



Friday Facts

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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).

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

DIOCESAN PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: Although many priests and deacons were able to attend the two-day photo session held in October, some were not. For those who have not yet had their photo taken, we would appreciate their cooperation in taking the time to come to St. Peter Parish, 1640 Heatherington Road, Ottawa, on **Fri., Dec. 9, 2:30 - 8:30 p.m., or Sat., Dec. 10, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. or Mon., Dec. 12, 2:30 - 8:30 p.m.** No appointment is required; you must identify yourself as being there from the archdiocese and not the parish as there will be different sign-in sheets. Hopefully all of you who still need to have their photo taken will be able to avail yourselves of this opportunity. Info: Deacon Gilles Ouellette (613-738-5025, x238).

PRAYERS: For the repose of the soul of Mrs. Beatrice Noella Svab, wife of Deacon William Svab (retired), who died November 29, 2016 in her 98th year. Visitation at Kelly Funeral Home, Barrhaven Chapel, 3000 Woodroffe Ave., Fri., Dec. 2, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. & 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Funeral at St. Patrick Parish, Fallowfield on Sat., Dec. 3, 10:00 a.m. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

VOCATIONS

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNERS' GROUP – CHANGE OF DATE: Open to any man interested in knowing more about the priesthood. Next meeting: **Tues., Dec. 13, 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: Fourth Sunday of Advent – Dec. 18. For a deeper trust and docility to the Holy Spirit among persons discerning a call to serve Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

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

DIOCESAN YOUTH ADVENT PARTY: Youth groups from across the archdiocese are coming together for one final gathering before Christmas! Games, snacks, music and a talk. Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place. **Fri., Dec. 16, 7:00-9:00 p.m.** For all youth in grades 6-12. Info: Krista Wawrykow (kwawrykow@archottawa.ca; 613-738-5025 ext. 222).

DON BOSCO AWARD NOMINATIONS: Do you know someone who has shown remarkable dedication to youth ministry? [Click here](#) to nominate him or her for a Don Bosco award! Nomination deadline: **Dec. 12.** Award recipients will be honoured at the Don Bosco Gala, January 23.

**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

Dec. 9, 10, 12 – Priest & Deacon photos for Pictorial Directory (at St. Peter Parish)

Dec. 13 – Priesthood Discerners' Group

Dec. 16 – Diocesan Youth Advent Party

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>)

STEBENVILLE TORONTO 2017 INTEREST MEETING: Steubenville Toronto is Canada's largest Catholic Youth Conference. Youth who will be in Grade 9 in September 2017 up to those who will be graduating high school by the end of 2017 can attend Steubenville Toronto. An interest meeting for parents and youth will be held **Jan. 12, 6:30-9:30 p.m.** at the Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place. Info: Krista Wawrykow (613-738-5025 ext. 222); (kwawrykow@ArchOttawa.ca).

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR COLF: The Board of the Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF) announces it has appointed Mr. Michel MacDonald as the organization's new Executive Director, with his new responsibilities to begin in early January 2017. He will succeed Ms. Michèle Boulva who is retiring after having served in this position for 12 years. The appointment has been made in consultation with the two principal sponsors of COLF: the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus. [Read more.](#)

FROM THE CCCB

LIFE AND FAMILY SUGGESTIONS FOR HOMILIES AND PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL DURING ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2016: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops 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 suggestions for homilies and prayers can be easily adapted for family prayer on Christmas Day, or for use with other groups throughout Advent and the Christmas season. Texts: "[Documents and activities proposed by the CCCB](#)".

2016 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES: PRAYER FOR FAMILIES: The Canadian Catholic Aboriginal Council has released a prayer of thanksgiving for families to mark the *2016 National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples*. It is celebrated on **December 12**, the memorial of Our Lady of Guadalupe, whom Pope Pius XII proclaimed patroness of the Americas in 1946. [Read more...](#)

'AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED' REPORT ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: In its 2016 report *Religious Freedom in the World*, [Aid to the Church in Need](#) warns of the global impact of "a new phenomenon of religiously-motivated violence" which it identifies as "Islamist hyper-extremism" in the Middle East. ... At the same time as the research for the report confirms a "rising tide of persecution aimed at marginalised religious communities", with Muslim countries predominating in the list of states with the most serious religious freedom violations, it also provides further info about the decline of religious freedom in Western countries. [Link to the ACN Report;](#) (<http://www.cccb.ca>).

PRO-LIFE

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO SCIENTISTS: On November 28, 2016, [Pope Francis spoke](#) to the plenary session of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences. He thanked scientists for working in partnership with Christian communities. As expressed by Pope Francis, "Never before has there been such a clear need for science to be at the service of a new global ecological equilibrium. At the same time, we are seeing a renewed partnership between the scientific and Christian communities, who are witnessing the convergence of their distinct approaches to reality in the shared goal of protecting our common home, threatened as it is by ecological collapse and consequent increase of poverty and social exclusion. I am pleased that you perceive so deeply the solidarity which joins you to the humanity of both today and tomorrow, in a sign of great care for mother earth. Your commitment is all the more admirable in its orientation towards the full promotion of integral human development, peace, justice, dignity and human freedom." Info: John Dorner (jdorner@ArchOttawa.ca).

FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION COURSES AT NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL: Offering one course beginning in January: "How Did Vatican II Change the Church?" Thursday evenings, **7:00 - 8:30 p.m., January 19 - April 6**. Cost: \$20. Info & registration: (613-241-7496); (<http://www.notredameottawa.com/courses>).

PRAYER & ADVENT MISSIONS

ADVENT MISSION AT ST. CLEMENT PARISH: With Fr. James Buckley, FSSP. Topic: "The Holy Eucharist, Confession, and the Four Last Things". 528 Old St. Patrick Street. Begins with Sunday Masses on **Dec. 11**, and continuing in the evenings of Monday, Dec. 12, through Friday, Dec. 16. Info: (<http://stclement-ottawa.org>).

VIGIL OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: For priests, world peace, the end of abortion, and the unification of Christians. Saint Patrick Basilica (downstairs). **Fri., Dec. 16, 8:00 p.m. – 6:30 a.m.** Rosaries, Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:00 a.m., Litany of Reparation to the Blessed Sacrament. Masses in Basilica at 7:00 & 8:00 a.m. Info: Naomi (613-825-9704).

ADORATION/PRAISE AND WORSHIP: On the **2nd Saturday** of each month, 6:30 p.m., at Holy Cross Parish, 685 Walkley Rd. All are welcome. Info: (613-731-7834).

PARISH INFO, EVENTS & SOCIALS

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH 50TH ANNIVERSARY – LASAGNA FAMILY DINNER: In the Parish Main Hall, 2340 Baseline Rd., **Sun. Dec. 4, 5:00 p.m.** Live music, silent auction, 50/50 draw. Cost: adults (12 yrs. +) \$20; children (6-11 yrs.) \$10; children 5 & under, free. Contact: Parish Office (613-829-1760); (stjohnnap@magma.ca).

GRAND ULTREYA: Ottawa Cursillo Movement Grand Ultreya on **Wed., Dec. 7** at St. John the Apostle Parish, 2340 Baseline Rd. Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by talks & fellowship. All welcome. Info: Joy & Dick Hudson (613-226-6969).

25TH IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT: In aid of the Heron Emergency Food Centre. **Sun., Dec. 11, 3:00 p.m.** All are welcome to join in helping those in our community. Info: parish office (613-733-9636).

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: At Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 400 St. Laurent Blvd. on **Sun., Dec. 18, 12:00 p.m.** Presented by the Parish Choir with special guest, the BelCanto Choir. Refreshments available. Good will offering. All proceeds to the Parish Elevator Fund. Info: (olmc400micro@gmail.com); (613-748-6040, ext. 200).

A CELTIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT: At St. Patrick Church, Fallowfield on **Sun., Dec. 18, 3:00 p.m.** An afternoon of sing-along carols, and east-coast style jigs and reels performed by Anna Ludlow (fiddle), Tyson Chen (piano) and Graham Lindsey (mandolin) to celebrate the parish 150th anniversary. Tickets: (www.tradhead.ca/carols). Flyer: ([A Celtic Christmas Flyer](#)).

SCHOOLS

OTTAWA CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD CHILDREN'S, BOYS' AND CHAMBER CHOIRS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT: "Behold the Star" on **Mon., Dec. 19, 7:00 p.m.** at St. Basil Church, 940 Rex Ave. Free parking off Maitland Ave. All welcome. Tickets: \$15 at door. Info: Lesley Cameron (ocsb.choirs.publicity@gmail.com); (616-836-3271); (choirs.ocsb.ca).

ACADEMIA STELLA MARIS FREE FAMILY ADVENT EVENT: At The Good Shepherd Parish in Blackburn Hamlet, **Sun., Dec. 11, 3:00 p.m.** Activities for children, pot luck dinner, adoration and praise and worship. RSVP: (<https://goo.gl/wVL20V>); (343-883-5970).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATION, ARCHDIOCESE OF OTTAWA: Full-time, permanent position at 37½ hours/week. Recent Canadian Criminal Records check is a requirement. Job description: (www.catholicottawa.ca). C.V. with three references (non-family) to Ms. Colette Legault, Human Resources Officer (clegault@archottawa.ca) or fax (613-738-0412) by **12:00 p.m., Fri., Dec. 16**. No phone calls. We thank all applicants for their interest, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.