



Friday Facts

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FROM THE ARCHBISHOP & AUXILIARY BISHOP'S OFFICE

ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST, WHILE REMAINING ARCHBISHOP OF OTTAWA, HAS BEEN NAMED APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DIOCESE OF ALEXANDRIA-CORNWALL: Pope Francis has named Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J. as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall. The Diocese, which borders the Ottawa Archdiocese, became vacant following the installation of Most Reverend Marcel Damphousse as bishop of the Diocese of Sault Sainte Marie. The diocese has 26 parishes and missions for a population of 55 675 Catholics served by 26 priests, 1 religious priest, 25 religious men and women and 17 permanent deacons.

ANNUAL HOMELANDS MASS: The annual Homelands' Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral will take place on **Sun., Jan. 24, 2:30 p.m.** Communities are asked to RSVP their attendance to Pastoral Services (abrown@ArchOttawa.ca); (613-738-5025 x217). We ask that those in national dress for the procession to meet in the Cathedral hall by 2:00 p.m. and those bringing food to arrive by 2:15 p.m. A reception will follow in the Cathedral hall. All are welcome.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

DIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF CONSECRATED LIFE: During this *Jubilee Year of Mercy* and at the conclusion of the *Year of Consecrated Life*, Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, SJ invites all members of religious communities and consecrated persons, all members of the clergy and the faithful of the Archdiocese to the Diocesan Celebration of the World Day for Consecrated Life on **Sat., Jan. 30** at the Chapel of the Sisters of Charity of Ottawa, 27 Bruyère Street. Gather at the Door of Mercy at Notre Dame Cathedral at 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Motherhouse at 10:00 a.m. followed by a social gathering. Free parking at Notre Dame Cathedral. Please RSVP to (abrown@ArchOttawa.ca) or (613-738-5025, ext. 217).

CHRISTIAN INITIATION - RITE OF ELECTION & CALLING CANDIDATES TO LENTEN RENEWAL: Notre Dame Cathedral. **Sun., Feb. 14, 2:30 p.m.** Parishes, please ensure that your participation form is returned to the Diocesan Centre by email (abrown@ArchOttawa.ca) or fax (613-738-0130) no later than Fri., Feb. 5. The parish form is available online (<http://www.catholicottawa.ca>) under Pastoral Services/Forms. All family & friends are welcome to attend the Rite of Election.

REMINDER – 2015 ANNUAL PARISH REPORT: The deadline to submit the 2015 Annual Parish Report to the Chancery is **Jan. 31**. Info: (gkeshwah@ArchOttawa.ca).

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

THE DOOR OF MERCY AT NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL BASILICA: The Door of Mercy at Notre Dame Cathedral is the left front door closest to Guigues St. The Door of Mercy will be accessible Monday, 11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Tuesday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday & Sunday for the Masses. The Mass time details and contact info:

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>

Dates to Note

Jan. 24 – Annual Homelands Mass

Jan. 30 – Diocesan Celebration of
Consecrated Life

Feb. 14 – Rite of Election & Calling
of Candidates

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

(<http://www.catholicottawa.ca>). Info about making a pilgrimage to the Jubilee Door of Mercy at Notre Dame Cathedral and gaining an indulgence: (<http://www.catholicottawa.ca/year-of-mercy>).

VOCATIONS

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 24. For all men and women called by Jesus to teach the Gospel as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, that the joy of the Lord will remain their strength during their discernment, formation and mission, we pray to the Lord.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 2016 WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES: Link to message: (<http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration.index.html>).

FROM THE CCCB

ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH DECLARATION ON EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE – CAMPAIGN FOR ADDITIONAL SIGNATURES: This past October 29, the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC) and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) launched a joint Declaration on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide. The sponsoring signatories to the Declaration intend now to engage in a concerted effort in view of obtaining signatures from a wide spectrum of people in Canada who agree with the principles outlined in the Declaration. The number of signatures has grown to 2,264 as of January 12, 2016. Info: (<http://www.cccb.ca/>).

2016 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs **January 18-25**, on the theme *Called to proclaim the mighty acts of God* (1 Peter 2:9). The resources from the Holy See and the Canadian Council of Churches (CCC), may be freely downloaded online. Link to resources: (<http://www.councilofchurches.ca/>); (www.cccb.ca).

2016 WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES: In response to an invitation from the Commission for Justice and Peace of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), the Catholic Refugee Sponsors' Council has prepared homily suggestions and prayers of the faithful to help dioceses, eparchies and parishes celebrate the 102nd World Day of Migrants and Refugees, January 17. Further info: (<http://www.cccb.ca/>).

EMERGENCY AID FOR SYRIANS: The Minister for International Development and La Francophonie, the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, announced on Jan. 7 that the federal government's period for matching donations toward Syrian emergency assistance for has been **extended until Feb. 29, 2016**. Last September, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) endorsed a [joint fundraising campaign](#) aimed at involving all the Church in Canada in order to assist Syrian refugees seeking shelter and protection in the Middle East and parts of Europe. The joint campaign involves the [Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace](#), [Aid to the Church in Need](#) (ACN) Canada, and [CNEWA Canada](#).

NEW EPARCHY FOR THE SYRO-MALANKARA CATHOLICS IN U.S.A. AND CANADA: On Jan. 4, 2016 His Holiness Pope Francis has elevated the Exarchate of the Syro-Malankara Catholics in the United States to the rank of an Eparchy, including the territory of Canada. The Holy Father has also appointed the Most Reverend Thomas Mar Eusebius first Eparch of St. Mary, Queen of Peace, of USA and Canada. The new Eparchy has 16 parishes and missions, including three parishes in Canada: Toronto, Edmonton and Calgary. Info: (www.cccb.ca).

NEW APOSTOLIC EXARCHATE FOR SYRIAC CATHOLICS IN CANADA: On Jan. 7, 2016, His Holiness Pope Francis has erected, following a consultation with the Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Apostolic Exarchate for Syro-Catholics in Canada, with its See in Laval (Québec), and has appointed Reverend Antoine Nassif, from Lebanon, as its first Apostolic Exarch. The Syriac Catholic community is present in Canada since 1976. Info: (www.cccb.ca).

FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

DON BOSCO GALA: Celebrate Youth/Young Adult Ministry at the 8th annual Don Bosco Gala, **Sat., Jan. 30**. For all involved in Youth/Young Adult Ministry. Hors d'oeuvres, dance and awards ceremony. This is a dressy event! Awards will be given

to outstanding volunteers in Youth Ministry who have been nominated by their parishes and groups. Cost: \$20/person. Tickets can be purchased here. Info: Sophia (skorban@archottawa.ca); (613-738-5025 ext. 222).

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE: At St. Joseph Parish, Ottawa, **April 9 & 10, 2016**. Register online at (www.st-josephs.ca) or by phone (613-233-4095 ext. 235).

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: If you have the possibility to make your marriage better...where you and your spouse could deepen your love, to be happier and feel closer to each other, would you take the chance? Live a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in the Ottawa region: **February 26- 28**. Places are limited. Info or to sign up: Kathleen & Guy Séguin (613-800-0866); (kgseguin@gmail.com) by Feb. 15th. General info: (<http://www.wwme.org/>).

PRO-LIFE

WORKSHOP ON EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE: Euthanasia is about to be legalized in Canada. What can you do? The Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF) and the Ottawa Archdiocese will host a workshop for anyone seeking info and especially those who would like to host this workshop at their parish, **Wed., Jan. 27, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** at the Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place. Meet pro-life physician, Dr. Rene Leiva and see how this workshop can be offered at your parish. See COLF's [brochure](#) and [workshop guide](#). Info: Peter Murphy, COLF (613-241-9461, ext. 162).

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

CARE FOR CREATION – INVITATION FOR “GOOD NEWS STORIES”: Care for Creation Ministry at the Archdiocese of Ottawa welcomes from parishes stories that are examples of environmental responsibility. As stated by Pope Francis, “Education in environmental responsibility can encourage ways of acting which directly and significantly affect the world around us” (Laudato Si’ ¶211). Contact John Dorner (jdorner@archottawa.ca; 613-739-0963 x251) to share a story as to how your parish is making a difference in the care for God’s creation. The story may relate to prayer, liturgy, a homily, a reflection, education, action or advocacy. Information will be posted on the Environmental Stewardship section of the archdiocesan website (www.catholicottawa.ca/environmental-stewardship). In this way parishes can learn from and support one another.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE (CCODP) SHARE LENT WORKSHOP: As Caritas Canada and the social justice arm of the church, Development and Peace volunteers invite you to join the Share Lent workshops, to learn more about Lenten resources and the needs around the world. **Sat., Jan. 23, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** at Canadian Martyrs parish, 100 Main St., & **Wed., Jan. 27, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** at the Diocesan Centre (Rm 108), 1247 Kilburn Place. All welcome! Light meal incl. Info: Angela Davis (mangeladavis@hotmail.com); Genevieve Gallant (613-738-9644); (ggallant@devp.org).

FAITH FORMATION

‘ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST’: *I have come in order that you might have life in all its fullness* (John 10:10). Where is your life going? Do you suffer and don't understand why? Do you feel lonely? Would you like to be happier? We invite you to the *Announcement of the Good News of Jesus Christ* that will start **Mon., Jan. 25, 7:30 p.m.** at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in the upper hall (enter by 317 Cody Ave.) and continue each Monday & Thursday. Info: parish office or Fr. Pedro Arana (613-746-8503).

THE ALPHA PROGRAM – AN INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIANITY: Saint Leonard Parish, Manotick, **Wed, Feb 17, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.** The program runs for 9 weeks. A typical evening consists of refreshments, a short video about the Christian faith, and small group discussion. The program is intended for those that are new to the Christian faith and those that want to get a better understanding of their faith. All are welcome; no cost. Info & registration: (<http://www.stleonardsparish.ca>).

PRAYER & WORSHIP

EVENING OF ADORATION, PRAISE, WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP: At Holy Redeemer Church, Kanata on **Tues., Jan. 19, 7:00 p.m.**, 44 Rothesay Drive, Kanata. Everyone is welcome to spend some time with the Lord. Info: (613-836-1764).

AN ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE: Hosted by the Christian Council of the Capital Area at First Baptist Church, 140 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa on **Sun., Jan. 24, 4:00 p.m.** A reception will follow. All are invited to pray for Christian unity and fellowship. Info: Father Jacques Kabangu, Saint-Gabriel parish (613-745-4342); (jacqueskabangu25@gmail.com).

ECUMENICAL CELEBRATION OF PRAYER FOR THE UNITY OF CHRISTIANS: At Madonna della Risurrezione Parish on **Sun., Jan. 24, 7:00 p.m.** Joining with Saint Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church and The Greek Orthodox Church "Dormition of the Virgin Mary". A trilingual booklet will be available to assist participation. Following the worship service all are welcome to the parish hall for refreshments and fellowship. Info: Madonna della Risurrezione (613-723-4657).

HOLY LEAGUE HOLY HOUR FOR MEN: St. Catherine of Siena Church, 2718 8th Line Rd, Metcalfe. **Sat., Jan. 30, 7:00 p.m.** Fellowship in the basement from 6:00 p.m. Short video presentation prior to the Holy Hour. Info: (613-821-3776).

SCHOOLS

OTTAWA CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD'S KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: Takes place in all schools, **January 18-22** for September 2016. We also offer continuing KP registration throughout the school year. Info: (www.ocsb.ca).

MARYVALE ACADEMY ANNUAL FUNDRAISING GALA "HEART OF MERCY": At the St. Elias Centre, 750 Ridgewood Ave., **Sat., Feb. 6, 2016** with live/silent auctions, draw, music & dancing. Cocktails and Silent Auction at 6:00 p.m.; dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$80/person (\$40 tax receipt). Info or tickets: (613-321-2186); (www.maryvaleacademy.ca).

PARISH EVENTS & SOCIALS

PARISH MOVIE NIGHT: St. Mary Parish Hall, 100 Young St., **Jan. 23, 7:00 p.m.** *Do You Believe* (<http://doyoubelieve.com/>). All welcome; concessions; babysitting available. Donations gratefully accepted. Info: (stmaryswomensgroup@gmail.com).

MEN'S BREAKFAST AT ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH: 1060 Baseline, near Merivale, **Sat., Jan. 30, 8:00 a.m.** As this breakfast takes place just after the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*, the speaker will be Baptist pastor, Ron Witmer, "Getting Closer to Heaven." Continental breakfast (with boiled eggs & beans). Cost: \$5 at the east door of the church. RSVP: (breakfastformen@gmail.com) or Denis (613-228-7646). All men welcome.

WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

OTTAWA SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY & SPIRITUALITY: Winter Term 2016. OSTS is a lay and volunteer school providing adult theological and spiritual education courses of interest. Courses this year includes Women & Islam, Celebrations of Judaism, End of Life Journey, Mysticism, Baha'i Faith, and Black Gospel Music. Registration & courses began Mon., Jan. 11, 7:00 p.m. at the Dominican University College, 96 Empress St. Info: (www.osts.ca) or email (president@osts.ca).

THE COUNCIL ON AGING OF OTTAWA "LUNCH & LEARN" EVENT: *Community Programs that Support Seniors Mental Health.* Guest Speakers: Jennifer Cavanagh, Geriatric Psychiatry, Susan Phipers, Ottawa Public Health & Rachel Sokolsky, Good Companions. **Wed., Jan. 27, 12:00 noon**, 1247 Kilborn Place. Limited space available. \$5 for COA non-members. Advance registration required: Lise-Michèle Bouchard (613-789-3577 X 11); (l-m.bouchard@coaottawa.ca).

EWTN INFO SESSION & MOVIE SCREENING: Learn more about EWTN Global Catholic Network and its programming. EWTN info session & movie screening of "Kateri" at Saint Patrick Basilica, **Sat., Jan. 30, 2:00 p.m.** in the scavi. Free admission; all welcome. Info: Sarah Du Broy, Regional Marketing Manager of Canada for EWTN (sdubroy@ewtn.com); (613-915-0972).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

MAINTENANCE CUSTODIAN – BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH: Regular part-time position (24 hours/week). Duties include building cleaning & maintenance, grass-cutting, snow clearing, room/hall set-ups. Requirements include: being physically able to do the work, a valid Ontario driver's license, a clear driving record, a clear Canadian criminal records check or willingness to obtain same. Potential candidates to send C.V., along with 3 references to, office@blessedsacrament.ca, attn.: Fr. Galen Bank, no later than Jan. 31. Only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.