

Friday Facts

Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office
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FROM THE ARCHBISHOP'S OFFICE

CHRISTMAS CONCERT & ARCHBISHOP'S RECEPTION AT NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL: A Choral Celebration presented by the choirs of Notre Dame Cathedral on **Sun., Dec. 18, 2:30 p.m.** Archbishop Prendergast will be present at the Reception in the Cathedral Hall following the Concert. Everyone is welcome. Info: (613-241-7496).

VOCATIONS

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNERS' GROUP: Open to any man interested in knowing more about the priesthood. Next meeting: **Wed., Dec. 14, 7:00 p.m.** at St. Margaret Mary Parish. Info: contact Fr. Pierre Champoux (613-558-1445) or (vocations@archottawa.ca); (<http://www.catholicottawa.ca/priesthood>).

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: 3rd Sunday Advent – Dec. 11. For men and women called by the Lord to be priests, deacons and consecrated religious, that the peace of Christ will guard their hearts and minds as they proclaim the good news of salvation to His people.

FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS – www.fymottawa.com

EWTN CANADA FAMILY CELEBRATION IN OTTAWA: Help promote the April 1 event on **Sat., Dec. 3** at Good Shepherd Parish, 3092 Innes Rd. Adoration and Confession, 8:00 – 9:00 a.m., Mass at 9:00 a.m.; refreshments follow. All welcome. RSVP by Nov. 28 to Sarah Escobar (sescobar@ewtn.com); (613-915-0972).

WAUPOOS FARM – CHRISTMAS HAMPER SPONSORS NEEDED: Every year, Waupoos Farm hosts 10 families over the Christmas and New Year's holidays. We are seeking sponsors to provide a hamper. A list of suggested items is available. Info: Cathy at Waupoos (613-822-2189); (contact@waupoos.com).

FROM THE HOLY SEE

POPE FRANCIS ISSUES APOSTOLIC LETTER ON MERCY: In his letter of Nov. 21, 2016, entitled *Mercy and Misery* the Holy Father has established the **World Day of the Poor** which will be celebrated annually throughout the Church on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Link to the Apostolic Letter [Misericordia et misera](#).

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER: That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over. That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

FROM THE CCCB

PASTORAL LETTER FROM CCCB FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – CARITAS CANADA IN 2017: The Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Bishop of Hamilton and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has issued a [Pastoral Letter](#). The celebrations will be held in each diocese and eparchy across Canada. [Read more...](#)

DEATH OF THE MOST REVEREND JOSEPH KHOURY, EPARCHIAL BISHOP EMERITUS FOR CATHOLIC MARONITES IN CANADA: The Most Reverend Joseph Khoury, Eparchial Bishop Emeritus for Catholic Maronites in Canada, died on

The family: home of love,
mercy and joy.
“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace...” (Galatians 5.22)

PASTORAL CALENDAR 2016-17

<http://www.catholicottawa.ca/pastoral-calendar>

Events to Note

Nov. 25 – Presbyteral
Ordination of Lucien Campeau

Dec. 6 – Presbyteral Council &
College of Consultors

Dec. 18 – Concert &
Archbishop's Reception

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**
- ✓ contact info (abrown@ArchOttawa.ca)

Previous Issues of the FF:
(<http://www.catholicottawa.ca/news-from-pastoral-services-friday-fax>)

November 16, 2016, at the age of 80. Pope John Paul II named Bishop Khoury Eparchial Bishop of the Maronite Eparchy of Canada on November 11, 1996; he retired January 10, 2013. [Read more...](#)

PRO-LIFE

PRO-LIFE MASS: At Holy Cross Parish, **Sat., Dec. 10, 9:00 a.m.**, joining with the parish Ultreya Mass. Info: (613-831-2515).

PARISH MATERIALS RE EUTHANASIA/ASSISTED SUICIDE: The following materials provided by the bishops of Ontario are available at (<http://www.catholicottawa.ca/pro-life>): "It's Time to Talk" can be distributed as a bulletin insert; sample bulletin announcements; sample pulpit presentation to raise awareness to the issue of conscience protection.

INTERFAITH LETTER SUPPORTING BILL C-277, AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FRAMEWORK ON PALLIATIVE CARE IN CANADA: The Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Bishop of Hamilton and President of the CCCB, has signed a joint interfaith letter to Ms. Marilyn Gladu, Conservative MP for Sarnia - Lambton, Ontario. [Read more...](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION – ADVENT: Are we prepared to celebrate an ecological Christmas? Extreme consumerism can be a problem during Advent. Do we reflect on how our lifestyles impact on those in the world who are held back from receiving God's gifts, including enough food and water? This Advent let us plan to celebrate an ecological Christmas. Info: John Dorner (613-738-5025 x251; jdorner@ArchOttawa.ca).

FAITH FORMATION

SISTER+HOOD FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM FOR WOMEN: Facilitated in-depth course on 'Theology & Spirituality of Divine Mercy'. DVD course & lecture series by Dr. Robert Stackpole. At St. Monica Parish, 2080 Merivale Rd., **Jan. 7, Feb. 4, Mar. 4, April 1, May 6 & Jun. 3**, after 9:00 a.m. Mass - 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$15 for 6 sessions. \$10 Sister+Hood Kits for new members. Register: (www.sisterhood.live). Info: Karen Bourgon (livesisterhood@gmail.com); (613-806-0377).

PRAYER & WORSHIP

LA PIETA PRAYER GROUP NEW YEAR'S EVE – VIGIL OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD - CELEBRATION OF PRAYER & WORSHIP: St. Maurice Church, **Sat., Dec. 31**. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.; the Mysteries of the Rosary; the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy; Christmas Hymns; Vigil Mass, 11:00 p.m. presided by Fr. Tim Devine. Info: (613-224-1892).

PARISH INFO, EVENTS & SOCIALS

BAZAAR & BAKE SALE: St. Ignatius the Martyr Parish, 518 Donald St. Parish Hall. **Sat., Dec. 3, 9:00 a.m.** Gift, craft & White Elephant tables. Baked goods. Fruit cakes by the Cistercian Monks. Luncheon: \$5. Info: (613-744-4889).

BAZAAR AT NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL: Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 13781. **Sun., Dec. 4**, after all Masses. Donated articles delivered Dec. 3; proceeds to the Knights of Columbus Charities. Tables available to rent; \$15 each; all proceeds from your table are yours to keep. Info: Hubert Gervais (h.gervais14@gmail.com); (613-323-4411).

ADVENT "GAUDETE" LESSONS AND CAROLS: Presented by the Choirs of Saint Patrick Basilica, with Brass Ensemble, on **Gaudete Sunday, Dec. 11, 3:00 p.m.** in the Basilica. Prepare for Christmas with an hour of music and reflection, including congregational singing, instrumental music, and choral offerings. All are welcome. Info: (613-233-1126 x 561).

WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

EUROPEAN UNION CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The European Commission delegation and the Diplomatic Missions of the Member States of the European Union, invite you to a Christmas Concert featuring European Christmas Carols and Songs, **Fri., Dec. 9, 7:00 p.m.** at Notre Dame Cathedral. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Free-will offering. Info: (613-241-7496).

HANDEL'S MESSIAH: Thirteen Strings Chamber Orchestra. **Sat., Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m.**, Knox Presbyterian Church, 120 Lisgar or **Sun., Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m.**, Dominion-Chalmers United Church, 355 Cooper. Cost: \$10 student - \$75. Info: (613-738-7888).