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PASTOR

Rev. Patrick M. Dobec, P.P.

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS

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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. - Sacristy

Weekdays – Before weekday Masses in Sacristy,
or by appointment

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

11 JULY 2021

Let us pray . . . Saint Joseph, Pray for Us For the Holy Father's July Intention . . . we pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship

For Eliana Ivory Everson who received First Holy Communion last Sunday, and Olivia Ann Hudder who will receive her First Holy Communion this Sunday, may they grow in Love of the Eucharist.

For those experiencing illness . . . we pray for healing for those suffering or recovering from Covid-19; for those experiencing anxiety, fear and isolation; for those undergoing treatment; for those awaiting surgery.

For First Responders . . . for those in the medical profession, those in policing and firefighting, those who place themselves on the line for others, for the betterment of our communities, ensuring our safety and wellbeing. We acknowledge and are thankful for the sacrifice of men and women in the fields of caregiving, protection and preservation of the common good.

For those who have died and left this transitory life . . . especially for the repose of the souls of our deceased family and friends.
Requiescant in Pace!

CELEBRATION OF MASS

Wednesday	4:00 p.m.	Special Intentions of Sandra Coulas and Family
Thursday	12:00 noon 12:10 p.m.	The Angelus Phelanda Hall by John & Ursula Golka
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Basil Billings by Ray & Lorraine & Vera

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

18 JULY 2021

Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Peter Aleck (Months Mind) by Margaret Peplinskie Margaret Cowan by Janet & Basil Plebon
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo (Mass for all the People)

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS

	July 17 th	July 18 th
Readers	Martin Yakabuski	Brooke-Lyn Lundy/Noah Kluge
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Neil O'Reilly	Pierre-Paul & Judy Filion

Pope Establishes World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. "I am with you always" (cf. Mt 28:20). Pope Francis has decided to institute a Church-wide celebration of a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The theme's purpose is to convey the closeness of God and the Church to the elderly and also to emphasize the intergenerational closeness between the young and the elderly. Starting this year, the day will be held on the Fourth Sunday of July (July 25th, 2021), close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Pastoral Resources: First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (laityfamilylife.va). Info: <http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia/iniziativa-e-risorse/giornata-mondiale-e-anziani.html>.

The Academic Year has drawn to a close . . . our prayers and best wishes to students, their teachers and families, who have adapted and managed the challenges over the past school year. Congratulations to graduating students and we pray that your future endeavours and accomplishments will be blessed. Wishing all a restful summer.

Steubenville Toronto Summer Youth Conference – The Office of Catholic Youth in the Archdiocese of Toronto has made the difficult decision to cancel the Steubenville Toronto Conference that was scheduled to take place July 9-11, 2021 as well as the LEAD retreat scheduled to take place July 5-9, 2021. However, they are looking forward to gathering again next summer and hope that you will consider joining them at Ontario Tech University on July 15-17, 2022! This year, Franciscan University in Ohio is holding a virtual “retreat” type of day that parishes or groups can host virtually either at a parish or individuals can register. The link to register is: <https://share.steubenvillconferences.com/Toronto>.

The Writings of St. Teresa of Jesus of the Andes – As a Secular Discalced Carmelite since the year 2000, and an educator since 1998, I, Barbara Haight Garcia, OCDS, edited a book entitled: *The Writings of St. Teresa of Jesus of the Andes*. St. Teresa of Jesus of the Andes wrote a diary and letters, during her teenage years, about her love for Jesus Christ, her vocation discernment, her work as a catechist, and her work among the poor in Santiago, Chile during the early 1900’s. She was also a scholar, an athlete, and a musician – and excellent role model. I believe that this eBook would be a great addition to the curriculum for the Pembroke Diocese. This eBook can be read on a personal computer, Kindle, and other electronic devices. Cost is \$5.00 CDN. Please check out the Amazon link.

The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few.
(Matthew 9.32-38)

MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

Catherine Doherty’s insight on evangelization: third of three parts

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Last week, I brought you part two of three of a reflection by Catherine Doherty on the topic of evangelization. If you didn’t get a chance to read the first part, go to the diocesan website and check out the [Weekly Bulletin](#). Here is the third and last part of three of an excerpt from Chapter 7, taken from the book entitled: “*The Mystical Body of Christ*”. (see back page)

Sincerely yours in Christ our redeemer,

+Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R.

Bishop of Pembroke

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Evangelization—good news as gift

Chapter 7, *The Mystical Body of Christ* by Catherine Doherty,
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We need to pray so as not to water down the Gospel. (However, I don't blame anybody for *wanting* to water it down a little, because the one who speaks the Gospel is always within the reach of nails and of wood, and the two always connect in the form of a cross.) In an inimical milieu, hateful words, like stones, may be hurled at you. People can crucify you by their glances, by rejection and ridicule. It is essential that we all step softly in these situations and beg the Holy Spirit to guide us. We must open our hearts ever wider.

So here am I, and my friend is a non-believer, or whatever. But I love him as a person. Our friendship is open-ended. I share with him work and food, and friendship shares thoughts, ideas, words. I tell him what to me is the most precious thing, I give him the Word, God. He might give me his ideas, and I accept them and we discuss them together, because friendship is like oil on troubled waters. We don't hit each other because we think differently.

Friendship is understanding the other person as best we can. It means approaching that person with his or her good in mind. When I 'preach' the Gospel with my life or with my words, I establish communion.

Friendship needs to be open-ended, not a closed circle. For example, a little group of people get very close and are sitting at a table. Let's say that you walk up to this table and say, "Hi, how's everything?" and you meet with an "Okay". "Well, how have you been?" "Fine." "What kinds of things have you been doing?" The cold that comes from those people is Arctic; you feel rejected. That kind of friendship is closed unto itself totally, but if when you walk up they say, "Sit down, join us", it's open-ended, not exclusive. We have to extend our friendship into a very wide context. Frankly, it always becomes cruciform, like all the things of God are. It forgets itself and reaches out to the other.

Friends sent me clippings saying, "Even prostitutes should be evangelized". I wanted to cry, because it stands to reason that if you are bringing the Good News, which is Christ and what he taught, then it is applicable to everybody without exception. We need to speak the Good News slowly, gently, changing phraseology, semantics to fit each person and every background.

But above all, we must live that Word, that Gospel with our lives. We must realize our weakness and God's strength, and show it. Our joy, first and foremost and last is resemblance to Jesus Christ. How many of us are ready to lay down our life for our brother? That is evangelization. If you lay down your life for your brother, hundreds will come and embrace the faith, even in our difficult days.

In our computerized society, both society and the Church need the witness of intensely *personal* relationships, based on love—beginning with revealing our relationship with God and his with us. By allowing people to touch God through speaking of your relationship with him, you help others come into contact with God; this is the heart of the Gospel. We should also pay attention to new opportunities, possibilities, openings that may cut across our preconceived notions and beckon us into ways and situations that we have perhaps never thought of. We seek a deeper presentation of the Good News. It is important for us to use all modern means of communication and technology to put across the message of Christ. Look around for the paths that God is already laying out for you to follow. If you do, a new awareness, a new vitality and new sense of challenge and adventure will come into your heart. We must be ready to follow Christ wherever he goes, for Christ has a way of going into unexpected places. Let us be ready to follow him.