



Friday Facts

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FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

PHOTOS FROM ARCHBISHOP'S CHARITY DINNER: Now available online at:
(<https://www.flickr.com/photos/132971279@N02/albums/72157659818537220>).

FOR YOUR BULLETIN OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 15. That the Church will be continuously blessed with good and faithful servants following Christ as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

VOCATIONS

ONE-DAY RETREAT WITH FR. TIMOTHY GALLAGHER, OMV: For those discerning the call to religious life. **Sat., Nov. 7.** Mass, Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration. Open to men and women. Registration deadline: Nov. 4. Cost: \$10 (lunch incl.). Info: Servants of the Cross (613-729-8710); (events@servantsofthecross.ca).

FROM THE HOLY SEE

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR NOVEMBER: That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own. That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.

FROM THE CCCB

CATHOLICISM AND TRADITIONAL INDIGENOUS SPIRITUALITY – A REFLECTION ON COMMONALITIES: The National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples has been celebrated on Dec. 12 since 2002. A reflection by the Canadian Catholic Aboriginal Council identifies areas of commonality found in Traditional Aboriginal spirituality and the Catholic faith, seeking to point out bridges for mutual understanding. These will hopefully lead to a deeper respect and appreciation among all Catholics toward traditional Indigenous spirituality, and at the same time show how Aboriginal Catholics see a relationship between their Catholic faith and their cultural and personal identity. Info & text: (www.cccb.ca).

CHRISTIAN, JEWISH AND MUSLIM LEADERS IN CANADA CALL ON THE NEW GOVERNMENT TO FOCUS ON PALLIATIVE CARE INSTEAD OF EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE: At a news conference Oct. 29 on Parliament Hill, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) and The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC) released a joint statement. The *Declaration on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide* has been endorsed by over 30 Christian denominations together with over 20 Jewish and Muslim leaders from across Canada. In light of the Supreme Court of Canada's ruling in *R. v. Carter*, the joint statement advocates for palliative care, respect for the dignity of the human person, human solidarity and psychological, spiritual and emotional support as the ethical and moral response in end-of-life care. Info: (www.cccb.ca).

The family, home of
love and mercy.

*“Be merciful, just as your Father
is merciful” (Luke 6.36)*

PASTORAL CALENDAR 2015-2016

Available online at:
<http://www.catholicottawa.ca>

Deadlines to Note

Oct. 30 – Code of Pastoral Conduct
to be signed and returned

Submitting a notice for the Friday Fax

- ✓ please ensure all notices
include contact details
- ✓ ideally notices should be sent
3 weeks before event date
- ✓ weekly deadline for FF is
Wednesday noon

How parishes can benefit most from the Friday Fax

- ✓ make a note of important dates
in the parish & priest calendars
- ✓ skim the FF – the sub-headings
are used to assist you in finding
the info you may find helpful
- ✓ ‘cut & paste’ items of interest
and important notices into your
parish bulletin
- ✓ print and keep the FF in a
binder, for future reference
- ✓ feel free to post, print,
distribute and forward

REFUGEES

PASTORAL LETTER ON WELCOMING REFUGEES: "I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me" is the Pastoral Letter now being released by the Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB). The letter aims at making Canadian Catholics more aware of the current situation, while also challenging them to make a difference in the lives of refugees through prayer, support, and the sponsorship of families. The document is available online at (http://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/Pastoral_Letter_Refugees.pdf) or to order (www.cccb.ca).

FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

PARISH BASED SENIORS MINISTRY: 4 workshops (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon) at Holy Cross parish. Beginning **Mon., Nov. 9;** *Neighbours Helping Neighbours*; learning together how to feel comfortable and capable when offering help to family caregivers. Speaker: Patricia Marsden-Dole (pmarsdendole@archottawa.ca); Fran Hadley (fran.hadley@gmail.com).

THE HUB: Hosted by the Diocesan Youth Ministry Team; giving young adults the opportunity to reflect on 'what am I passionate about, what are my gifts & where is the Lord calling me?' **Nov. 21**, Holy Discontent; **Dec. 12**, Personal Mission Statement. Dominican College, 96 Empress, **7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** Info: Ted (thurley@ArchOttawa.ca).

CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN OUTREACH ANNUAL FOUNDER'S DINNER FUNDRAISING GALA: At St. Anthony Banquet Hall, **Thurs., Nov. 26.** Registration and cocktail hour begin at 6:00 p.m., with dinner and formal program to follow at 7:00 p.m. RSVP at (cco.ca/ottawagala) by Nov. 19 required. Info: Kelly-Ann Keays (613-736-1999) or (kelly-ann.keays@cco.ca).

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016: With the Archdiocese of Ottawa (young adults age 18-35) to Krakow, Poland, **July 19 – August 2.** Approximate cost: \$3400. Limited spots available. Info: Ted (613-738-5025 x231); (thurley@archottawa.ca).

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

CARE FOR CREATION- APPEAL OF CATHOLIC CHURCH LEADERS FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE: The U.N. Climate Change Conference (COP 21) takes place in Paris in December. This week an appeal and a ten-point policy proposal was issued to all negotiators at COP21 by Cardinals, Patriarchs, and Bishops from the five continents, including Bishop Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., President of the CCCB. The expressed goal of the appeal is to work for the approval of "a fair, legally binding and truly transformational climate agreement". The appeal also addresses social injustice and the social exclusion of the poorest and most vulnerable of citizens. Info: (<http://en.radiovaticana.va>).

PRO-LIFE

NOVEMBER IS 'NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS' MONTH: *Adoption in Canada* is a project of LifeCanada to raise awareness of choices in infant domestic adoption for women facing unplanned pregnancies and to offer compassion and post-placement support to birthparents and adoptive families. Info: (info@adoptionincanada.ca); (1-866-780-5433 x2).

BIRTHRIGHT OF OTTAWA FUNDRAISING DINNER AND KARAOKE: Ham and Baked Bean Dinner and Karaoke, **Sat., Nov. 21, 6:15 p.m.** at St Basil Church Hall, 940 Rex Ave. Info & tickets: Birthright (613-231-5683) or Elaine (613-864-6778). Cost: \$18 (child & family discounts). Info: (www.birthright-ottawa.org). Volunteer opportunities: Elaine (613-231-5683).

ACTION LIFE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Marconi Centre, 1026 Baseline Rd., **Tues., Nov. 24, 7:30 p.m.** Speaker: Dr. Catherine Ferrier, Montreal General Hospital, Division of Geriatric Medicine and president of the Physicians' Alliance Against Euthanasia. Free admission; all welcome. Info: (613-798-4494); (info@actionlife.org).

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MEN OF THE EUCHARIST: Open for everyone on **Nov. 6, 6:00 p.m.** Keith & Peggy Doucette will present on Divine Mercy and the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place. All welcome. Info: (www.jp2centre.com).

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH REMEMBRANCE MASSES: Ceremony at St. John the Apostle Parish, 2340 Baseline Rd., before the **Sat., Nov. 7, 5:00 p.m.** Mass and the **Sun., Nov. 8, 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.** Masses. Info: Dan Beausoleil (613-820-1117); (pearldan@magma.ca).

ST. ANTHONY PARISH MASS TO REMEMBER FALLEN SOLDIERS: 427 Booth, Sun., Nov. 8, 10:00 a.m. Info: (613-236-2304).

ST. BASIL PARISH HONOURS VETERANS: All are invited to St Basil Parish, 940 Rex Ave. for the Mass of Remembrance to honour deceased war veterans on Sun., Nov. 8, 11:00 a.m. Dress for veterans: blazer and flannels or suit, with medals if available. Ceremonial Guard: Knights of Columbus, Father J.L. Reynolds Assembly Council No. 1670. Info: (613-729-5149).

DIVINE MERCY – A WAY OF LIFE: Keith & Peggy Doucette will speak on Divine Mercy, the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Veneration of relics of St. Faustina, St. Maximilian Kolbe and John Paul II. Sat., Nov. 14, Mass at 4:00 p.m. St. John the Evangelist Church, 2540 Stagecoach Rd. Info: Marlene (613-821-0761) or Peggy (613-325-5447); (www.jp2centre.com).

PARISH EVENTS & SOCIALS

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION MONDAY 4-HAND EUCHRE: Every Monday night (excluding holidays) at the Parish Hall, 5338 Bank St., 7:30-9:30 p.m. Admission: \$5. Info: Marie (613-769-7570) or Marcel (613-797-8651).

BAZAARS & CRAFT FAIRS

ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD ANNUAL CWL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE: 2414 Ogilvie Rd., on Sat., Nov. 21, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. featuring Tourtières and other baked goods, crafts, new-to-you, Silent Auction, Tea Room and more. Info: Janet Warren (613-749-7653); (jpwarren@rogers.com).

RETREATS

WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND: An opportunity to spend 3 days away from the usual activities, returning home with a means of keeping God at the centre of life. Nov. 12-15 at Maison de la Providence, Orleans. Cursillo is a lay Christian renewal movement, in Ottawa since 1966. Make new friends to share your spiritual journey. Info: (www.cursillo.com).

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

THE SYNOD AND MY FAMILY: At Dominican University College, Nov. 19-21. Learn how this ecclesial event of the Synod will affect family life in today's Church. Speakers: Fr. Tom Rosica CSB (Salt and Light Television) and Archbishop Paul-André Durocher (Archbishop of Gatineau). Archbishop Terrence Prendergast S.J. will celebrate Mass. Info: (www.dominicanu.ca).

RELIGION AND CONSCIENCE IN COURT: A symposium on freedom of conscience and religion. Wed., Nov. 18, Birks Bldg., 3520 University St., Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill University, Montreal. Further details: (<http://www.mcgill.ca/prpp>).

2016 NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT: Featuring world-renowned speakers Dr. Peter Kreeft, Christopher West, Sherry Weddell, and Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, among others. The live broadcast to host sites throughout North America will take place in Ottawa on April 15 – 16, 2016. Register online: (<https://www.newevangelization.ca/#price>).

EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CHOIR: 96 Empress Ave., Room 107. Every Tuesday, 4:30 p.m. All are welcome; no cost to join; for beginners & more advanced. Chant, Bach, Palestrina and more. Info: (westenmiriam@gmail.com).

VOLUNTEERS: Granite Ridge Care Community in Stittsville, a long term care facility, is seeking volunteers to assist with on-site transporting of residents to church services, clinic appointments, recreational activities and assistance with feeding at meal times. Contact: Pauline DaNova, Volunteer Coordinator (pauline.danova@siennialiving.ca); (613-831-5900).

ST. PATRICK'S HOME OF OTTAWA - BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Play an important role in furthering its mission of continuing the ministry of Christ as a Catholic, long term care home dedicated to providing compassionate services to persons of all religions and cultures in our community. Contact: Jennifer Leddy (jleddy@carters.ca) for an application form by Nov. 11.