



SERRA CLUB of North Peel

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Sometimes events come to us in different aspects that affect our interactions and social activities. One such event is the visitation in our midst of the plague of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many have been isolated and immobilized which cramped the style of those active individuals in leadership. But not our Serra Club of North Peel President, Teresa Buonafede. She keeps our membership in touch with each other by taking advantage of the new virtual meeting technologies. With Cisco's WEBEX as our meeting's platform, Teresa is able to get great guest speakers who, if not for the new virtual meeting technology, would be next to impossible to invite due to the prospective guest speakers' tight schedules and commitments or due to geographical constraints. Such is the COVID-19 pandemic's ironic effect.

Serra Club of North Peel was able to garner in its virtual meeting schedule the presence of Cardinal Collins of the Archdiocese of Toronto as guest speaker on May 1st, who during his appearance, was not so sure in what manner he would conduct the ordinations of the candidates for the priesthood this year which were in doubt because of the current pandemic. By God's grace, after a seven-week delay originally scheduled for May 9, he was able to ordain the eight candidates to the priesthood including two from the Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary, on June 27, 2020, albeit with limited attendance and by invitation only. The ordinations were witnessed via live-stream online by those unable to attend. God is still raising labourers in His vineyard especially at this difficult time when caring for souls is in its heightened state.



Thomas Cardinal Collins



Fr. Matthew McCarthy

Fr. Matthew McCarthy, was ordained on May 13, 2017 by Cardinal Collins. His first assignment was at the Holy Family Church in Whitby, Ontario as associate pastor. Then he was transferred to the St. Michael's Cathedral in Toronto as associate pastor of Cardinal Collins. He was in this capacity when he followed the Cardinal as our SCONP's next guest speaker. Fr. Matt McCarthy is now the new Archdiocesan Director of Vocations, replacing Fr. Chris Lemieux.

Bishop Gary Gordon, Bishop of Victoria, BC, was our next SCONP guest speaker. He shared his precious and fulfilling experiences of caring for our Indigenous and Native peoples among others in Whitehorse, Yukon, when he was assigned as bishop in the Whitehorse diocese before becoming bishop of the Diocese of Victoria, BC.



Bishop Gary Gordon



Fr. Paul Pearson

Fr. Paul Pearson is the new Proctor of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri, Toronto. He was our SCONP guest speaker on Saturday, June 20. The Oratory is located at Holy Family Church in Parkdale. He replaced their founder and provost, Fr. Jonathan Robinson, who passed away recently. Fr. Pearson is a very talented writer and his newest book is titled "Spiritual Direction from Dante, Vol. 2: Ascending Mount Purgatory."

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Bishop Gerard Paul Bergie of the Diocese of St. Catharines was our SCONP guest speaker on July 25th. Ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Hamilton on May 12, 1984, Rev. Bergie was ordained as Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton and Titular Bishop of Tabae, on 24 August 2005. On 9 November 2010, Bishop Bergie was appointed the fifth bishop of the Diocese of St. Catharines, Ontario.



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St. Junipero Serra, pray for us!

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