

**Diocese of Peterborough
Office for Vocations, Evangelization and Youth (VEYO)**

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Vocations:

- We have presently three seminarians for the priesthood studying at St. Augustine's seminary in Toronto. Two more might be starting this fall. About 6 people have asked about the permanent diaconate and 4 young women about the religious life. It shows there are still vocations out there. Reason enough to continue to use the prayer cards for vocations distributed at the clergy study day back in September. It's obviously working! If you need more material, let me know.
- The resource manual devised by the volunteers at the Vocation Office will be available next week. It will likely be distributed to each parish at the up-coming deanery meetings in March.
- Also, once the manual is out, we can start a Vocation Week in each parish. A "traveling chalice" is available here at the Office to be displayed in the parish as a symbol of vocations during this week. If you wish to have the display for a week, let me know.
- Saturday April 2nd will be another day of reflection and study for our permanent deacons and their wives. More info will be going out directly to the deacons.
- There will be a Day of Discernment on Saturday April 16th, 2005 from 10 am to 4 pm here in Peterborough for anyone thinking about a vocation to the priesthood or to the religious life. Let people know about it.

Evangelization:

- In view of a number of up-coming events (see below) the volunteers at the Evangelization Office have decided to schedule another "Day of Renewal" for some time in the fall, likely in October towards the end of the Year of the Eucharist. If you have any suggestions as to date, place, topic, outline etc., please call the Office.
- The PowerPoint presentation on the Mass, which was such a success at our first "Day of Renewal" in November, will be ready to be shown in parishes and youth groups. If you wish to have it in your parish at some point, please let me know. The young people from the Office are ready to come out and put on the presentation.
- April 3rd is Divine Mercy Sunday and the Evangelization Office has organized devotions, including Mass with Bishop De Angelis, in the afternoon from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. More information and a poster will be going out to the parishes shortly.

- On Saturday April 9th ‘Renewal Ministries of Canada’ will hold its annual ‘Lift Jesus Higher Rally’ in Toronto. The Diocese will have a bus going to the event leaving Peterborough at 6 am and returning at about 8 pm. There are special youth events and celebrations planned for the day. Cost: \$35 for adults and \$28 for students, including bus trip. Bring your own lunch! For reservations, call the Office or 705.745.2337.
- May 28th/29th is the Feast of Corpus Christi, which during this Year of the Eucharist has obviously special significance. The Office is working on some suggestions for the parishes in terms of liturgies, devotions and activities which may be helpful in making this day even more meaningful.

Youth:

- Our two Diocesan trips to WYD Cologne this August have some 15 openings left. If you or anyone you know is interested, please call the Office soon. Bulletin announcements to this effect were sent out last week.
- The next regional meetings for all WYD pilgrims are scheduled as follows:
for Peterborough area: at St. Anne’s Church in Peterborough on Friday March 18th beginning with Mass at 7 pm;
for southern part: at St. Michael’s Church in Cobourg on Saturday March 19th beginning with Mass at 5 pm;
for northern part: at St. Joseph’s Church in Bracebridge on Sunday March 20th beginning with Mass at 11 am.
- The Youth Cross is now in the northern deanery thanks to Fr. Bill. It will hopefully encourage parishioners to reach out to our young people in whatever way possible, as it encourages our young people to draw closer to the Church and its community.
- The workshop for youth leaders from around the Diocese will be this Saturday February 26th from 10am to 3 pm. All youth leaders and youth contacts from the parishes have been contacted and invited to gather here in Peterborough for a day of reflection and study on youth ministry in the Diocese.
- On Sunday March 6th at 4 pm there will be Mass on campus at Trent University in Peterborough. It will hopefully be the beginning of some Catholic initiatives among students from Trent and Fleming College. A group of students has formed, on their own, a “Catholic Council of Trent” which will coordinate events with the Youth Office.
- The Youth Office has organized a trip to Montreal for 4 days over the March break starting March 11th at a cost of \$250 all-inclusive. If you have any youth interested, please contact the Office. Bulletin announcements have gone out to the parishes already.
- There will be a Good Friday Celebration (March 25th) for all youth and young adults of the Diocese here in Peterborough. It will begin at 10 am at the Cathedral and will include an outdoor Way of the Cross through the city to Immaculate Conception Church, lunch in the Church hall there, music and youth witnessing. It will conclude

with the Service at 3 pm. Please let people know about it. Posters will be sent out this week. (Sample attached as WPD file)

- On Feb. 8th a first LifeSaver Retreat was conducted by some youth from the Youth Office, in cooperation with the Diocesan Respect-Life Office, for two grade 8 classes from Beaverton and Kirkfield. The day was a great success. Three more retreats are scheduled for April. If your school or parish is interested, let me know.
- NET (National Evangelization Team) is coming to the Diocese again for a few days in late April (April 27th – May 2nd). If you wish the team to come to your parish, school, youth group for retreats and presentations, let the Office know as soon as possible.
- Great news: Sonfest '05 has been scheduled for July 8th-10th in Grafton. I will be in touch with the pastor Fr. Hood and the dean for the southern deanery Fr. McMahon shortly to work out the particulars for the 3-day event. Mark it on your calendars!
- Last, not least: The Diocesan Youth Newsletter is coming out this week and should be in your parishes by the end of the week. If you have anybody, especially youth who wishes to contribute, please contact the Office, or just send in the article or news items.