

**News Bulletin n. 6/2005**  
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Dear friends,

After a long summer break here is finally the next VEYO news bulletin for our Diocese. The summer was a busy one with most energies and efforts dedicated to our second annual **SONfest** (July 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>) and, of course, to our diocesan pilgrimages to **World Youth Day** in Cologne (August 9<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>). As much as these two events will be part of diocesan life, especially for our youth, for months and years to come, it's time to focus our attention on the many other aspects of VEYO's mission.

The Office has started its regular meetings again which so far have taken place at the Cathedral Rectory in Peterborough. We are hoping to get some direct input on a regular basis through e-mail from people in the far-flung regions of the Diocese in order to broaden our base and to make more people part of the discussion and decisions. Hopefully it will work. Anybody interested in the cyber-office, do let me know.

I hope that also after a long summer break I can again rely on your cooperation and assistance. Please circulate or forward this note to other people who might be interested. If you have any suggestions or ideas, just e-mail me or call. As always, use any of the info below in your parish bulletins, news letters or announcements. Thanks for being part of VEYO's great missionary effort!

Vocations:

- Three seminarians have started studies this month: Craig Cruikshank is in second year theology and Jerry Tavares in first theology; both at St. Augustine's Seminary. Nicholas Carvalho is in first philosophy at St. Philip's Oratory in Toronto. Peter Tammearu has discontinued his studies.
- Please continue to use the latest vocation posters and prayer cards distributed before the summer. If you need more for your parishes or schools, contact the Office. Also, please use the new resource manual, as it provides lots of ideas and suggestions for promoting vocations through various initiatives in parish, home and school.
- The Office would like to continue with our "Vocation Week" to be observed in one parish at a time. Parishes and pastors have so far used the "traveling chalice" for this week in different ways, either displaying it in Church or having families take it home for a day. Whatever works! Every effort counts to make people aware of the need for vocations and of our part in promoting them!
- Anyone interested in helping at the Vocation Office with matters pertaining to the vocation of marriage, please contact the Office.

## Evangelization:

- The Diocesan Prayer Chain needs to grow. Whoever wishes to pray for the work and success of this Office and for other diocesan intentions can be part of this chain. Contact-persons from each parish will receive prayer requests through this Office which are to be communicated to whoever locally wishes to pray for these intentions such as people in existing parish or prayer groups or simply dedicated individuals. So far we have about 450 people connected.
- Some requests have come in for a program/workshop to train lay ministers and catechists in local parishes. The Office has material for this purpose available and can offer a workshop whenever convenient.
- The Evangelization Office will be working closely with the representatives of the various lay movements and groups in our Diocese in preparation for upcoming events and for another lay symposium next year. Next meeting of all representatives is on Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Bishop's House.
- The Year of the Eucharist is drawing to a close in late October. The Office is hoping to have another Diocesan Day of Renewal on the occasion likely on Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>. Please stay tuned for more info and details.
- 'Praying for each other': The Office will shortly be sending out the requested prayer intentions for the parishes of the Diocese. The whole Diocese will be praying for each parish on a given Sunday of the year.

## Youth:

- Our two World Youth Day trips were a tremendous success. There will be a DVD coming out later this year with some of the highlights of the pilgrimage.
- Locally, there are presentations on WYD and reunions by pilgrims planned in some parishes. A reunion for all WYD pilgrims of the Diocese is scheduled for some time in November, likely November 12<sup>th</sup>, here in Peterborough. More details to follow shortly.
- All-night adorations by youth for youth are planned for October 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> which coincides with the end of the Year of the Eucharist. The adoration is to take place in all parishes simultaneously.
- For our last SONfest this past July, some young people formed a group called CORC ('Catholics on the Road for Christ') to facilitate the event. The group will continue to develop into a strong youth ministry group (similar to NET or YEO) in the Diocese.
- Retreats such as JP II retreats, 'logos fellowship' meetings and Life Saver retreats are being scheduled for the coming months.
- Parish youth leaders are to meet again some time this fall. Suggested date is Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup>. Details will be available shortly.
- On Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting with all chaplains of catholic high schools in the Diocese and the director of education in order to help increase communication and cooperation with the Diocesan Youth Office.
- The Catholic Council of Trent has started its activities. Mass on campus is scheduled for Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> so far. More to come.

- A PowerPoint Presentation outlining the mission of the Diocesan Youth Office and “Sonfest”, our Diocesan Youth Day, as well as World Youth Day is still in the works.
- The Diocesan Youth Cross which has been “resting” in the Cathedral over the summer is ready to continue its pilgrimage through the Diocese. Contact the Office, if you wish a visit of the Cross in your parish, school or community.
- A new Youth Newsletter is in the works as well. If you have anybody, especially youth who wish to contribute, just send in the article or news items.

That’s it for our first bulletin after the summer. There is more to come in the weeks and months ahead. Thanks again for your cooperation, support and prayers.

For all VEYO volunteers,  
Fr. Norbert.

P.S. Our VEYO website is being continuously updated. Check it out at [www.veyopeterboro.org](http://www.veyopeterboro.org) . If you have anything for the website, just send it in.