, *What's Wrong with the World*.

My collections started innocently enough. They originated with thriftiness, a keen eye for a bargain, and prudent anticipation of future use. I am now the servant of a collection of kerosene lamps, square nails, boxwood rulers, wooden-handled screwdrivers, axe heads, hammers, and oil cans. All of the items are in working order more or less, or at least I know how to repair them, and each is useful in itself. It is the aggregate of these that is becoming a burden. I know this because I am reminded of this – often.

From bitter experience I know how hard it is to find a good axe. Consequently I tend to hoard axe heads with the right profiles. Any new axes I have seen are useless; the most expensive are Scandinavian axes made from only the best tool steel and hickory handles, designed to be wall mounts above cottage fireplaces; others are useless lumps of wedge shaped steel made with plastic handles. I began my screwdriver collection from seeing the screwdrivers available in big box stores. There, innocent homeowners full of naïve anticipation of finding useful tools are enticed by con-men into buying multi-drivers with hollow handles full of useless soft steel bits. My kerosene lamps are the result of living with a government run electricity supply system. While the above are self-evident, my oil can collection might need some justification.

"Can we get rid of the pile of leaking oil cans from the dining room table yet? Do we need to store them here? All of them?"

Yes! I had brought them in from the shop to make sure they were topped

up with oil and in working order. Like most tasks that fall under the category of men's work (and topping up oil cans is men's work if anything is), it is rarely finished, often interrupted, and commonly dismissed as unimportant except to the cognoscenti.

An oil can is a closed tin cup with a thin funnel or spigot at the top. To get the oil to come out, you hold it upside down and push the dimple on the bottom of the can. This makes a satisfying kip-plop sound, releasing the exact amount of oil needed for the task. Any man given an oil can will immediately start to wander around the house looking for creaking door hinges, or moving parts of appliances, tools, or vehicles that need oiling.

Like much of traditional men's work, this annual household ritual is in decline, replaced by labour saving inventions and techniques that require no skill and do a poor job. Modern ersatz oil cans are compressed air throwaways that contain solvent, cheap oil, and no fun.

There are few tasks that are as gratifying as oiling a squeaky door hinge with a real oil can. One stands at the partially opened door, swinging it open and closed while listening intently, checking to see which hinge squeaks. A dollop of oil is added, then the door opened and closed several times more while listening intently. Still squeaking slightly? Maybe just one more drop – open – close – done! This accomplished, and with oil can in hand, one tours throughout the house to attend to all the other door hinges.

A home requires as few as four oil cans: one with olive oil to lubricate mixers, blenders, or any food processing equipment; a can with gun oil to keep gun actions smooth; a can with 10W30 in it for outside work – bikes, lawnmowers, wheelbarrows; and one with machine oil for drills, the table saw, and any power tools with electric motors. It is a symptom of the rapid decline of our modern culture that this minimalist approach is misunderstood, and misrepresented. I will admit that the dining room table is not always the best place to store all of them – fair enough. But a few weeks is not that that long, and the occasional oil spots on the floor is the price of good household management.

As I sit writing this, I see that my oil can collection is now in a pile on the lawn. ☒



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DOINGS —

put on hold for second year

Parish:
Douro



The historic village of Douro was the site of a new (to the village) Labour Day Weekend event. Typically, the streets are crowded with locals and visitors for the annual Douro Doings. Due to COVID the “Doings” have been put on hold for a second year. But that didn’t stop the Knights from holding a Roast Beef “Drive-Thru” dinner. Everyone was social distanced and following COVID protocols. Prepackaged meals were delivered out to guests as they sat in their cars for pick-up. Approximately 220 persons were served a generously portioned dinner complete with a serving of home-made pie baked by the ladies of the CWL. Rumours around town say that the meal was plentiful enough to have leftovers the following day.



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CONGRATULATIONS AND A HUGE THANK YOU to Fr. Sany and all who helped to

175th St. Joseph's Parish Anniversary Douro 1846-2021

prepare the beautiful outdoor mass in recognition of our 175th St. Joseph Parish Anniversary. You went above and beyond under trying circumstances to commemorate this day.

Thank you also to Fr. John Perdue, Fr. Joe Moran, Fr. Garry Leahy and Deacon Paul Dunford for assisting with the mass. The day was perfect. We were happy to see how well attended the mass was. God has blessed the parishioners of St. Joseph's Douro.





CWL Covers Two Years in One

On Tuesday the 6th of July 2021, the officers and a small group of parish presidents of the Peterborough Diocese came together at St. Mary's Lindsay. As with recent years, the CWL began their meeting acknowledging the lands they were meeting on. That day we began by acknowledging the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Mississauga, adjacent to the Haudenosaunee Territory, in the territory covered by the Williams Treaty. We also recognized, and deeply appreciated, their historic connection to the place on which we were meeting.



Back Row – Paddy Fitzgerald Nolan, Rosemary Guy, Pamela Bryson-Weaver, Katie Probst, Glenda Klein

Front Row – Donna Moore, Ferrol O'Reilly, Wendy Tedford, Helena Lessard

Helena's first official duty, as President of the Peterborough Diocese CWL, was to present 68-yr member, Madeline Pearson, an appreciation/birthday card certificate for her 90th birthday. Madeline was a two-time Diocesan President.

With Helena was President-Elect Maria Fitzgerald, Life Member Liaison Anne McKinnon, & Communications Chair Wendy Tedford surprising Madeline with the party and materials for a working lunch, in hand. A great way to get back into the swing of things!



The AMM (Annual Meeting of Members) replaced the two conventions that had been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting was limited to normal business practices and all reports were deferred to reading within the Annual Report. For the parish presidents not in attendance, mailings were sent out. Acknowledgements were presented to the outgoing officers, as pictured below, left. A list of new officers for the 2021-2023 term is also listed below. Their installation will take place at a later date.

Diocesan Executive (2021-2022)

President - Helena Lessard
 Past President/Historian - Paddy Fitzgerald Nolan
 President Elect/Organization Chair - Maria Fitzgerald
 Treasurer - Ferrol O'Reilly
 Recording Secretary - Lynne Donnelly
 Spiritual Development Chair - Lynda Macpherson
 Corresponding Secretary/Life Member Liaison - Anne McKinnon
 Membership/Mentorship Liaison - Madeline Pearson
 Christian Family Life Chair/Community Life Chair - Lois Crider
 Communications Chair/Newsletter Editor - Wendy Tedford
 Education & Health Chair/Webmaster - Pamela Bryson-Weaver
 Resolutions & Legislation Chair - Glenda Klein
 Spiritual Advisor — Fr. Roy Villas

Fall Meeting

A Fall Meeting has been authorized by the Bishop and is planned for Saturday October 23rd 2021. We will have lots of room to social distance at the Galway Community Hall. Face masks of course will still be required. Please bring your own lunch as we will not be able to provide lunch as previously done at our Fall Meetings. Details yet to be finalized.



Year of St. Joseph

Peterborough Diocese is fortunate to have four parishes with the namesake of St. Joseph. To celebrate the Year of St. Joseph, and to honour great spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Bishop believed we could all celebrate in a similar fashion across all regions of the diocese.

Even though COVID-19 posed a challenge for the celebrations, the diocese pushed forward. Bishop Miehm would celebrate Mass with each of the parish communities and take part in activities such as Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and morning prayer, a time for confessions, Spiritual Reflections, Litany of St. Joseph, and Benediction.

St. Joseph's Douro was the opening parish with the date of August 21, 2021. Diocesan President Helena Lessard joined with her CWL sisters, and the parish, for Mass and reflection. It was great to see visiting priests attend and take part. Visiting Fr. Bill Moloney reflected on the great trades of St. Joseph and how those trades/vocations follow us today in our obedience and path of faith throughout of daily lives.

Powassan was next to celebrate on August 29, 2021. Bracebridge was September 4, with Bowmanville completing the celebrations on September 11, 2021.





THE CHOIR LOFT

Kathleen
Moquin

Table Settings

After almost 18 months of coronavirus restrictions, the resumption of live performances is among my anticipated highlights of Ontario's pandemic reopening strategy. I confess to missing even the smallest details of live performance, including (un)suppressed coughing and the unwrapping of hard candies timed to the opening notes of the soprano's signature aria. Now, it's time to fill empty concert halls and abandoned performance spaces, for artists and audiences to reclaim the magic of the collective creative experience.

One of my treasured moments of live performance was seeing Cameron McIntosh's production of *Les Misérables* at Winnipeg's Centennial Concert Hall in July 1991. Based on Victor Hugo's epic novel of the same

name, the musical follows Jean Valjean, a French peasant who is released from prison in 1815 after serving 19 years for stealing a loaf of bread and failed prison breaks. When a bishop shows him great mercy over valuable silver candlesticks, Valjean decides to break parole to assume a new identity as mayor, factory owner, and foster-father. Police Inspector Javert seeks justice by relentlessly pursuing Valjean, to his own destruction. The cast sings about the squalid conditions in early 19th century France, with hopefulness expressed by young, fervent idealists attempting to overthrow the government in the June 1832 Rebellion. Still, a bloody assault on the barricades kills many activists. Valjean rescues gravely injured Marius, heroically navigating the Paris sewers to bring him to hospital. Following his recovery, Marius marries Valjean's foster-daughter, Cosette, who discovers the truth of her past when Valjean reveals his identity before dying at the end of the musical. His triumphant redemption is illustrated by the spirits of those beloved deceased characters who, with full voice, come to take Jean Valjean to Heaven.

If I was to score the coronavirus pandemic as a musical production, I might consider *Les Misérables* a fitting template. Feelings of apprehension, fear, and despair for the future triggered by the WHO declaration of the global pandemic, in March 2020, are shared by *Les Misérables*' Fantine who sings about her own desperate circumstances in Act 1:

I dreamed a dream in time gone by, When hope was high and life, worth living.
I dreamed that love would never die, I dreamed that God would be forgiving.
. . . But the tigers come at night, With their voices soft as thunder,
As they tear your hope apart, And they turn your dream to shame

Through several versions of lockdown restrictions, including stay-at-home orders, we encouraged each other, like Enjolras' rallying his friends to the barricades:

Do you hear the people sing? Singing a song of angry men?
It is the music of a people Who will not be slaves again!
When the beating of your heart Echoes the beating of the drums
There is a life about to start When tomorrow comes!

As favourable vaccination rates and waning Covid-19 infection numbers bring us closer to normalcy, the legacy of the post-pandemic experience will necessarily include a collective grief over lost lives and missed opportunities, as Marius mournfully voices in Act 2:



There's a grief that can't be spoken. There's a pain goes on and on.
Empty chairs at empty tables Now my friends are dead and gone.
Here they talked of revolution. Here it was they lit the flame.
Here they sang about 'tomorrow' And tomorrow never came.

It's been 30 years since I was awestruck by *Les Misérables*, and I am immensely grateful for the privilege of having experienced many more musical and theatrical performances. Curiously, we did not livestream any performances at home during the pandemic lockdowns, but, acknowledging the bishops' dispensation, we chose to honour our Sunday Mass obligation by livestreaming weekend Masses during stay-at-home orders. We used our missals, made every gesture and response, and sang along to familiar hymns. We prayed aloud our Act(s) of Spiritual Communion. Even in this intimate setting, we are not simply an audience but part of the Mystical Body of Christ, and the Mass isn't just another performance but a re-presentation of the sacrifice of Calvary.

In smaller post-pandemic, socially distanced audiences, we will probably clap a little

louder and a bit longer, but from our pews we must pray for those who, for many reasons under varying circumstances, have not yet returned to Sunday Mass.

There might be empty seats at concert halls and in churches, but Jesus's table is never empty. May we always strive to return to His table, to participate in His sacrifice and be nourished by His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity that is the Eucharist. ✠

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

Buckhorn —

COVID PROJECT 2021 — Maryann Clancy

When the third wave of COVID hit the country in the spring of 2021, I felt it was time to take on a project. Our mission churches had been closed since March of 2020 and it seemed like the perfect time to undertake a restoration. I took a look at the pews at St. Jean de Brébeuf, Buckhorn, our little mission church of St. Paul the Apostle Parish. It houses some beautiful stained-glass windows, but the pews looked like they had no finish on them. They were water stained and had black markings on all the handholds. I had done a considerable amount of finishing in the past and some refinishing recently. This would be a major project but definitely doable.

I armed myself with sandpaper and finish and went to work sanding down a few pews at a time. It was difficult work but gave me lots of time for prayer and reflection. After all, this was the first church my parents came to when they emigrated from the Netherlands to Canada in 1954. The church has doubled in size since that time and the stained-glass windows were added along with many other changes and improvements.

Parish:
Lakefield



In a few weeks the pews glowed with a lasting finish that is ready for parishioners to come back to when we can open our doors again.



Parish:
Campbellford

The *Parable of Mustard Seed* comes to life

Faced with a \$2.3 Million price tag when both church towers had to be renovated for safety, the faith community of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary rolled up their sleeves and went to work. To date we have lowered the debt to \$780,000

Our latest fundraising project was to establish a thrift shop in order to make a consistent contribution to the debt from the renovation of the towers, and so “**Mary’s Closet**” was born. Our little shop has been fully operational since August of this year. This ‘mini miracle’ was all made possible by the overwhelming generosity of parishioners and members of the Trent Hills Community. Everyone has been extremely supportive, and we are whittling away on the debt. There is no doubt that with

Mary’s Closet and our other fundraising projects we will be successful.

If you are in the neighbourhood; drop by for a visit, Saturdays 8:30-2:00pm. We are located in the back of the rectory at 21 Centre Street in Campbellford. We sell men’s women’s and children’s clothing and footwear; also small appliances, books, and puzzles. We have something for everyone.

Mary’s Closet was just an idea and today is moving forward. With Matthew 13:31-32 in mind, lookout tomorrow!

Isn’t it amazing what a collective group and an army of volunteers can do when the need is great?

Photos, next page...

SPEAKING OF SEEDS - THE HARVEST HAS BEEN HARVESTED

Bishop Gary Gordon blessed our diocese with a Lenten Mission in 2019. He demonstrated a natural gift, as a “storyteller”. One of his many stories involved planting potatoes for the local food bank when he was a Bishop in the Yukon. In a field next to his residence he, community members and students planted, tended, harvested, and gave the produce to those in need.

This story planted another seed that lay dormant for two years. Patrick & Jamie Lynn Mahoney were approached last winter and in May prepared some of their farm for a different parish project. On Victoria Day Weekend in the intense heat, they

and their extended family planted the 300 seed potatoes donated by the Oates family. Throughout the summer various members of the parish, visited our “**Parish Potato Patch**” on Tuesdays and

Thursdays to hoe, weed, pick stones and assist potato bugs in meeting their maker.

On Monday, September 13, as the Irish of old, a hungry troop descended upon our parish potato patch like a hoard of locusts. When the last potato was accounted for, we had 990 pounds to share with the food banks in Campbellford, Hastings, Havelock, Marmora, Norwood, Stirling, and Warkworth.

Who knows what harvest the Lord will provide by the stories and faith witness we share?



— Mary's Closet —



HOLY SMOKE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Fourteen cords of logs were delivered in early August to the Brahaney farm for St. Mary's Parish, Campbellford.

A small but motivated team met four mornings from 7:30am-10:00am and blocked the logs. At one point 5 parishioners were operating chainsaws and 3 were piling the blocks. On Saturday, September 25th, 21 parishioners with 7

splitters attacked the woodpile and split 10 cords. This Saturday they plan to gather again and make Paul Bunyan proud and finish the job.

After curing for a year, St. Mary's plans, to sell the firewood. The proceeds will be directed to the renovation debt.

Holy smoke, what will the think of next?

DID I HEAR SOMEONE
SAY CRICKETS?

No, you heard someone say MEGA RAFFLE TICKETS. Starting Friday, October 1st, St. Mary's, Campbellford is launching their biggest raffle to date. There are 21 prizes in total and first prize is a Kodiak 450 EPS Yamaha ATV or \$12,000 cash. Tickets are \$20 each and the draw will be held on Saturday, May 21st, 2022, at 6:00 pm. All prizes are list at right. If interested in purchasing or selling tickets, please contact Fr. Bill Moloney at 705-768-0844.

St. Mary's Parish, Campbellford | 2022 Annual Mega Raffle

PRIZE	VALUE	PRIZE	VALUE
1st Kodiak 450 EPS Yamaha ATV or CASH	\$12,000	11th Abu Garcia Cardinal S Canadian Edition Rod & Reel - Donated by Campbellford Wholesale	\$100
2nd Karavan Utility Trailer - KPU 60-8 MSRP or CASH ...	\$2,300	12th \$100 Gift Certificate - Donated by Doohar's Bakery	\$100
3rd Ultra Quiet 2200i Honda Portable Inverter or CASH ...	\$1,680	13th \$100 Gift Certificate - Donated by Giant Tiger	\$100
4th Trent River Cottage Rental for 3 weekdays & 2 week- nights during Summer 2022 - Donated by Dan Cormier ...	\$1,200	14th \$100 Gift Certificate - Donated by Sharpe's Food Market ...	\$100
5th 1/4 beef, 1/4 pork, 1/4 chicken - Donated by Grange Farms	\$1,000	15th \$100 Gift Certificate - Donated by UPI Gas Station	\$100
6th Handmade Quilt "The Sampler" (80" x 70" blue, green & white) - Made and Donated by Marcella Mundell	\$500	16th \$80 Gift Certificate - Donated by World's Finest Chocolate ...	\$80
7th 7-piece Indexing Ratchet Set - Donated by Canadian Tire ..	\$200	17th Wooden Bowl - Made and Donated by Paul O'Brien	\$75
8th Car Detailing - Donated by Portage Vehicle Cleaning	\$200	18th \$50 Gift Certificate - Donated by Empire Cheese	\$50
9th \$100 Gift Certificate - Donated by Antonia's Bistro	\$100	19th \$50 Gift Certificate - Donated by Fisher's No Frills	\$50
10th \$100 Gift Certificate - Donated by Bennett's Furniture	\$100	20th Free Oil Change - Donated by King Automotive	\$50
		21st \$50 Gift Certificate - Donated by V&S Stedmans	\$50

DRAW DATE - MAY 21st, 2022 at 6:00 pm
21 Centre Street, Campbellford, ON

License # M820877

4,000 tickets printed

\$20.00 each

Must be 18 years of age
to purchase a ticket.

Ticket #



Fr. John Perdue



The world has changed so much since March 2020 that getting back to normal is nearly impossible. However, I am eager to get back to the simple things: hugging loved ones, gathering in person, and cherishing the gifts of health and life.

In a few short weeks, students will be returning to the campuses of Trent University and Sir Sandford Fleming College. The beginning of a new term is always a source of great optimism, for students and campus ministry staff alike. We have been hard at work preparing for this day and are eager to continue sharing the love of Christ on the campuses we serve.

Our team of Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) missionaries is returning for another year with two new faces. Matt Campbell and Claudine Atienza will join Erika Schoonderwoerd and Cameron Ayles. CCO missionaries are trained in connecting with students, especially those who are unengaged in the Catholic faith. Missionaries foster relationships with students and provide opportunities for faith formation in a small group setting.

Peterborough Campus Ministry has also welcomed a Development Officer, Chris LeBlanc. Chris has been working from the United States for several months and will arrive in Peterborough in August. The Development Officer is responsible for assisting in community engagement, directing fundraising efforts, and providing operational support to campus ministry.

Our ministry is committed to the pursuit of excellence in service of God's kingdom. We challenge ourselves, both individually and as a team, to push towards



the calling of Jesus to not just live, but to live the fullness of life. This commitment has shaped our work during the pandemic and will continue to guide us as we begin writing the next chapter of evangelization on campus.

If you would like to learn more about Peterborough Campus Ministry you can email Chris LeBlanc at chrisleblanc@peterboroughdiocese.org.

Thank you so much, and God bless! ✠

We're back on campus!

CAMPUS MINISTRY UPDATE

In-Person Outreach Returns to Trent, Sunday Mass Launches at Cathedral

Students Return to Campus

When students returned to campus on September 9th they were not alone! Father John Perdue joined student leaders from the Catholic Council of Trent (the official Catholic student organization on campus), and our team of Catholic Christian Outreach missionaries to provide all students with a warm welcome. Spirits were high as our team met new students and welcomed back those who were returning to campus and the Peterborough Campus Ministry community.



LAUNCHED!

Sunday Mass for Students

Peterborough Campus Ministry has partnered with the Cathedral of Saint Peter-in-Chains to offer a Student Mass each Sunday at 10:30 AM during the academic year. Students who attend will be able to connect with their peers and ministry leadership, receive updates on ministry opportunities and have the opportunity to connect with the cathedral parish community.

"We are excited to be able to provide students with a consistent place of encounter and worship, especially on Sundays. Father Tom and the cathedral community have been committed to serving students for a long time. This partnership is a natural fit."

- Father John Perdue
Director of Peterborough Campus Ministry



This new initiative kicked off on September 12th. Student leaders from both Trent University and Fleming College were on hand to welcome students. They served coffee and timbits after Mass for all in attendance.



Annual Priest Benefit Fund Special Collection

Rescheduled Date: Weekend of November 13th and 14th, 2021

From the Diocesan Pastoral Centre Temporal Affairs Office

The Diocese of Peterborough Priest's 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**. Between the years of 2012 through 2020 the average annual expenditures for retirement benefits and health care was \$486,003.

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 continuing your support.

How You Can Help

- Contribute to the annual **Priest benefit Fund collection on November 14th, 2021**, in your parish;
- Remember the Priest Benefit Fund in your will;
- Make the Priest Benefit Fund a beneficiary of a rrsp, rrif, a life insurance policy and or a transfer of stocks and securities;
- 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".

For FURTHER information please visit the Diocesan website at [Priest Benefit Fund - Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough \(peterboroughdiocese.org\)](https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/priest-benefit-fund).

We offer our sincere thanks to all of you for your ongoing support. 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 continuing to make a difference.

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