**Eighth Annual Bishop’s Dinner**
Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB, will host the Eighth Annual Bishop’s Dinner for London & Surrounding Communities on **Wednesday, June 15, 2016** at the London Convention Centre. This year’s musical performers will be an ensemble of the Amabile Choir. Tickets are $125 per person and eligible for a $50 tax receipt. If you purchase a full table of ten the price is $975. To order, call Mrs. Frances Barnard at 519-432-1824 or 1-888-548-9649 extension 255, or email bishopsdinner@dol.ca. Reserve your seats or table today as tickets are selling fast. Funds raised will support the mission of St. Peter’s Seminary to provide education and formation for priests, permanent deacons, lay ministers and many others.

**Foundations in Parish Nursing Program**
Are you a registered nurse who would like to integrate your spirituality with your nursing practice and also learn more about the exciting field of parish nursing? Join us from **July 8-14, 2016** at Holy Family Retreat House on beautiful Lake Erie, near Kingsville, Ontario. For more information visit www.stpetersseminary.ca or contact Catherine Leach at 1-519-432-1824 ext 281.

**Catholic Christian Leadership Camp (CCLC)**
This summer our Diocese is offering Catholic Christian Leadership Camp for any student who will be in High School this September. It is a **5-day 4-night** experience for those seeking to deepen their Catholic faith and grow in their leadership abilities. Traditional camp activities such as archery, canoeing, low ropes and the Arts are integrated, leading many past campers to speak about CCLC as the best week of their year. Visit [www.cclcamp.ca](http://www.cclcamp.ca) for more information and please do not hesitate to contact cclc@dol.ca with any questions.

**NaPro Technology and the Creighton Model of Natural Family Planning**
Christina, a Fertility Care Practitioner, provides an INTRO session on **Saturday May 28** at 2pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Parkhill. Topics of the **FREE** intro session include menstrual cycles, various medical issues/treatment plans as well as the basics of human fertility. This model has been proven to help women with fertility issues and ultimately helping women conceive. This event is open to anyone interested. It is great to come as a couple too so you can both be on the same page! ***Please indicate if you would benefit from FREE babysitting! *** Contact Danielle Roelands for more information: daniellebulanda@hotmail.com, 519-238-204

**News Briefs from the May 2016 Blue Water Rest Home Board Meeting...**
The issue of the water supply in Zurich was discussed at length. Items such as the poor quality of the water (high fluoride and solids levels) and its impact on key capital items such as water heaters (replaced eight times in six years), a potential dishwasher failure (replacement cost $10,000), and the installation of a reverse osmosis conditioner (cost $40,000) and its maintenance all arose during the conversation around the Board table. Coupled with that was a mention of the independent 25,000-gallon fire suppression water supply that had to be installed during redevelopment due to low municipal water pressure at an original (2008) cost of $200,000.

75 of the Home’s dedicated Volunteers were recognized for all their contributions at the annual Volunteer banquet held at the Zurich Mennonite Church on April 13, 2016. The Board and Staff acknowledged over 2640 Volunteer hours of service in 2015. In addition, The Honourable Michael Chan, Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade invited us to celebrate the 2016 Ontario Volunteer Service Awards on Thursday, April 28, 2016, in London. The following local Volunteers were nominated from Blue Water Rest Home and each received a lapel pin and certificate in recognition of their commitment and dedication.

Carmel Sweeney - 40 years, Marlene Gingerich - 40 years, Cecilia Farwell - 30 years, Martha Risi - 30 years, Joan Regier - 15 years. Congratulations to our Volunteers!

**Annual Baby Bottle Drive**
Room 2 Grow Pregnancy Centre and Parenting Support is once again having their **annual baby bottle drive until Father's Day on June 19**. You will find baby bottles in the entrance of the church. We ask that you fill it with loose change from the bottom of your purse or from your pockets. This small change is making such a big change in our community. We currently have expanded to 3 support groups (Clinton, Goderich and Exeter). The need is so great to support young moms in becoming good parents and knowing that there are people who care. We have helped hundreds of young people over the past 5 1/2 years. The only way we can continue this support is through your donation.
**Dear Parishioners:** happy Pentecost! May this celebration be a new beginning for our parishes & communities. Besides all the sacramental celebrations we have marked over the past 50 days, I want to recognize **Holly Groot** from St. Boniface School who won the Huron-Perth Catholic Trustees’ Leadership Award, and **Jan Denomme**, who was presented with the Mother Theresa Service Award: congratulations to both of you, and God bless you for your service to our school! Today (Sunday) also brings our **Novena to St. Isidore** to an end: thanks to all who prayed along for our farmers. (With this two-week bulletin, I need to call your attention to the **Novena to St. Boniface** that will begin on the 28th of May; with June 5th falling on a Sunday, we’ll have to move our feast-day celebration!) We did a test-run of our **parish-wide email** by sending out a *Catholic Update* on “Being Catholic Today”: if you didn’t get one, please consider signing up at the Office, or picking up a print edition at the door of the church. (Although these come out weekly, we’ll try sending one out monthly, so as not to overwhelm.) The Feast of **Corpus Christi** falls on the 29th of May this year, so we will again be holding a **Procession with the Blessed Sacrament** following each Mass, with our **First Communicants** leading us at the 11:00 service. Please consider joining with them for a **reception** to celebrate them joining us at the Table of the Lord! That same day is an **information session** for the **Permanent Diaconate Program** in London: pray that many men – and their wives & families – will respond generously to this call to serve God’s holy People! (Fr. Vince Gleason of our diocese died this Thursday; in his retirement he worked closely with couples in diaconal formation. Please pray for the repose of his soul, and the continued success of diaconal ministry in our diocese.) May the Spirit of God fill us as we enter into the Ordinary Time of our lives – Amen! God bless you and your family this week.  

*Fr. Matt*

**Welcome In Encor**

On **Sunday, May 29th** from 2-6pm. Anyone who has made COR weekend in the past is welcome to attend for games and socializing. Help us welcome the newest COR candidates. St. Patrick’s Church Dublin, church hall. Bring a dish for the 5pm potluck supper. Pass it On!

**Permanent Diaconate Inquiry Sessions**

At the following Inquiry Sessions, the Diocese of London Permanent Diaconate Formation & Study Program will invite inquiries from men considering a call to the permanent diaconate:

- **Thursday, May 19** from 7:30–10 pm: St. Agnes, Chatham
- **Sunday, May 29** from 1:30 – 4 pm: St. George, London

If you are interested in applying for admission to the Program, you **MUST** attend one of the Inquiry Sessions with your wife, if possible, and register as an Inquirer.

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**THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**

**Questions of the Week**

*Reading I:* Proverbs 8:22–31 (the discourse of wisdom)  
*Reading II:* Romans 5:1–5 (faith, hope, and love)  
*Gospel:* John 16:12–15 (coming of the Paraclete)  
*Key Passage:* Jesus said, “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.” (John 16:12–13a)  
*Adult:* In what difficult situation has the Holy Spirit helped you see more clearly?  
*Youth:* What are some of the ways the Holy Spirit has helped you in your life?

**Ways to be Merciful**

“Recall a time you were not given a benefit of a doubt, and extend one to someone else.”  
“Put down the phone and really listen to someone else. With eye contact.”

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**From our Laudato Sí Study Group:** Each member of the Group was asked to reflect on what most stood out for them in Pope Francis’ encyclical letter on the environment. Over the next few weeks, we will be highlighting their reflections. One member pointed to this quote from #119: “If the present ecological crisis is one small sign of the ethical, cultural and spiritual crisis of modernity, we cannot presume to heal our relationship with nature and the environment without healing all fundamental human relationships. Christian thought sees human beings as possessing a particular dignity above other creatures; it thus inculcates esteem for each person and respect for others. Our openness to others, each of whom is a "thou" capable of knowing, loving and entering into dialogue, remains the source of our nobility as human persons. A correct relationship with the created world demands that we not weaken this social dimension of openness to others, much less the transcendent dimension of our openness to the “Thou” of God. Our relationship with the environment can never be isolated from our relationship with others and with God.” In her words, the Pope was identifying the ecological crisis as a *spiritual* one as well; as an example, she said the Development + Peace *ShareLent* calendar called us to live more simply as disciples and distinguish between our wants and our needs.