



## Friday Facts

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### FROM THE ARCHBISHOP & AUXILIARY BISHOP'S OFFICE

**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 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.

### FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

**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 ([abrown@ArchOttawa.ca](mailto:abrown@ArchOttawa.ca); fax 613-738-0130) **by Fri., Feb. 5**. Available online (<http://www.catholicottawa.ca>) under Pastoral Services/Forms. All are welcome.

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

**PASTORAL DAY:** The next Pastoral Day at the Diocesan Centre is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 17, 9:30 a.m.** Agenda includes information on Code of Pastoral Conduct, Year of Mercy and Family Ministry. Clergy only session after lunch. Packages for parishes will be available for pick-up. Please plan to attend. Cost for lunch: \$15. Lunch RSVP no later than **Wed., Feb. 10** (613-738-5025 x231); ([thurley@ArchOttawa.ca](mailto:thurley@ArchOttawa.ca)).

**COLLEGE OF CONSULTORS:** The next meeting of the College of Consultors will be on **Tues., Feb. 23**. Items for consideration to be submitted to Jules Dagenais, Director of Finance and Administration, and to the Consultor for your region **before 12:00 noon Fri., Feb. 19**. Any request should cover the following: the nature and cost of the project including the submission of three quotations; an indication of how the project is to be financed; a request, if a loan is being sought from the Loan Fund for Parishes (to a max. of 50% of the project cost); a request, if an exemption from diocesan tax is sought for funds raised (please note that there is no general exemption from diocesan tax but, if approved, an exemption from funds raised for a specific project). If architectural or engineering plans/designs form part of your submission, these should be provided in PDF.

**PRAYERS:** For the repose of the soul of Mr. Lawrence McKim Read, who died Saturday, January 23, 2016 at the age of 96. Mr. Read was the father of Deacon William Read, Pastoral Assistant at Annunciation of the Lord Parish, Gloucester. Celebration of Life at Emmanuel United Church, 691 Smyth Rd. on **Sat., Feb. 6, 2:00 p.m.** Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

**PRAYERS:** For the repose of the soul of Mrs. Huguette Gagnon, née Charbonneau who died Saturday, January 23, 2016 at the age of 93. Mrs. Gagnon was the sister of Father Lucien Charbonneau, a retired priest living at the John Paul II

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. 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

Residence. Funeral Mass on Fri., Jan. 29, 10:30 a.m. at Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes, 435 Montreal Rd., Vanier. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

### **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. Mass time details and contact info: (<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**

**PERMANENT DIACONATE – INFORMATION SESSIONS:** Is the Lord calling you to the Permanent Diaconate? Come and discover what the diaconate is all about. All Roman Catholic men in the Archdiocese are invited; married men are encouraged to come with their wives. To register for a session or get more info, please contact Deacon Michael Seath (613-834-1840); ([mseath@archottawa.ca](mailto:mseath@archottawa.ca)). Three info sessions: **Sat., Feb. 13, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.** at Divine Infant Parish, 6288 Bilberry Dr., Orleans (go to Parish office); **Wed., Feb. 24, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** at St. George Parish, 425 Piccadilly Ave., (conference room); **Mon., Feb. 29, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** at Holy Redeemer Parish, 44 Rothesay Dr., Kanata (in the hall).

**VOCATION FAIR BREAKFAST:** At St. George Parish, 415 Piccadilly Ave., **Sat., Feb. 13.** We will begin with Mass at 9:00 a.m. and finish at 1:00 p.m. Fr. Pierre Champoux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Ottawa is the guest speaker. For further info: (613-729-8710); ([events@servantsofthecross.ca](mailto:events@servantsofthecross.ca)). Poster: (<http://www.catholicottawa.ca/vocations>).

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:** Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 7. For those called to the more excellent way of celibacy for the sake of the kingdom as priests, sisters and brothers, that they will be encouraged to follow the Lord, faithful to His choice of them, we pray to the Lord.

### **FROM THE HOLY SEE**

**INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR FEBRUARY:** That we may take good care of creation — a gift freely given — cultivating and protecting it for future generations. That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

**MESSAGE BY POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2016:** As part of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, the theme of the Message of Pope Francis for Lent 2016 is "I desire mercy, and not sacrifice" (Mt 9:13) - The works of mercy on the road of the Jubilee". In his Message, the Holy Father states that "the season of Lent in this Jubilee Year is a favourable time to overcome our existential alienation by listening to God's word and by practicing the works of mercy. In the corporal works of mercy we touch the flesh of Christ in our brothers and sisters who need to be fed, clothed, sheltered, visited; in the spiritual works of mercy – counsel, instruction, forgiveness, admonishment and prayer – we touch more directly our own sinfulness. The corporal and spiritual works of mercy must never be separated." [Click here to read the message.](#)

### **FROM THE CCCB**

**LIFE & FAMILY SUGGESTIONS FOR HOMILIES AND PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL FOR FEBRUARY:** The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) continues to post homily ideas and prayers of the faithful to help link the Sunday liturgy with the national pastoral initiative for life and family. The proposed texts for the month of February 2016 include suggestions from the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Feb. 7, to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent, Feb. 28, including Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10. The suggestions for homilies and prayers can be easily adapted for family prayer, as well as for personal prayer or for use with other groups or organizations. Link to the suggestions: [Life and Family webpage.](#)

**DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR ELECTED FOR REGINA:** Subsequent to the death of the late Archbishop Daniel J. Bohan, the College of Consultors of the Archdiocese of Regina, as required by Canon 421 §1, on January 15, 2016, elected Very Reverend Lorne Dale Crozon, then Vicar General, as Diocesan Administrator of Regina.

**CCCB PRESIDENT'S LETTER FOLLOWING THE TRAGEDY IN LA LOCHE:** The Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Bishop of Hamilton and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, has written to the Most Reverend Murray Chatlain, Archbishop of Keewatin-Le Pas. In his letter, Bishop Crosby conveys the condolences and prayers of the Bishops and faithful of Canada following the recent violence in La Loche, Saskatchewan. [Letter](#).

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2016:** The 24<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Sick will be celebrated on February 11, the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Holy Father's Message is entitled: *Entrusting Oneself to the Merciful Jesus like Mary: "Do whatever he tells you"* (Jn 2:5). In his Message, Pope Francis invites all those who assist the sick and the suffering to draw their inspiration from Mary, the Mother of Mercy. "Let us entrust to the Virgin Mary our trials and tribulations, together with our joys and consolations. Let us beg her to turn her eyes of mercy towards us, especially in times of pain, and make us worthy of beholding, today and always, the merciful face of her Son Jesus," the Pope states. [Message](#).

**CCCB PRESIDENT'S LETTER ON THE DEATH OF SIX VOLUNTEERS IN BURKINA FASO:** The Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Bishop of Hamilton and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, has written to His Eminence Gérald Cyprien Cardinal Lacroix, Archbishop of Québec and Primate of Canada. In his letter, Bishop Crosby conveys the condolences and prayers of the Bishops of Canada following the killing in Burkina Faso of six volunteers from Quebec who were serving on a mission trip involving likewise the Sisters of Notre-Dame du Perpétuel Secours. [Letter](#).

**REMAINING SIX MISSION DIOCESES IN NORTHERN CANADA TRANSFERRED TO THE COMMON LAW OF THE CHURCH:** The Holy Father has approved a request by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) that the six mission dioceses in Northern Canada, until now under the jurisdiction of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, be transferred to the competency of the Congregation for Bishops and pass over to the jurisdiction of the common law of the Church. The transfer takes place January 25, 2016, the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle. [Further details](#).

#### **FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS**

**DON BOSCO AWARDS:** The Family & Youth Ministry Office would like to thank all those who volunteer in Youth and Young Adult Ministry in the Archdiocese of Ottawa! Your work helps to building the Kingdom of God. A special thanks to the recipients of the Don Bosco Awards: Rickard Morin, Alisa Valks, John Lyons, Fiona Flores-Lyons, Jessica Cox, Gemma-Lee Watson, Sydney Foote, Michael Stuyt, Alex Kelly, Julia Bredfeldt, Jazzmin Absi and Erica van Gulik.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE:** To be held at Resurrection of Our Lord parish, 1940 Saunderson Drive on the weekend of **Feb. 26 - 28**. Spaces still available. Registration: Carole (613-733-4661); ([pastoral.assistant@rogers.com](mailto:pastoral.assistant@rogers.com)).

**"JOURNEY OF HOPE" FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED CATHOLICS:** This ministry, for separated and divorced Catholics, will be offering separate sessions for women and men at Holy Rosary Parish. The women's session begins **Tues., Mar. 29** and the men's session begins **Thurs., Mar. 31**. Sessions are 6 weeks in length and run from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. The program, led from a Catholic faith exploration perspective, is designed to help participants find reconciliation, peace and healing by taking positive steps in their daily spiritual life. Further info & registration: Elaine Simpson (613-290-1577); ([JourneyofHopeOttawa@gmail.com](mailto:JourneyofHopeOttawa@gmail.com)). The cost is \$25.

**FAMILY OF ORIGIN WORKSHOP:** With Dr. Martin Rovers, Marriage and Family Therapist. Presented by Capital Choice Counselling Group and Serenity Renewal for Families. **Sat., Feb. 20, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Serenity Renewal for Families, 202-2255 St. Laurent Blvd. Info: (613-523-5143); ([info@serenityrenewal.ca](mailto:info@serenityrenewal.ca)).

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP**

**CARE FOR CREATION – HOTTEST YEAR ON RECORD:** In his speech at the White House in September, Pope Francis called for urgent action on climate change, stating "Climate change is a problem which can no longer be left to a future generation." The World Meteorological Organization (an agency of the United Nations) reports that "the global average surface temperature in 2015 broke all previous records by a strikingly wide margin". Human induced climate change and El Niño were identified as primary causes. In *Laudato Si'* (§181), Pope Francis encourages the public and civic institutions to put pressure on our political authorities to implement actions that will safeguard our earth. One example of advocacy may be found on the website of Citizens for Public Justice ([www.cpj.ca/climate-call](http://www.cpj.ca/climate-call)). Together we can make a difference, building hope for the poor, the vulnerable, and the future of our children.

**WORKSHOP ON LAUDATO SI'**: Drawing on the wisdom of Michael Czerny, SJ and Ilia Delio, OSF. View the video *Laudato Si': A Canadian Response*, prepared by Kevin Moynihan. Incorporating the resource being prepared by the Jesuit Forum for Social Faith & Justice, (soon to be published by the CCCB). Wednesday mornings: **Feb. 10, Mar. 9, Apr. 6, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.** Cost: \$5. Contact Kairos Spirituality-for-Social Justice Centre (613-236-6557); ([kairos@bellnet.ca](mailto:kairos@bellnet.ca)).

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE (CCODP) SHARE LENT**: Thank you to all the parishes and participants at the Share Lent workshops this past week. If you were unable to attend the workshops but would be willing to help share the Lenten message with your fellow parishioners, please let the Development and Peace office know. Info: Angela Davis ([mangeladavis@hotmail.com](mailto:mangeladavis@hotmail.com)); Genevieve Gallant ([ggallant@devp.org](mailto:ggallant@devp.org)); (613-738-9644).

**PARISH BASED SENIORS MINISTRY**: Club 55+ at Holy Cross Parish is working with the Diocesan Social Justice Coordinator to develop flexible models for parish based seniors' ministry that reflect the diversity of ages and social character of individual parishes. We are looking for opportunities to meet with parish groups interested in considering the need for such a ministry in their parishes. Contact ([pmarsdendole@archottawa.ca](mailto:pmarsdendole@archottawa.ca)) or Fran Hadley ([fran.hadley@gmail.com](mailto:fran.hadley@gmail.com)).

**LIVING RECONCILIATION**: In response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. Focus: family courts & child protection systems. Facilitator: Sheila Smith, rscj. **Sat., Feb. 13, 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Non-refundable registration fee of \$20 by Feb. 9. Info: Kairos Spirituality-for-Social Justice Centre at (613-236-6557); ([kairos@bellnet.ca](mailto:kairos@bellnet.ca)).

### **FAITH FORMATION**

**ADULT FAITH SERIES**: 'Finding the way in a confused world - Reflections of a Catholic Psychiatrist' with Dr. Tim Lau. **Wed., Feb. 10, 17 & 24, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.**, at Saint Patrick Basilica, in the Scavi. Session 1. What does it mean to be human? 5 questions that can change the way you see the world. Session 2. Care not killing. The rationalization of suicide as the answer to the problem of human suffering. Session 3. A prescription for Happiness. 10 things I have learned from my patients. Info: (613-233-1125).

**MEN'S SILENT RETREAT**: "Behold The Man! Encountering The Lord Through his Humanity ". Retreat Master is: Fr. Todd Arsenault LC, Diocese of Hamilton. **Feb. 12-14**, at Shalom House, 170 St. Paul St., Alexandria. Cost: \$185. Register by Sat., Feb. 5. Space is limited. To register or for more info: Michael Krol (613-551-4205) or Heidi Krol (613-347-7561).

### **LENTEN MISSIONS**

**LENTEN MISSION AT ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE**: "God's Mercy and Our Response" with Father Andrew Quarshie. St. John the Apostle Church, 2340 Baseline Rd. Fr. Andrew is a diocesan priest from Ghana and author of the book, Daily Wellspring: Some Devotional, Inspirational and Motivational Reflections. Fr. Andrew will speak at all the Masses on the weekend of **Feb. 13-14**, and on Monday and Tuesday, **Feb. 15-16, 7:00 p.m.** Info: (613-829-1760).

### **PARISH EVENTS & SOCIALS**

**OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION PARISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST**: In the Parish Hall, 5338 Bank St., **Sun., Feb. 7**, after the 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Masses. Free will offering; funds raised to the Refugee Sponsorship Fund. Info: (613-822-2197).

### **WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST**

**EXCEL BREAKFAST – CATHOLIC BUSINESS NETWORK BREAKFAST**: An opportunity for those in the business sector that are Catholic or Christian, to network and share fellowship with others. Keynote speaker: James Peloso. **Feb. 5, 7:00 a.m.** at St. Anthony's Banquet Hall. Info: (<http://excelbreakfast.eventbrite.ca>) or Vincent (613-899-0876).

**THE COUNCIL ON AGING OF OTTAWA "LUNCH & LEARN" EVENT**: Topic: How do you want to be remembered? Understanding Funeral Planning. **Wed., Feb. 24, 12:00 noon** at the Council on Aging of Ottawa, 1247 Kilborn Pl. Limited space available. Cost: \$5 for COA non-members. Advance registration required: Lise-Michèle Bouchard (613-789-3577 X 11); ([l-m.bouchard@coaottawa.ca](mailto:l-m.bouchard@coaottawa.ca)).