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Pope Francis in Canada

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EDITORIAL

Fr. Ray Rick

When Pope Francis cancelled a planned trip to Africa, some expected that he would also cancel his trip to Canada — the two events were very close together on his calendar. The fact that he decided came here, despite his obvious discomfort and mobility issues, was quite impressive.

I was much relieved, too, that the trip was completed without any major missteps. That is, there were a lot of opportunities for things to go very wrong, with both friends and foes ardently hoping he would, or wouldn't, say this, that or the other thing; it seemed unlikely that he could please anybody, let alone everybody. Maybe he didn't exactly please everybody, but the general consensus seems to be that the whole thing went at least as well as could be hoped.

This one event has caused me to reflect on others, as well. His reforms to Church Law, for example, seem to have been quite good. First, he simplified some of the processes for Marriage Nullity cases; then he made massive, wholesale reforms to the Church's penal law (Book VI of the Code of Canon Law), which have been well-received and seem to bring us closer to true justice for modern times; and, very recently, he has placed women on the board of consultors who recommend candidates to become bishops. I'm a bit surprised that this last point didn't gain a lot of media attention. But it seems most logical to me that women, as well as us men, have an interest in who could become shepherds of the flock and their insights should be as good as any. (The first women he has put on this board are well-connected, very involved in the Church and could have a broad vision of who might be good candidates in many parts of the world.)

The one thing, however, that has stuck in my mind more than the others is his prayer for the consecration of Russia and Ukraine this past winter. At the time, I was perplexed by the way many people fixated on the requirement that all Bishops offer the prayer in unison with the Pope. While the Bishops

were expected to do so, there was also a wise encouragement that all the faithful should unite themselves to this momentous prayer. It makes sense. That is, it seems unlikely to me that the good Lord will override the free will He has given us and impose peace on us if we do not desire it. The togetherness for peace, then, that we were urged to demonstrate was an important ingredient. Let us continue to desire peace and insistently pray for it. Let it not be a passing thought!

All in all, I'm pretty impressed by the pastoral wisdom of His Holiness. Yes, there are a few things in which I have a differing opinion, but I'm entirely glad I don't have his job and his responsibilities.

When he was elected to the position in 2013, Pope Francis said something along the lines of: "Pray for the Pope; three Hail Marys for me." From that day, I've added these three Hail Marys to my morning routine. Let us keep Pope Francis in our prayers, that he may grow in wisdom and charity, leading us ever more surely in the ways of faith, hope and love. ✠

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Walking Together

Pope Francis visits Quebec City

Most Reverend Bishop Daniel Miehm



Being in Quebec for the Papal visit was an experience equal parts sobering and hopeful and it was certainly never mundane. The very reason for the visit, the painful history and legacy of residential schools, made this a visit unlike other papal tours. The penitential nature of the Pope Francis' visit was not lost on any of us, and the days in Quebec served to amplify the message the Holy Father began to deliver in Edmonton.



My flight was delayed and my arrival in Quebec found me doing exactly what I'd done for the proceedings in Edmonton – watching them on T.V.! The meeting with the Governor-General, Prime Minister and Indigenous leaders at The Citadel was an invitation-only event but was broadcast by the networks. There, Pope Francis reiterated his apology given earlier in the week at Maskwacis, identifying that local Church institutions were complicit in the harm and trauma inflicted on Indigenous people in the Residential school system. While the apology has been received in different ways by diverse individuals, there is no question of Pope Francis' sorrow and sincerity in delivering it.

The Mass held at the shrine of St Anne de Beaupre (30 minutes outside of Quebec City) was attended by thousands inside and a very large outdoor crowd. I was perplexed when I saw a banner unfurled in the centre aisle at the start of the Mass, but through some skillful backward reading I quickly saw that it bore the message, "Rescind the Doctrine." This referred to the "Doctrine of Discovery" contained in several papal bulls from the 15th century giving colonizers absolute rights over so-called "discovered" lands and peoples. That complex history is too much for this report, suffice it to say it remains a matter of deep concern for many Indigenous people. I will simply observe that the protesters made their point respectfully and briefly and then moved on as the celebration of the Mass continued.

In his homily on the Gospel passage of the Disciples on the Road to Emmaus, Pope Francis prayed that the Lord might open our eyes to build a more just and fraternal society, and to seek reconciliation with God and one another.

The Vespers Service (Evening Prayer) held at the Cathedral of Notre-Dame later that day was the opportunity for Pope Francis to speak directly to bishops, priests, deacons,



consecrated men and women and lay pastoral workers. In his lengthy and thorough address, he decried the harm done through the evil of sexual abuse by clergy and religious. “The pain and shame we feel must become an occasion of conversion: never again!” He urged us to joy and compassion in our ministry, all the while striving to “respect each individual and every cultural and religious difference.”

Along with the other bishops, I had the opportunity to greet Pope Francis personally after Vespers and express my appreciation for his visit.

There followed a dinner with

bishops and Indigenous representatives, mixed at tables: this was to promote a conversation at each table about the kinds of concrete steps that are necessary to carry forward the work of Reconciliation and the promise of the Pope’s penitential journey. I sat with Indigenous representatives from Ontario and Manitoba, and we enjoyed a very good discussion about the Doctrine of Discovery, the return of artifacts from the Vatican, and how to promote better communication between the CCCB and Indigenous people and groups. There was a good spirit where everyone seemed willing to acknowledge steps already taken and goals still to be achieved.

My time in Quebec was a whirlwind 36 hours, but what a blessing to meet the Holy Father, to engage with Indigenous people and leaders, and to pray that God may bless and strengthen all of us on the path of reconciliation. The legacy of Residential Schools is a long one and the path of healing will also be long and complex at times: but by God’s grace we will find grace for the journey. ✠



Bishop's Visit to Our Lady of Lourdes Cardiff Parish

Bishop Daniel Miehm came on July 16th and 17th 2022, leaving us with many happy memories of his visit. He, along with Fr. Vic. Valles and Fr Gene Shin, celebrated Holy Mass at St. John Vianney in Highland Grove Saturday evening with a lovely dinner afterwards. Sunday, Bishop Miehm visited St. Mary's (Chandos) offering up Mass for their community. Up the road again to Our Lady of Lourdes for 11 AM Holy Mass and was well-attended by our parishioners and friends. Followed by Brunch at the Cardiff Community Centre. Great attendance, showing their love and support for our churches and spiritual leaders.

Thank you, Bishop Miehm. Your time with us has been greatly appreciated. You're in our prayers always, especially now on your trip to join the Holy Father in Quebec.. Come again soon.

– Sandra Hattin, secretary of church committee





by
Deirdre Thomas

WALKING TOGETHER

Pope Francis' Penitential Visit and the Next Steps



Walking Together
July 24 - 29, 2022

First Nations, Inuit, and Metis children endured violence and abuse of all sorts in residential schools, much of it at the hands of the Catholic Church. The abuse that these poor children suffered has led to many problems, not only for the individuals who went to the residential schools but also for their families and communities. The suffering endured by Canada's aboriginal people needs to be recognized and addressed by the Catholic Church. A formal apology needs to be given."

In the April 2022 meeting with the Indigenous Delegation, Pope Francis made the commitment to "visit their ancestral lands, where their families live" and to accompany them on this journey of healing and reconciliation.

This statement led to much excited anticipation that the Pope would visit Canada soon. However, the anticipation was tempered by the Holy Father's age, his obvious health concerns, the geographical expanse of Canada, and the limited time frame for planning and the visit itself. Fortunately, in early June, the Vatican confirmed that the Holy Father would visit Edmonton, Quebec City, and Iqaluit in July. A week before departing Rome for Canada, Pope Francis described his visit as a "penitential pilgrimage" which he hoped, "with God's grace, will contribute to the journey of healing and reconciliation already undertaken."

On July 24, Pope Francis landed in Edmonton home to the second largest number of Indigenous people living in a Canadian urban centre after Toronto. The Holy Father first went to the Ermineskin Cemetery for reflection and prayer before visiting the site of the former Ermineskin Residential School at Maskwacis. And then he proceeded to Muskwa Park where he offered his Apology on Canadian soil.

For some, the Apology brought peace to deep feelings of anger and hurt experienced for a lifetime and still felt in the intergenerational trauma that continues to impact Indigenous families. For others, the Apology did not go far enough or did not include elements and considerations they expected to hear. The reactions are understandably mixed, especially given the personal nature of this hurt and traumatic experience.

While the Pope was here, I met a young adult from the Magnetawan First Nation in Britt and I asked her if she was following the papal visit. She said that she couldn't follow the Pope's visit because it was too painful. I apologized for asking the question. She responded to me that she wanted to move on and pursue reconciliation but something held her back. We settled into the silence for a few minutes, and then she said that the trains used to come near Magnetawan and the families would hide their

Earlier this spring, the Indigenous Delegation composed of Residential School Survivors, Knowledge-Keepers, First Nations, Métis and Inuit youths and officials along with representatives from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops ("CCCCB") met with Pope Francis in Rome. The meeting provided the opportunity for the Holy Father to meet some of the First Peoples of Canada and to hear directly the experiences of abuse the students endured, the role Canadian religious orders played in staffing and administering the Residential Schools, and the ongoing intergenerational trauma that was caused by these schools. This visit was prompted by the Call to Action #58 and the lingering disappointment that it had not yet been honoured.

Call to Action #58. "We call upon the Pope to issue an apology to Survivors, their families, and communities for the Roman Catholic Church's role in the spiritual, cultural, emotional, physical, and sexual abuse of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis children in Catholic-run residential schools. We call for that apology to be similar to the 2010 apology issued to Irish victims of abuse and to occur within one year of the issuing of this Report and to be delivered by the Pope in Canada."



children. Her family always managed to hide the children, until the day her uncle was found and he was taken away from his mother, father, family community – and sent to a Residential School somewhere in Ontario. They didn't know where he was until much later. More silence... Deep pain... One child is too many...

With good intention, the Pope's Apology to the Indigenous peoples for the "Catholic-run residential schools" on Canadian soil honours the TRC Call to Action #58.

After his Apology at Muskwa Park, the Pope continued his penitential pilgrimage at Edmonton's Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples and later celebrated a Mass at the Commonwealth Stadium in Edmonton.

On July 26, the Feast of St. Anne and St. Joachim, Pope Francis made the pilgrimage to Lac St. Anne. Lac Ste. Anne is north of Edmonton and it is a place of annual pilgrimage for thousands of Indigenous peoples from across Western and Northern Canada. Pope Francis had hinted in the spring to the Indigenous Delegation that he might be with them in Canada on the Feast of St. Anne, and indeed he was.

Pope Francis then travelled to Quebec City to meet with the Indigenous peoples from Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes.

The visit to Quebec included a meeting at the Citadel with the government leaders and a rolling tour followed by the Mass at the Shrine of Ste. Anne-de-Beaupré which is one of the oldest pilgrimage sites in North America. Some of our parishes in the Diocese of Peterborough annually visited this site prior to the



scheduled and unscheduled encounters, waves, and "rolling tours" in his wheelchair.

The final leg of the penitential papal visit took place in Iqaluit, the capital of Nunavut and home to about 4000 Inuit. During the private Inuit encounter with Pope Francis in Rome, the Inuit representatives who were part of the Indigenous Delegation invited Pope Francis to visit the northern part of Canada and he expressed his openness to their invitation ... in the summer, not the winter.

A deeply emotional part of the visit in Iqaluit was the extended time Pope Francis spent meeting and speaking with some Residential School survivors from among the Inuit People. It was reportedly a moving encounter for all that was followed by a public display of Inuit culture, language, and spirituality and a Final Address by the Holy Father.

This papal visit is a seed of healing, hope and reconciliation. Like all seeds, it will take time to grow. Time for the roots to grow deep into the soil of this land, time for the tears shed to water the seed, time for the actions of reconciliation we take to nourish the seed, and of course, it will need the soil of humility and prayers for only God can make it grow. (1 Corinthians 3:6-8)

The papal visit most certainly involved the expression of an Apology and the Holy Father repeated and amplified the Apology he made to the Indigenous Delegation in Rome. The Apology will be brought to completion by our efforts and the leadership of the Canadian bishops to further reconciliation so that in the experience of Indigenous Peoples, the Apology from Pope Francis can be made real.

It rests with each one of us to undertake the reparations with Indigenous Peoples that s/he can do. For some, this may mean learning more about the Indigenous cultural or spiritual celebrations or participating in them locally. For others, it may mean learning more about the history of Indigenous Peoples and making contributions personally and financially to support the journey of healing and reconciliation. This effort involves the entire Church and is supported by both prayer and practical acts that will further reconciliation.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Call to Action #59 that flows from the Apology of Pope Francis points toward the priorities and next steps for this whole Church effort.

#59. We call upon church parties to the Settlement Agreement to develop ongoing education strategies to ensure that their respective congregations learn about their church's role in colonization, the history and legacy of residential schools, and why apologies to former residential school students, their families, and communities were necessary.

In response to the TRC Call to Action #59, the Diocese of Peterborough is humbly undertaking these initial steps to support ongoing education:

- The Diocese has been in contact with the First Peoples House of Learning, Trent University, and is working with



Dr. Dawn Lavell-Harvard and Tia Cavanaugh to schedule & plan ongoing learning for clergy, lay staff, and parishioners. An online learning program called, “Just Get Over It” has been scheduled for the Fall. These dates are being firmed up and more information about how to register will follow soon.

Wednesday, October 12, 2022, from 9 am to Noon - Lay Staff of the Diocese

Wednesday, October 19, 2022, from 1 pm to 4 pm - Priests

Thursday, November 3, 2022, from 6 pm to 9 pm - Deacons and their wives

Three sessions will be offered for parishioners:

Saturday, October 15, 2022, from 9 am to 12 pm

Thursday, October 20, 2022, from 9 am to 12 pm

Tuesday, October 25, 2022, from 6 pm to 9 pm

- The Diocese is developing a land acknowledgement that can be localized to the regions of the Diocese in consultation with local First Nations elders and knowledge-keepers.
- A Planning Group was formed for the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples (December 12 annually). The Planning Group included representation from First Nations, Métis and Inuit along with clergy and pastoral workers. This work was supported by Deacon John Brown from the Archdiocese



of Toronto who is Sto:lo from the traditional territory in the Fraser River Valley of British Columbia.

- Catholics Approaching Indigenous Reconciliation (CAIR) is a group that was formed at Trent University under the umbrella of campus ministry. CAIR offered a Prayer for Healing of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Relations, and this Prayer was distributed as a prayer card on the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples.

Further to these opportunities for learning and shared experience:

- The Diocese of Peterborough has committed \$400 000 to the national Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. The Bishop's Appeal for 2022 has been designated for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (“IRF”). The IRF is overseen by a local committee and the Diocese has made connections with the Métis Nation of Ontario - Peterborough and District Wapiti Métis Council, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nations – and plans to expand the contact to other First Nations and Métis Councils in the area.
- The IRF is for First Nation, Métis or Inuit initiated projects in these areas:
 - o Healing and reconciliation for communities and families;
 - o Culture and language revitalization;
 - o Education and community building; and
 - o Dialogues for promoting indigenous spirituality and culture.



All of these efforts are focused on bringing to fruition the promise and hope which the Papal Apology offers. Let us carry one another in prayer and each strive to do what we can to advance peace, goodness, reconciliation, and healing. ✠

Around the Diocese

(In images captured from Facebook)



St. Peter the Apostle, Parry Sound.

Fr. Jerry Tavares, accompanied by Seminarian Christian Parker, celebrates Mass at Killbear Provincial Park.

St. Joseph, Powassan.

A group of pilgrims prepare to set off on a walking pilgrimage to Britt (approx. 140 Km)



St. John the Evangelist Parish, Kirkfield (with missions at Coboconk, Victoria Road and Woodville)
Bishop Miehm installed new Pastor, Fr. Michael Nneji.



Parish:
Douro

Annual Cemetery Mass

August 15th



Our St. Joseph Cemetery mass was held on August 15th, the feast of the Assumption of Mary. It was a beautiful and spiritual blessing for the many who attended.

A highlight of the evening was the dedication of the new statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary by Fr. Randy Foster and Deacon Paul Dunford. The statue now watches over our Maryland section of the graveyard. The Maryland section is sold out, but a new section called “McCarthy,” after Fr. John J. McCarthy, has just been added with lots of plots available in this beautiful cemetery.



Also in Douro

A Gathering of Deacons



A barbecue was held at the home of Deacon Paul and Annette Dunford on Sunday August 28th. Being a busy time of year for a lot of families, many of the Deacons were unable to attend.

Pictured are Deacon Doug and Carole Penn, Deacon Aidan and Anne Murphy, Deacon Paul and Annette Dunford.

(The bell has been in Annette’s family for five generations.)

Blessed Anasztáz János Brenner

26-year-old Hungarian, Cistercian priest-monk and martyr

Feast Day - December 15th

SAINT PROFILE

Fr. Joseph
Devereaux



János was born December 17, 1931, in Hungary, the second of three children, all of whom became priests. He began his novitiate in 1950 with the Cistercians at Zirc and choose the religious name Anasztaz (Anastasius: Greek for Resurrection). When the communist regime began suppressing all monasteries and convents in Hungary, the novices were moved from the abbey to live with families in the town. There, the young religious



continued their formation clandestinely. Despite the dangers and religious oppression going on around him, entries from Brenner's journal at the time display a deep trust in God and a strong desire to do His will. He wrote, "There is no greater joy than when man who is nothing, can be even more annihilated in Christ and immerse himself into the infinite world of His soul filled with wonderful riches which are forever given over to us." "Even if the road is rough, I look at your pain-ridden face and follow you. I ask you only one thing: May I always fulfill most precisely what you give to me as my vocation."

János was able to attend seminary in Budapest and in Gyor. On June 19, 1955, at the age of 24, he was ordained to the priesthood. As a chaplain in Saint Gotthard, the communist party frequently visited and made threats against him. The bishop offered to reassign him. His reply was "I'm not afraid, I'm happy to stay." His demeanor was cheerful and his presence built trust. He was especially talented at working with youth, which, all the more, made him a target of the communist government.

On December 15, 1957, while János was preparing his homily for the next day, he was asked to visit a sick person and took with him his oils and pyx containing the Holy Eucharist and walked into the night to a nearby town to give last rites to an ill man. The boy who summoned him was an altar server at the parish, and so János knew and trusted him. As they made their way to the town, János was ambushed and stabbed 32 times - the entire trip had been a communist trap. He was found that morning dead, still holding the Eucharist in his hands, which has earned him the title of the "Hungarian Tarcisius." St. Tarcisius was a young boy and third century martyr who was also killed while carrying and protecting the Eucharist.

His family held a large funeral at the Salesian church of Saint Quirinus on December 18th. His ordination motto was inscribed upon the tomb: All things work together for good to those who love God (Romans 8:28). While the communists had hoped that Brenner's death would intimidate the faithful in the area, they could not stop devotion to Brenner's memory. The Chapel of the Good Pastor was built in 1989 on the spot where he died and is a popular place of pilgrimage for people throughout the country. The dirty and bloodied surplice Brenner wore when he was killed has been preserved as a relic.

Pope John Paul II began the beatification process in February of 2001 and on November 8th, 2017, Pope Francis acknowledged that János died as a victim in hatred of the faith. Bishop Szekely said Fr. Brenner had adopted a Cistercian motto, "Burn and give light," in his ministry, and had run afoul of Hungary's communist regime for his work among young people and rural families. "His fate shows how another deadly enemy for dictatorships is the nation — the nourishing bonds which bind us to our ancestors, our mother-tongue, land and culture, and to the community where people plan and dream about their future together," the bishop said.

Although many people were insinuated as conspirators in the murder, only the 17-year-old altar server that called Fr. Brenner out on a sick call on that fateful night was charged. During the investigation the communist authorities brought many charges against Fr. Brenner looking for the motive of the murder, but they could not find a single person, who would speak ill of him. After the investigation someone said: "They have just conducted the process of the canonization of János Brenner!" "The life of the pure-hearted, honest and faithful priest of God was obvious to everyone. His was not a human trafficker, but a fisher of men."

The solemn liturgy declaring him a Blessed took place on May 1, 2018, by Cardinal Angelo Amato in Szombathely, Hungary. At the Mass, Blessed János Brenner's brother, Fr. Joseph Brenner, placed his brother's relics in a beautiful reliquary next to the altar and then named his brother among the saints when he read his part in the Eucharistic prayer. ✠

Fr. Joseph Devereaux is Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Hastings.



CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

A Montessori Faith Formation for Ages 3-12

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—Saturday mornings—

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—Tuesday after school—

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Level III (Ages 9-12)

The covenant is considered with respect to God's revelation and relationship with us through time.

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—Wednesday after school—



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CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS)

Faith Formation Program — Ages 3-12

New Home at Immaculate Conception Peterborough, September 2022

Fiona, a child of the atrium since age three, wrote a letter expressing her appreciation of the prepared environment:

Dear Atrium,

You are always here. I have everything I need in this place of prayer. Bible, scripture and a quiet place to pray. Pencils to write scripture and catechists to lead us in faith. I have everything I need in this atrium space to help me grow in faith.

*Sincerely, Fiona.
(age 12 — June 3, 2022)*

For parents, there is no better invitation to life in the church than a space prepared beautifully and intentionally for their children's faith formation. *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* is a Montessori-based religious formation program for children. It seeks to create a sacred, "hands-on" space called an atrium, in which both the children and catechist can hear, ponder, and celebrate the most essential mysteries of the Christian faith.

The ultimate goal of the program is helping the children to fall in love with God in a manner that creates harmony and happiness within them, with others, and their world, by passing on our faith to enrich their hearts, lives and minds.



The program commences September 17th, 2022. The two-hour sessions will be held as follows: Level I (ages 3-6) Saturday mornings; Level II (ages 6-9) Tuesday after school; and Level III (ages 9-12) Wednesday after school. Registration form, schedule, video and further details are online at immaculatepeterborough.ca/cgs

All children throughout the Diocese of Peterborough welcome!

"I'm excited to begin volunteering at Immaculate as a catechist and director of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for the Diocese of Peterborough. This isn't my first time working in children's ministry. I've been at Blessed Sacrament and St. George's parishes in Ottawa for 16 years in this capacity. I love preparing the atrium, making materials, and listening to God with children.

In addition to children's ministry work, I have volunteered on the baptism team, pastoral council, parish/school liaison, and been a sacrament guide. When I am not volunteering, I spend my time in the garden and doing projects with my husband Murray. We recently retired to enjoy country life on two acres in Keene. Our son Alex, 22, attends the University of Ottawa and is in the Canadian Navy reserves."—Ruth Ann McClure, Director

Parish:
Lakefield

Summer: a Great Time to Get Framed



Summer is a great time for get togethers and it was a consensus that everyone had a great time at the Summer Fun Parish Picnic, held on August 14th.

BBQ's were set up on the grounds of St. Paul's in Lakefield alongside the river. Everyone had their fill of hamburgers and hotdogs as well as Kawartha Dairy ice cream. It was a fabulous day for being outside and getting to know our neighbours in the pews and catch up on happenings over the past couple of years.

We are truly blessed.

Maryann Clancy
Administrative Assistant/Book keeper



Cherubs Cupboard

A Continuing Legacy in our Community

by Sarah Wortelboer

Ted Hickey and his wife Sandra lived in the Oshawa area, raising their family as part of the local Catholic community in the 1980's. The couple volunteered in their parish Marriage Encounter faith formation program while Ted was a Catholic school principal. Sandra and Ted often thought about the need for a Catholic devotional goods store in the east end of the GTA. After years of considering it, they realized this idea was not going to leave peacefully. Ted decided to talk to his friend, Bishop Clune, about the concept that was circling the couple's minds. During their conversation the bishop wholeheartedly encouraged Ted to pursue the venture explaining that he had been praying for a store to open in the area which would support the Catholic faith. A friend of Ted's, a teacher and colleague, had a recently bought a commercial building in downtown Oshawa, which in the 1980s, was a bustling business area. The building owner, a Catholic faithful, was happy to supply the space at an affordable rent rate for this new business to begin. Ted and Sandra took the plunge and secured a storefront in their friend's building. Cherubs Cupboard, the first Catholic goods store in the Durham area was born!

At first, Sandra worked at the store while Ted continued to work full time as a Catholic school principal and behind the scenes at Cherubs Cupboard. The Hickeys became a relied-upon and friendly source of all things devotional. The business grew over the years and the Catholic community fell in love with Ted and Sandra and their wonderful approach to the religious goods business. The couple eventually employed a full time staff who would mind the store and when Ted retired from the school board, the couple visited Catholic schools across the Durham region, teaching students how to make rosaries and the importance of these devotions to their lives. As the store grew and friends continued to be made, Cherubs Cupboard became a pillar of the Catholic community. The Hickeys began to take their merchandise to local parishes for books sales and seasonal events. They supplied local churches with sacramental items all the while, the friendly couple evangelized people as they dedicated their time and talent to spreading the Good News of the Gospel through their store. Many priests and parishioners came to depend on the Cherubs Cupboard for their religious articles.

Sadly, Sandra passed away in 2021. Ted continued to oversee the daily operations of Cherubs Cupboards on his own, focusing on the job he and Sandra dedicated themselves to for 37 years. The people and the work of serving his Catholic community fuelled his efforts. After much prayer, in the spring of 2022, Ted decided it was time to retire. He had built this business from the ground up

and knew the community relied on his store for their religious goods. He could not bear the thought of Cherubs Cupboard closing and leaving the community without a source of Catholic devotional material. His customer base had grown so wide that people were travelling from far away to visit with Ted and browse the latest supplies he had brought in. His company and advice were a balm to the folks who frequented his shop. Ted decided to put the word out around the local community that he was going to sell his business. He hoped and prayed that Cherubs Cupboard would remain a fixture in the area.

He distributed flyers to local parishes and continued to pray that a new owner would be found. His flyer landed on the desk of the parish bookkeeper at St. Therese Parish in Courtice. The idea of continuing the business felt like a whispered invitation to Pilar's heart so she brought it home to her husband. They examined what would be needed to manage the store and prayed for guidance. Jason and Pilar Smith were invested in their family and careers, but much like many years ago with the Hickeys, the invitation in their heart grew stronger.

The building where Cherubs Cupboard was found for its entire existence was sold so the store needed to be moved as Ted retired. This presented a challenge but, God willing, they knew they could find a way to keep the legacy of Cherubs Cupboard alive. Once the decision was made, their family and the St Therese community rallied together to make it happen. The couple decided to rejuvenate the online side of the business and the idea of a mobile store was explored. With support and guidance, the

Smiths bought a trailer and parishioners gave of their time to help renovate it into a cozy, church like setting. The original logo Ted and Sandra designed was updated and placed on the trailer as a recognizable symbol of the business. Ted aided the couple in the transition and continues to guide them with advice and encouragement. God was willing!

A labour of love and faithful devotion that began by a Catholic couple 37 years ago, answering a call in their hearts continues to live on. Cherubs Cupboard will serve the community in a new way but still with the same mission of *making Christ known through that which is read, heard, and seen in all things Catholic*. A photo of Ted and Sandra hangs by the door of the Cherubs trailer parked in the St. Therese church lot. The Smiths tell their customers about how the business began and honour the work the Hickeys dedicated to their community. Cherubs Cupboard can be reached by phone 906-432-2882, email catholic@cherubscupboard.ca or by visiting the website at www.cherubscupboard.ca



Ordination of Father Peter Lukow

By Fr. Stephen DeCarlo
Vocations Director

We have great news! On Friday, May 27th, Deacon Peter Lukow was ordained to the Priesthood! The ordination Mass was celebrated at the Cathedral of St-Peter-in-Chains at 7:00 PM.

Peter's ordination is a source of great joy for him and for the Diocese as a whole. It followed a last-minute-marathon of finishing his academic courses, undergoing final exams, and taking his practicums such as learning how to say Mass, hear confessions, administer the sacraments and down to how to administrate a parish (easier said than done!)

In the spring, Peter was featured in the St. Augustine's Seminary 2022 Ordinandi Dinner, along with 8 classmates preparing for the priesthood in various dioceses and religious communities. The annual event was broadcast virtually this year. In it, he gives his vocation story, how he was led to the priesthood and what he's looking forward to as a priest in the Peterborough Diocese. You can check out the whole presentation here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yelC987Lqac>

(If you want to skip ahead to the interview with Fr. Lukow, his segment begins around the 54-minute mark. But Cardinal Collins speaks very well near the beginning of the video — recommended! Note, when he speaks fondly about the motto of another seminary, he's referring to St. Peter's in London — ed.)



Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus Christ,
you call each of us by name and ask us to follow you.
Bless your Church by raising up dedicated and generous
men and women from our families and parishes
who will serve your people as priests and deacons,
as religious sisters and brothers.
Open the hearts and minds of those you have called,
so that a new flowering of religious vocations
may show forth the fidelity of your love
and make you known as the light of the world
and the hope of eternal life.
Amen.

I interviewed Peter before his ordination:

Q. How do you feel as priestly ordination is getting closer?

A. To be honest, I am trying not to think about it. I still need to be present to the formation program in the seminary. Besides, while thinking about ministry is joyful, thinking about the ordination itself makes me incredibly nervous.

Q. What are you most looking forward to in the priesthood?

A. Serving the Lord and his people.

Q. The priesthood is full of joy but also has its challenges, like any other vocation. What are you least looking forward to in the priesthood?

A. Trying to maintain a balance between caring for the people of God and caring for myself so that I can be an effective instrument of God in the lives of the people. I have never been good at striking this balance in the seminary, so this is going to be a struggle in the parish as well.

Q. What do you hope to say to your future parishioners in your first parish, even though you don't know where you'll be just yet?

A. "Hello"...? I'm sure I'll think of something in the moment.

Q. And finally, what piece of advice would you give to a young man considering the priesthood?

A. If you think God is calling to priesthood, or to any vocation, talk to someone you can trust... a priest, a friend, a teacher. No one can discern something big like this alone, believe me... I've tried and it doesn't work very well. I have found that it is important to have people who can support you and to whom you can talk honestly and freely about everything... they can help you to sort through what you are experiencing in prayer and in your daily life.

see next page!



VOCATIONS

Fr. Stephen DeCarlo

The Great Joy of Ordinations

As of June 3rd, 2022, I was assigned as the Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Peterborough. It is a role that I undertake with some fear and trembling due to the sheer magnitude and importance of the office, yet I trust in God that He will give me the grace to serve as vocations director and to be faithful to this ministry. It is a challenging role but one that also brings with it many blessings. Of course, I am very grateful to Fr. John Perdue, the outgoing (in more ways than one) Vocations

Director, for all his hard work and ministry. I worked with Fr. John over the past year as Associate Vocations Director, providing him and the Vocations Office with help and support as he focused on completing his campus ministry work and preparing for higher studies. We wish him well as he begins his studies towards becoming a professor and formator at St. Augustine's Seminary.

One of the joys of vocations work is an ordination. On May 27th, 2022, we joyfully celebrated the priestly ordination of Fr. Peter Lukow! After eight years of formation and study, Fr. Peter was ordained by Bishop Daniel Miehm at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains. In his homily, Bishop Miehm reminded us that St. Peter was given a commission to be a disciple, yet not without having to declare his love for Jesus three times in order to counter-balance his earlier denial at Jesus' passion. To be a priest, then, Bishop Miehm reminded Fr. Peter, means that we have to renew and declare our love for Jesus. Fr. Peter was ordained in front of his attending family, friends, classmates, brother priests, and several lay faithful. Afterwards, the newly ordained greeted and gave first blessings to the clergy and lay faithful who came over to the Bishop Doyle Hall to congratulate him.

Fr. Peter celebrated his First Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Therese Parish in Courtice on May 29th. It is a custom for a newly ordained priest to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at his home parish. Fr. Peter did so and the Mass was well attended by the

parishioners of St. Therese. While this Mass ended the ordination weekend festivities, Fr. Peter still had a month to attend the ordinations of his classmates, visit and celebrate Mass at other parishes (including his internship parish, St. Mary's in Lindsay) and get some much-needed rest before starting his assignment as Associate Pastor at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains.

We are blessed to have two men studying for the priesthood for our Diocese. Mr. Peter Bissonette is currently on pastoral internship at St. Joseph's Parish in Bracebridge, under the care and supervision of Fr. Roy Villas. Internship is a standard year between second and third theology in which the seminarian lives at a parish and observes the day-to-day workings of what it's like to be a priest. I know from experience that internship is indispensable and has helped me discern the priesthood. I know Peter will enjoy his time at St. Joseph's and will learn a lot from Fr. Roy and Fr. Joe Moran (retired priest in residence.) He not only has St. Joseph's Parish to work in but also the missions of St. Michael's and St. John the Baptist.

The other seminarian is Mr. Christian Parker, who is heading into his second year of philosophy. Christian will be residing at Serra House, which is the philosophy/pre-theology division of St. Augustine's Seminary, and will be at Serra House's newly renovated downtown Toronto campus. God willing, Christian will graduate philosophy and begin theological studies in the Fall of 2023.

In closing, I wish to thank everyone for your prayers for vocations rest assured of your

prayers being so helpful and necessary. Let us continue to pray for more vocations to the priesthood for our diocese! ✠



Permanent Deacons Ordained for The Diocese of Peterborough

After four years of theological, pastoral and spiritual formation, Christopher ("Chris") Borsellino and Robert ("Rob") Vandenberg were ordained by Bishop Daniel Miehm as permanent

deacons for the Diocese of Peterborough. The ordination liturgy took place at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains on Saturday, June 18, 2022



Chris Borsellino grew up in Keswick, Ontario in *Immaculate Conception Parish* but his family worshipped at *Our Lady of the Lake Mission*. He received the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage to his wife Taunia at this Parish. During early adulthood, Chris was enlisted in the army reserve, serving with the Queens York Rangers (RCAC) from 1998-2003. Around the same time, he began working in telecommunications, the field in which he is currently employed. When he was 29 years, Taunia gave birth to their first child, Nathaniel. In the next few years, Chris and Taunia were gifted with two daughters, Isabella and Allison. In 2017, Gabriel was born. Nathaniel, Isabella, and Gabriel have been diagnosed with autism. Nathaniel and Isabella are considered mild cases; Gabriel is more severe. He is 5 years old and still non-verbal. Chris brings a deep faith and a wealth of family experience to his diaconal ministry in the parish of *St. John the Evangelist*, Kirkfield, *St. Margaret Mary Mission*, Coboconk, *Our Lady Help of Christians Mission*, Kirkfield, and *St. Anthony Mission*, Woodville.

Rob Vandenberg has been married to his wife Eydie for 22 years. They are

proud parents to adult teenagers, Johanne (20), Emily (19), and Tom (16). He lives close to Bewdley, Ontario. Rob is a full-time firefighter for the city of Toronto and is a committed member of the Toronto Fire Peer Support Team helping fellow firefighters. When not at work, he is at home managing their dogs and horses on a small farm. Rob's home parish is *St. Michael the Archangel* in Cobourg, where he served as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, bringing Holy Communion to the homebound, and singing in the choir (not because of talent, just for lack of other voices). Rob has been assigned by Bishop Miehm to minister in the parish of *Our Lady of Mercy*, Port Hope

With thanksgiving to God, Chris and Rob have assumed a life-long commitment to a ministry of Word, Liturgy and Charity. Their role as deacons is to proclaim and celebrate the Word of God, assist at Mass and extend the sacramental presence of "Christ the Servant" within and beyond the church, especially in the secular world

Bishop Miehm and the people of the Diocese of Peterborough welcome these new permanent deacons and wish them rich blessings in their parish ministries. ✠



Called to Serve Deacons in the Diocese of Peterborough



[Called to Serve - Deacons in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough](#)

Called to Serve is a video about the men in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough who serve the Church as Deacons and those preparing for ordination.



[Permanent Diaconate Formation Program - Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough](#)

Permanent Diaconate Formation Program . Are you being called to serve as a Permanent Deacon? "I FEEL GOD IS CALLING ME TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE." Discerning a vocation for ministry in the Church involves sustained prayer, informative resources, the support of a Permanent Diaconate Formation Program in the Diocese where you will serve, and conversation with family, parish priest and other ...



Livestream of the Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate

The livestream from the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains, Peterborough, ON, Canada. Saturday, June 18, 2022 11:00 a.m.

https://youtu.be/fWGkBvvFx_8



A Good Samaritan Summer

THE CHOIR
LOFT

Kathleen Moquin



Having survived the first post-pandemic summer in beautiful cottage country, I remain humbly grateful, by God's providence and the liturgical foresight of Holy Mother Church, for the proclamation of the Parable of the Good Samaritan in early July. This familiar gospel reading engendered a renewed charitable and neighbourly attitude towards seasonal residents and visitors encountered in queues and pews, which served me well at busy summer venues and events.

In his Angelus address in St. Peter's Square on July 10, Pope Francis reflected on the Good Samaritan as a metaphor for Christians, wayfarers walking in Jesus' footsteps, who must show compassion towards others "because following Jesus teaches us to have compassion — to become aware of others, especially those who suffer, those who are most in need, and to intervene like the Samaritan, not to pass by but to stop." The pope reminded the faithful that becoming aware of others involves correctly understanding reality and overcoming selfish indifference, preconceptions, and dogmatism: "If you give alms without touching the reality, without looking into the eyes of the person in need, those alms are for you, not for that person. Think about this. Do I touch poverty, even the poverty that I am helping? Do I look into the eyes of the people who suffer, of the people that I help? I leave you with this thought — to see and to have compassion."

A willingness to see and to act with compassion is the message of the Parable of the Good Samaritan that Pope Francis embodied during his apostolic journey to Canada, a self-described penitential pilgrimage in response to the residential school crisis, at the end of July. Unlike the protagonist in the gospel story who could not have predicted his encounter with the robbery victim at the outset of his journey, Pope Francis acknowledged, in an apology delivered at the Vatican in April, the suffering of Canadian indigenous people by ideological colonization, "determined efforts to instill a sense of inferiority, to rob people of their cultural identity, to sever their roots, and to consider all the personal and social effects that this continues to entail: unresolved traumas that have become intergenerational traumas." Like the Samaritan in the parable who acted beyond simply noticing the slain man at the roadside but "came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity" (*New Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition*, Luke 10:33), Pope



Francis came to Canada to meet with indigenous peoples where they were: literally on treaty lands; in parishes and at pilgrimage sites; and in metaphoric places of varying trauma response. Pope Francis' compassion was evident in the sincere and poignant apology he offered at Mackwacis, AB on July 25: "It is painful to think of how the firm soil of values, language and culture that made up the authentic identity of your peoples was eroded, and that you have continued to pay the price of this. In the face of this deplorable evil, the Church kneels before God and implores his forgiveness . . . I myself wish to reaffirm this, with shame and unambiguously. I humbly beg forgiveness for the evil committed by so many Christians against the indigenous peoples."

In the manner of the Good Samaritan who ministered to the wounds of the robbery victim where he lay and then cared for him at an inn before providing for his recovery with the innkeeper, Pope Francis asserted his "firm desire to respond to the indignation and shame for the sufferings endured by the indigenous peoples, and to move forward on a fraternal and patient journey with all Canadians, in accordance with truth and justice, working for healing and reconciliation, and constantly inspired by hope" (*Citadelle de Québec*, July 27, 2022).

The Parable of the Good Samaritan ends with hopeful confidence that the Good Samaritan's efforts will result in complete healing and restoration of the robbery victim, but the story of Canada and its indigenous peoples, the residential school crisis, and the Church is still being written. Inspired by Pope Francis' words and actions during his summer penitential pilgrimage, may the faithful join the Canadian bishops on the journey towards meaningful reconciliation with our indigenous neighbours. ☩

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

WHAT ARE WE HEARING, WHAT WE HEARD, AND NOW WHAT?

A Synodal Process and Diocesan Pastoral Planning



In the Fall of 2021, the Diocesan Pastoral Planning Committee decided to bring together the worldwide Synodal Process called, *Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission* and the ongoing Diocesan Pastoral Planning Process.

The listening phase of the combined processes was launched on Sunday, October 17, 2021 when Most Reverend Bishop Miehm celebrated the Holy Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains and rooted the processes in prayer, sacrament, and community.

A survey was launched in two online formats posing a set of five questions through Google Form and providing an interactive exchange of ideas through ThoughtExchange®. The survey was opened from October 17 to November 26, 2021, and it reopened from December 16, 2021, to January 14, 2022. The second open survey link was shared with people attending the Christmas Masses and the First Nations and Métis peoples residing within the territorial boundaries of the Diocese.

At Easter, an Infographic capturing ***What are we hearing?*** was distributed through the parishes and available online. It was also printed in the Easter edition of the Catholic Herald. The Infographic can be accessed through this link: <https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/about-us/resources/Diocesan-Pastoral-Planning/2022/Pastoral-Planning-Survey-Summary-11-x-17.pdf>



Further to that, the Diocese reached out as widely as possible to ensure that parishioners as well as those distanced from the Church or people from other faiths could participate in the synodal conversation.

- Parishes received resources for the three synodal process sessions. These sessions were held in-person for those who could attend and an online survey format of the parish questions was available for those who were unable to attend in person.
- A ThoughtExchange® survey, promoted by Campus Ministry and parish priests, was opened for university and college students.
- Synodal conversations were held with lay organizations and the Minutes from those sessions were submitted to the Committee.



- The Faith Animator and Religious Education Consultant along with the student trustee from the PVNC Catholic District School Board, the Chaplaincy Leader, and various staff members held synodal conversations with students in some of the Catholic high schools located in the Diocese.

About 4000+ people participated online or in person.

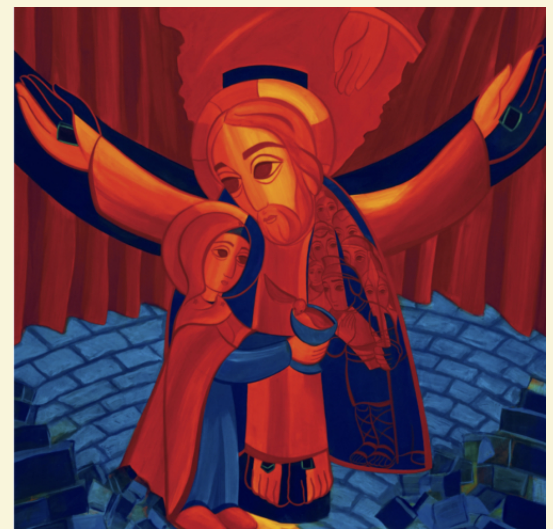
The Diocese was then asked to compile a Synthesis of the input and to send it to the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario. The Diocesan Planning Committee issued the Synthesis in mid-June and it is called, ***What We Heard***. The Synthesis can be accessed through this link:

<https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/resourcesGeneral/Pastoral-Planning/Synthesis-RC-Diocese-of-Peterborough-06-17-2022.pdf>



Reading through the Infographic and the Synthesis, it is evident that some matters are within the scope of the universal Church but many matters are within the scope of the Diocese of Peterborough and/or the parishes. These latter issues and priorities represent important information for the Diocesan Pastoral Planning Process

For that reason, the next phase is called ***“Now What?”*** and it will focus on identifying local issues and priorities for the pastoral planning process in the Diocese.



You are invited to have your say!

An online survey is open from the August long weekend until September 16, 2022.

The Survey can be accessed through this link:

<https://forms.gle/DTnhaPPtdU8GBdf5A>



In the event the *Catholic Herald* does not appear in print before September 16th, here are the questions.

- What impressed or surprised you about WHAT WE HEARD, the Synthesis?
- What issues, priorities, or strategies mentioned in the Synthesis can we address locally in the Diocese of Peterborough? (Your responses to this question will be helpful for the pastoral planning process locally.)
- What steps would you suggest to deal with some of these issues or priorities you noted above in the Diocese?
- What do you see as some priorities or issues in your parish?
- What steps would you suggest to address some of these issues or priorities in your parish?

Please feel welcome to send your feedback to the Office of the Bishop, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, P.O. Box 175, Peterborough, ON, K9J 6Y8.

In the Fall of 2022, in-person sessions will be held in each Deanery to sort through the input received through the **Now What?** Survey and the Deanery sessions will culminate in a Diocesan gathering.

These are important steps for the Diocese and the parishes. If you have provided your input, thank you. Please continue to do so. And if you haven't had the chance to participate, please access the Survey link for **Now What?**

Let us carry one another in prayer asking for God's blessing and the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we engage in the process of synodality and the discernment work of pastoral planning.

Report on behalf of the Members of the Diocesan Pastoral Planning Committee:

- Most Reverend Bishop Miehm, Chair of the Committee
- Msgr. Michael Heffernan, Vicar General, Diocesan Finance Council member
- Fr. Joseph Devereaux, Dean of Central Deanery
- Helena Lessard, Diocesan President of the Catholic Women's League / Central Deanery layperson
- Fr. Randy Foster, Dean of the City Deanery
- Jacob Sullivan, City Deanery layperson
- Fr. Tom Lynch, Cathedral Rector and Principal of Sacred Heart College
- Deacon Sean Gallagher
- Fr. Craig Cruikshank, Dean of the Southern Deanery
- Anne Higgins, Southern Deanery layperson
- Fr. Roy Villas, Dean of the Northern Deanery
- Kathie Hogan, Northern Deanery layperson
- Deb McRae, Director of Finance, Property, and Administration, Diocesan Finance Council member
- Joanne Hough, Catholic Lay Organization Member, Past President CWL
- Sr. Eileen McManus CSJ, Religious
- Fr. Jerry Tavares, Resource for Parishes
- Michael Nasello, Collaborative Consultation Resource

World Youth Day

World Youth Day 2023 Diocesan Pilgrimage

Attention all who are interested in attending the next World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, in 2023! Fr. Stephen DeCarlo is leading the official diocesan pilgrimage to Lisbon to attend World Youth Day and all youth aged 18-35 are invited! Even those outside those ages are still invited! As of the Herald's deadline, details have yet to be determined, so contact Fr. Stephen at 705-742-5466 or at frstephendecarlo@peterboroughdiocese.org if you are interested.



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

Lisbon, Portugal
Diocese of Peterborough



July 27 – August 9, 2023

starting \$4240 per pilgrim

INCLUSIONS:

- Roundtrip airfare from Toronto to Porto and Lisbon to Toronto
- 3 nights accommodation in Porto and 9 nights accommodation in Lisbon including daily breakfast. Every pilgrim has their own bed.
- Transfers and tours
- Half day city tour in Porto with entrance fee : St. Francis church & Stock Exchange Palace and radio headset
- Full day tour to Fatima/ Santarem including coach, English-speaking guide, entrance fee, and lunch
- Welcome and Farewell dinner
- Assistance from Tour Design staff to pick up your backpacks and registration material
- Onsite support by Tour Design Tour Manager for your group in Lisbon

EXCLUSIONS:

- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges estimated at CAD 740 per person, subject to change till ticketing.
- World Youth Day registration fee

PACKAGE RATE (CAD per person):

HOTEL	Twin Sharing	Single occupancy
Full Package (Including Airfare, excluding air taxes and fuel surcharges)	\$4,240	\$5,860



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The Role of Catholic Education

Student Leadership and Community Involvement in My Life

Siobhan Marie

As I reflect on the various experiences that have influenced who I am today, I recognize the positive role Catholic education has had in the development of my leadership skills and community involvement. This September, I will be entering my last year of high school and fourteenth year of Catholic education altogether. My reflections on my experiences in the Catholic education system exemplify the capacity Catholic education has to provide students with a community space to learn and practice leadership skills with a faith-based perspective.

From 2009 to 2019, I attended St. Luke Catholic Elementary School, where I engaged in a variety of activities within my school and church that encouraged me to explore the connection between leadership and service to others (rather than servitude). As I attended Mass with my school and my family, I was offered the opportunities to receive my altar serving training, read on the altar, and sang and played guitar for the school choir. This gave me the chance to further develop my organizational and public speaking skills and gave me experience in leading group projects. My involvement with my school and church communities in these roles strengthened my relationship and involvement within my local community. In addition, the encouragement I received from my school community to step into leadership roles allowed me to learn and explore various other skills, like feeling comfortable speaking in front of crowds. Each of the activities that my church and school communities encouraged me to pursue fostered feelings of confidence in me, and gave me the platform to lead with my peers in a faith-filled setting. When I look back on these experiences in elementary school, I am most appreciative of them and their contribution to my current and future ambitions.

In 2019, I began my secondary education at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School, where I will be finishing my final year of high school less than a year from now. During my high school years, I have focused heavily on the bridge between youth voice and Catholic education at PVNCCDSB, specifically in my role as a Student Trustee. This past year, I was honoured to be part of the synodal process that Mr. Peter Bagnall, Ms. Jeannie Armstrong, and Father Paul Massel organized to further elevate

youth voice within schools and local dioceses. Afterwards, I spoke personally with a few students at my school who also agreed that they appreciated the platform the synodal process gave them to engage in dialogue about their goals and visions for the future in a Catholic context. In my experience, opportunities like the synodal process allow students to express themselves comfortably, feel appreciated, lead in unique ways, and deepen our connections to our school and church communities. In addition, the opportunities and engagement that I have encountered during my time in Catholic school have influenced my own personal visions for my future. I attribute a great deal of my passion for community service and youth advocacy to the positive responses I received from my teachers and parish members growing up. Now, I plan on paying it forward by pursuing a career in the realm of Catholic education and youth advocacy to continue passing on the valuable skills and lessons I learned as a student in Catholic schools. In conclusion, the opportunities and skills that my experience in the Catholic education system helped me develop will continue to assist me throughout the rest of my future endeavours in leadership and community service.

As I begin to approach the end of my academic journey with the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board, I feel compelled to express my gratitude for the opportunities and skills that my Catholic school experience provided me with. Whether it be reading at the altar, or engaging in dialogue with my peers about our experiences in the Catholic education system, these opportunities allowed me to explore student leadership and pursue Catholic service in my communities with a faith-based focus. This year, as I consider my plans for post-secondary and beyond, the leadership skills I developed and the community involvement I pursued during my time in PVNCCDSB will be more than valuable as I continue to encounter challenges, opportunities, and continue to be a lifelong learner. In conclusion, my personal experiences in the Catholic education system have positively impacted me in numerous ways, but specifically in the honed development of my leadership skills and community involvement, for which I am immensely thankful.





Writing the next chapter

In May, Peterborough Campus Ministry bid a fond farewell to Father John Perdue as he boarded a plane to Italy to pursue further studies in preparation for a future role on the faculty of Saint Augustine Seminary in Scarborough. Father John was our first Director and began his service as Chaplain to Trent University and Fleming College in 2015.

Father Neil Pereira, a priest of the Archdiocese of Toronto, came to the Diocese of Peterborough in July to take the helm of campus ministry. As a student at the University of Toronto – Mississauga, Father Neil studied both psychology and human resources. He credits his experience of university chaplaincy with shaping his faith and encouraging him toward the priesthood. Father Neil had served as Associate Pastor at Saint Isaac Jogues Parish in Pickering since his ordination to the priesthood in 2020.

“Father Neil brings an ability to connect with young people and possesses a pastor’s heart,” said Father Perdue of Father Pereira.

Peterborough Campus Ministry also saw personnel changes in our partnership with Catholic Christian Outreach in recent months.

Cameron Ayles, one of the original missionaries who came to help our ministry to students, was promoted within CCO and moved to Ottawa in January. Erika Schoonderwoerd, an alumna of Trent University, was promoted to lead our team of missionaries on campus. Finally, Byron Chan joined the missionary team after

serving Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson University).

During his tenure, Father John Perdue had a vision for a ministry that would continue to grow and serve the Church after his departure. His passion and leadership inspired many to join together to continue the good work he began. As we begin the next chapter of Peterborough Campus Ministry, we echo Father John’s commitment to accompanying university and college students into a personal and life-giving relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church.

To learn more about Peterborough Campus Ministry, visit www.ptbocampusministry.ca



Father
Neil Pereira



Erika
Schoonderwoerd



Kevin’s Confirmation
2022



SJD 2022
Student Watch Party



Fr. John Perdue’s
Final Mass at Trent

Parish:
Campbellford

2022 Mega Raffle, May 21st

It was a marathon to say the least!!!! But the dust is starting to settle. On behalf all the parishioners of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary faith Family of Campbellford a very profound, thank you to all who sold or bought tickets. A total of 3,980 were sold, thereby generating \$79,600 of the potential \$80,000. After expenses, our profit will be just over \$60,000. Which, in a word, is “fantastic”! Our debt will be \$600,000 by the end of the 2022. With your help we will have lowered the debt \$240,000 in 2½ years. The only word that comes to mind is “awesome”, and so are you.

A list of winners is included.

As the mighty phoenix rose from ashes, so plans are underway for our **2023 Mega Raffle**. The tickets will remain \$20 each and five tickets in a book. First prize will be a 4650 Deep Fisherman: which is a 14 ft Mirro Craft deep hull boat with a f9-9 Yamaha motor and a Karavan 1250-46 trailer, or the value in

cash. Tickets will be distributed between Labour Day and Thanksgiving. If you would like a book or two (which contains 5 tickets) to sell or buy, please call Fr. Bill Moloney at 705-768-0844.

The draw will be held on Saturday, May 27th, which is the date of Fr. Bill's 40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. There will be a Mass at 5:00pm followed by a social, dinner and dance at the Campbellford Curling Club. This will be a fundraiser as well. The dinner tickets will be \$100, but for each ticket a \$50 tax receipt will be issued. The draw will take place between the dinner and the dance. People are already lining up, volunteering to be roasters! It should be a great celebration and tons of fun. More details will be forthcoming. Direct all questions to either 705-653-1093 or 705-768-0844.

Peace + Prayers

Winners of the St. Mary's Catholic Church 2022 Annual Mega Raffle

1st Prize: A Kodiak 450 EPS Yamaha ATV **or** \$12,000
Chris English of Norwood (took the cash)

2nd : A Karavan Utility Trailer – KPU 60-8 MSRP **or** \$2,300
Randy Moloney of Douro-Dummer (took the cash)

3rd : Ultra Quiet 2200i Honda Portable Inverter **or** \$1,660
Teena Sutton of Peterborough (took the inverter)

4th : A cottage for 3 weekdays and 2 nights on the Trent River, summer of 2022
Phil Convey of Warkworth

5th : ¼ beef, ¼ pork, ¼ chicken
Dianne Doherty of Keene

6th : A Hand Made Quilt “The Sampler”
Peggy Gibson of Eldorado

7th : CanadianTire – 7-piece Indexing Ratcheting Wrench Set
Scott Cornthwaite of Peterborough

8th : Portage Vehicle Cleaning – a car detailing
Olivia Crough of Ennismore

9th : Antonia's Bistro Gift certificate
Tom Haley of Campbellford

10th : Bennett's Furniture Gift Certificate
Janina Lis of Cobourg

11th : Abu Garcia For Life Cardinal S Canadian Edition Rod + Reel donated by Campbellford Wholesale
Danielle LeGuard of Ottawa

12th : Dooher's Bakery Gift Certificate
Karen Grubb of Peterborough

13th : Giant Tiger Gift Certificate
Peggy Smith of Campbellford

14th : Sharpe's Food Market Gift Certificate
Tim Kenneley of Peterborough

15th : UPI Gas Card Certificate
Larry Nicholas of Campbellford

16th : World's Finest Chocolate Gift Certificate
Greg Crough of Millbrook

17th : A wooden bowl made and donated by Paul O'Brien
Brodie Spicer of Tweed

18th : Empire Cheese Gift Certificate
Becky Brady of Peterborough

19th : Fisher's No Frill's Gift Certificate
Crispin Cotton Kinch of Campbellford

20th : King's Automotive – a free oil change
Dale Lunitz of Hastings

21st : V & S Stedman's Gift Certificate
Sarah Widdis of Norwood

A Pastoral Plan for PVNC Schools

by Fr. Paul Massel

The PVNC school board has put together a three-year pastoral plan with exciting new ideas for all our 35 schools, suggesting ways for long-term spiritual growth. An 11-member team from across the board got together regularly for the past year to discern where God is calling the PVNC community. The resulting plan entitled: *IGNITE: Faith, Hope and Love through Conversation, Celebration and Community to create a culture of belonging*, was presented to the Board of Trustees and approved. As Faith Animator and Chaplain for the board, I see this document as an exciting invitation to explore faith and conversation in new ways. It invites staff and students to further explore meditation, the synodal process and faith sharing between families, school communities and local parishes. It is rooted in the Gospel and in the three theological virtues of faith hope and love.

The plan aligns itself with the board's strategic priorities, inviting us to see *being* not so much as a noun but as a verb and to see that all is possible in the present. Catholic Education invites us to see God in every aspect of our lives, who invites us to be all that we can be, inspiring creativity, wellness and community. Seeing God in every aspect of education, faith (1st year) invites us to see all things in new and creative ways, hope (2nd year cumulatively) calls us to bring all parts of our lives together, to achieve wholeness or holiness and love (3rd year) inspires us to see ourselves as "seeds being made into a dough, fired by the Holy Spirit, then again broken and shared" (St. Augustine Sermon 272). Community is our highest goal. We hold the Christ light for each other...and we are healed.

The plan's first goal invites "*conversation* and silence between community members making space for the Holy Spirit and encountering each other and God in prayer." Throughout the three-year span, we encourage all gatherings, be they board meetings, staff meetings, or clubs and groups in schools, to incorporate Christian Meditation, synodal sharing and scriptural reflections.

The second goal calls every school "to *celebrate* diverse charisms while reflecting on shared identity, hopes and mission." Each school will explore its faith identity, considering its name saint, its history and its values and gifts. In concrete ways, such as decorating the PVNC Cross, each school will find ways to communicate that faith identity at year's end within the school and for the whole board during Catholic Education Week. In year 2, based on this faith identity, pastoral teams will explore hopes for the school, for the larger community, for our nation and indeed the world. And finally in year 3, rooted in faith (1st year) grounded in hope, (year 2), how do we love? Pastoral teams will identify concrete actions in charity and justice, discern a school mission statement and explore how to further care for God's creation.

Finally, goal three calls every school to see God's presence in the lives of school, parish and community members inviting them to witness to their vocation and share their faith stories with the school at large and within classrooms.

Where do you find meaning in your life and work? How is God present in the work you do? What is the path that led you to where you are today? How have you encountered God in that journey? Each of our stories can inspire others and revitalize connections between parishes, schools and families.

I believe this plan will inspire all members of our PVNC community to spiritual growth, to explore new ways to pray, to continue the invitation by Pope Francis to engage in meaningful dialogue through the synodal process and to celebrate the witness of community members to share their faith journeys and vocational call.

It is my hope that this plan will welcome deeper and closer relationships between parishes and schools and invite all people of faith to explore more deeply God's call to creativity, to wellness and to discern where God is calling the PVNC community. ✠





CATHOLIC CURIOSITIES

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Father Mollinger and the Relics of St. Anthony Chapel

Located in the Troy Hill neighbourhood of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA, St. Anthony Chapel is an historic landmark widely known for its collection of 5,000 sacred relics, the second largest of its kind in the world (the largest collection is housed within the walls of Vatican City).

With a statue of its patron saint (St. Anthony of Padua) perched high on the roof, the two steepled Romanesque-style devotional chapel has an otherwise unremarkable façade. It's when you enter through the white doors and stand in awe of its interior, that you realize that this is no ordinary chapel. After walking past the life-size Stations of the Cross and looking up at the fourteen ornate stained glass windows, your gaze shifts to the multitude of reliquaries of various shapes and sizes lining the wall behind the altar and throughout the chapel. Some of the display cases, constructed of solid walnut, contain reliquaries with hundreds of relics.

The relics displayed include:

- † Particles of the True Cross;
- † Small pieces of the Holy Manger and the Crown of Thorns;
- † A splinter from the table upon which the Last Supper was celebrated;
- † Relics of the Apostles;
- † Relics from eighty canonized popes;
- † The entire skeletal remains of St. Demetrius, a third century martyr;
- † The skulls of martyred saints Macharius, Stephana and Ursula;
- † Relics of St. John the Baptist; St. Mary Magdalene; St. Lawrence; St. Stephen, Protomartyr; St. Dionysius; St. Blase; St. Anthony of Padua; St. Nicholas; St. Agnes; St. Barbara; St. Sebastian; St. Catherine; and St. Cecilia.

Father Suitbert Godfrey Mollinger



St. Anthony Chapel, and the thousands of relics it was built to house, wouldn't be standing today if it weren't for the efforts of priest-physician, Father Suitbert Godfrey Mollinger. Born in the Kingdom of Belgium on April 19, 1828, he was the eighth child of François Frédéric Mollinger and Baroness Dorothea Maria van Hellenberg. Mollinger and his siblings were raised Catholic by their devout mother.

With a desire to relieve the suffering of the sick and dying, Mollinger studied medicine in Naples, Rome and Genoa, Italy, becoming a highly regarded physician. However, despite a successful medical career, Dr. Mollinger felt called to the priesthood and began attending the seminary in Ghent, Belgium. While there, he met Bishop Joshua Young, Ordinary of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, Pennsylvania, who was looking for missionary priests for his diocese. After completing his studies, Mollinger travelled to the United States and was ordained by Bishop Young on April 30, 1859.

On July 4, 1868, Fr. Mollinger was named the first pastor of Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish in the Troy Hill neighbourhood of Pittsburgh, where he ministered to local German-speaking immigrants.

The Relics and St. Anthony Chapel

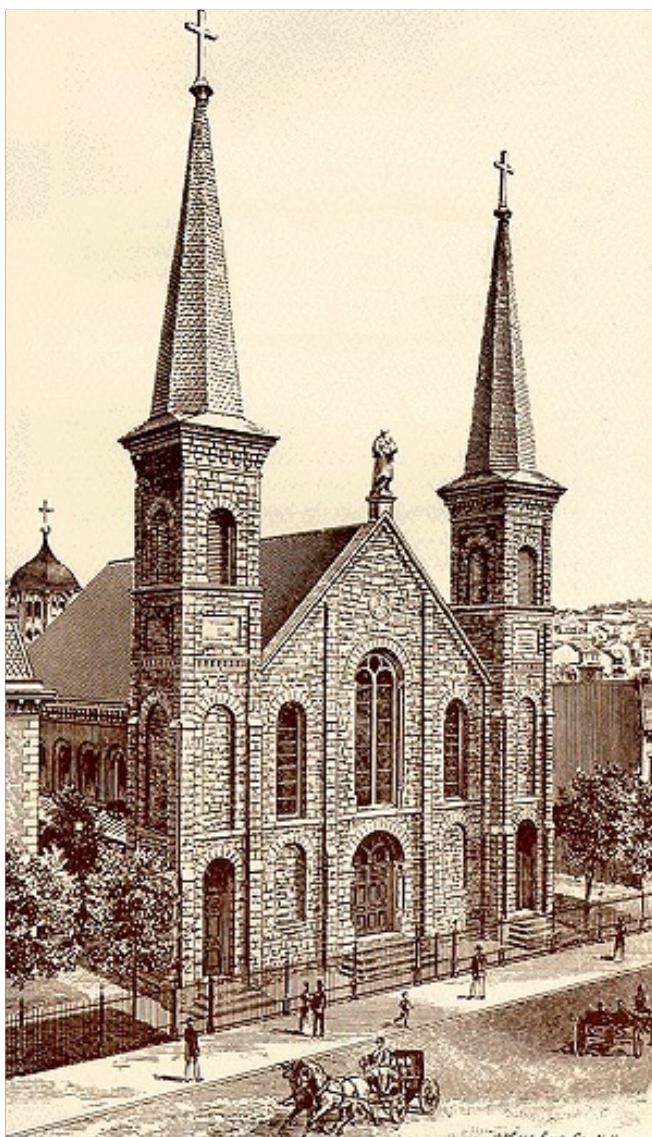
In the years preceding his ordination, Fr. Mollinger became fascinated with relics and began acquiring them for his personal collection. With the rise of anti-Catholic political persecution in 19th century Europe, relics and other sacred objects were being desecrated and destroyed. To prevent further profane acts, Fr. Mollinger arranged for European Catholics to ship their relics and religious artifacts to him in Pittsburgh for safe keeping. There was one caveat: the relics had to be accompanied by certificates of authenticity, which were to be certified by a bishop and two witnesses. Due to this requirement, there are over 500 documents attesting to the authenticity of the relics in the chapel.

By 1880, the number of relics had grown so much that a larger space was needed to house them. Fr. Mollinger asked the parishioners of Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish for

funds to build a larger church. However, after realizing that the parish could not afford the expense, he decided to build a chapel with his personal funds - he had inherited a large fortune from his late parents' estate. The chapel was to be dedicated to St. Anthony of Padua, to whom Fr. Mollinger had a great and lifelong devotion. Construction began with the laying of the cornerstone on June 13, 1880, the Feast of St. Anthony, and was completed in 1883. Ten years later, in 1893, the chapel was expanded to accommodate the life-size Stations of the Cross.

The Healing Priest

Aside from his unique ability to acquire relics, Fr. Mollinger became famous for his miraculous healings. Known as the "healing priest", he would use a combination of faith and medicine to help those seeking cures for their ailments. Every year on the Feast of St. Anthony, thousands would make a pilgrimage to the chapel, where he was reported to



have healed the blind, the deaf, the lame, and delivered the possessed. When a person sought a cure for an ailment, Fr. Mollinger would prescribe a remedy of his own concoction, to be supplied at a local apothecary. A spiritual remedy, such as reciting a prayer or a making penitential act, would also be prescribed.

Father's healings were sought by non-Catholics as well. According to one report, Fr. Mollinger was once approached by a Presbyterian woman seeking a cure for her hemorrhagic bleeding. Father prescribed one of his remedies, but warned that the treatment wouldn't be effective unless she also abstained from meat on Fridays. The woman agreed and the bleeding stopped. However, when the woman attended a Friday luncheon where meat sandwiches were served, not wanting to explain why she couldn't eat them, she succumbed to temptation and ate one. The bleeding returned.

Never taking credit, Fr. Mollinger attributed the healings to a "knowledge of medicine and human ills, perfected by the power of God and the prayers of the saints".

On June 16, 1892, Father Suitbert Godfrey Mollinger, having been ill and exhausted from the events on the Feast of St. Anthony two days prior, passed away at his residence.

Today

If you're ever in Pittsburgh and have some free time, I would recommend visiting St. Anthony Chapel for Holy Mass and veneration of the relics. The chapel's address is: 1704 Harpster Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Across the street from the chapel is the Fr. Suitbert G. Mollinger Museum and Shop, where crutches, glasses and other items from those who claim to have been cured, can be viewed.

A 360° view of the chapel can be accessed by visiting the following link <https://maps.app.goo.gl/nPwRSKfGFbpbwhJnd7>

or by scanning the QR code using your smartphone or tablet. ☒



Stephen, his wife and their son live in Peterborough.



FROM THE PEW

David Beresford

Around the Fire

“How many do you have?”

“Only three; every time I go away for work, my wife hires someone to tow one away. She thinks three old cars rusting the front yard is plenty.”

“You can never have too many old cars in the yard!”

“I know, but that argument never seems to carry much weight in my house.”

We sat and pondered the wisdom of that last remark. I puffed on my pipe, and stared at the fire for a few moments. Friends and I were sitting around a campfire, talking about fulfilling our childhood dreams, and two of us discovered a shared passion for having old cars in the yard. My friend favoured cars being up on blocks in a state of semi-repair, manifesting a latent promise of renewed life. I preferred to let them rest where they were placed in quiet dignity, a tribute to the past.

Two of my old cars are Ladas and one a Volkswagen van. My friend had two trucks and a Plymouth, all on blocks. One of my Lada's was missing its windshield, the victim of my children's whimsical afternoon of play with BB guns fifteen years ago. In the car was a bird's nest, lots of spiders, and nettles growing up through the holes in the floor.

There are profound philosophical insights that arose from even a short meditation on this car: the triumph of quietly persistent, fertile goldenrod from the midst of a dead machine; nature's resilience in the face of industry; that even weeds are often the harbingers of nature healing a scarred landscape; that when we consider the lilies, this can include those growing out of broken cars; that the most overlooked living creature is more profoundly perfect than the genius of human engineering. I trust that my friends who had also grown silent, were engaged in similar thoughts, thoughts we are so reticent to articulate.

“Do you have any other fun stuff in your yard? I have an old snowmobile beside my woodpile. Some of my happiest childhood moments have been spent watching my dad and uncle trying to start snowmobiles in



winter. They would take turns pulling on the cord, puffing to catch their breath, and pulling some more. Then they would go inside for a coffee.”

“Broken chainsaws. Used to have one of those, it was my dad's. He would try and cut wood with it. It would start right off, run just long enough to get halfway through a cut and then stop. Pulling the cord would do nothing. Every so often it would sputter just enough to keep hope alive. I have often thought that it was possessed. The few times it did work, it would cut in an arc and bind. That saw was incapable of ever accomplishing anything other than providing opportunities for aerobic exercise, and it personally resented any attempts to make it useful.”

“Where is it now? Maybe I can fix it,” someone at the fire offered.

“My Dad gave it to me, and I kept it for years intending to get it working. As long as it sort-of worked I could not justify buying a new one, yet it never ran long enough for me to actually cut any wood with it.”

“Where is it now?” he persisted.

“I brought it to a guy in Campbellford who told me to leave it with him for a week. When I went to pick it up he showed me a pile of parts in a box and said it was useless.”

“Did he charge you?”

“No, but he did sell me a used chainsaw that runs like a top and never yet has given me trouble for \$250.00.”

“Do you still have the box with the old one in it?”

“Nope. Junked. My wife said the Campbellford guy did me a favour, and accomplished something two generations of Beresford men had been unable to do for forty years -- get rid of a broken machine,” I said.

“My wife gave my 4 inch Beaver Rockwell jointer planer away, put it at the end of the driveway for giveaway,” said someone else at the fire. “I suppose it was a good idea, but I was going to find some cutters that would fit; and rewire a 220 volt outlet for it in the garage.”

Someone threw a couple of sticks on the fire, and we fell silent again, thinking.

“Anyone know how to fix typewriters?” ✕

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.



Men In Black are finally back



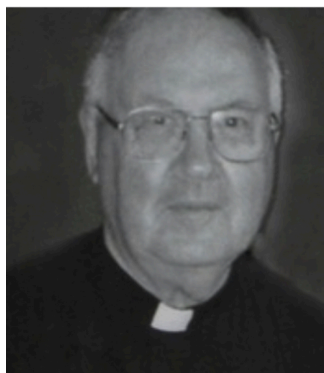
The talented Priests of the Peterborough Diocese (along with Some Surprises and Special Guests) will showcase their talents during an enjoyable evening of song and skit. Join us for this fundraiser for Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Campbellofrd, which needs your help.

Friday, October 14th 2022 at 7:00 pm

Admission by free-will offering - proceeds going to
debt acquired from the renovation of the towers

More information at 705-768-0844

OBITUARY



HEFFERNAN Reverend Father Raymond John

Member of the Bishop Francis A. Marrocco D.D. 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Assembly # 882 and Charter Member of the Knights of Columbus St. Joseph's Parish Douro Council # 11486)

Passed away peacefully at Peterborough Regional Health Centre, on Sunday, August 7, 2022 in his 91st year.

Beloved brother of Clotilde Quinn (late Gerald). Dear uncle of many nieces and nephews and their families. Predeceased by his parents Thomas Heffernan and Julia Burns, sisters Marie Moher (late Richard), Marquerite Sullivan (late Cletus), brothers Frank Heffernan (late Marie), and Vincent Heffernan (late Alice).

Father Ray was ordained a priest at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains on May 23, 1964 and served as assistant pastor at St. John the Baptist Church, Peterborough until 1970 when he became pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Bowmanville. In 1974 he became an assistant pastor at St. Anne's Church, Peterborough and was appointed pastor there in 1978. He became co-pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Peterborough in 1980 and was appointed pastor there until 1986 when he was appointed pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Douro where he served until his retirement in 2001.