



Friday Facts

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FROM THE ARCHBISHOP & AUXILIARY BISHOP'S OFFICE

INVITATION TO PRIESTS TO PENITENTIAL SERVICE FOR PRIESTS, JUBILARIAN CELEBRATION & CHRISM MASS: Tuesday of Holy Week, **March 22**. Penitential service at **3:30 p.m.**; Reception at Archbishop's Residence at **4:15 p.m.**; Jubilarian Dinner at **5:00 p.m.** in the Cathedral Hall; Chrism Mass at **7:30 p.m.**

REMINDER TO ALL PRIESTS: Please RSVP for Jubilarian reception & dinner, **NO LATER THAN Sun., March 13** (rsvp@archottawa.ca); (613-738-5025, x211).

ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER FOR LENT 2016: Online at (www.catholicottawa.ca).

PASTORAL EXHORTATION ON EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE: Available to be read online at (<http://www.catholicottawa.ca>). Archbishop Prendergast is exhorting Ottawa Catholics to pray a novena to St. Joseph, patron of a happy death, March 10 – 18, in light of the direction our country is headed with regard to euthanasia and assisted suicide.

GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS: Through the streets of downtown Ottawa on **Fri., Mar. 25**. Led by Most. Rev. Terrence Prendergast S.J., Archbishop of Ottawa. Departure at 9:30 a.m. from Saint Patrick Basilica, 220 Kent. Arrival around 12:00 Noon at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica. Organized by Communion and Liberation. Info: (clonottawa@gmail.com).

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE: Now available online at (www.CatholicOttawa.ca).

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: The times for the main liturgies on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday in parishes are now available online at (www.ArchOttawa.ca).

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE SHARE LENT: This weekend is the national collection for Development and Peace. Every gift goes far to help our sisters and brothers around the world – from Haiti to Paraguay to Bethlehem and beyond! Pope Francis: "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Together we can respond with mercy to the needs of the poor, creating a hopeful future. Info: Genevieve Gallant (ggallant@devp.org) (613-738-9644).

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS OF THANKSGIVING: Notre Dame Cathedral, **Sun., May 1, 2:30 p.m.** For couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 + years of marriage in 2016. Families & friends are most welcome. Registration details now available in parishes. Deadline to register: Wed., April 20.

PRAYERS: For the repose of the soul of Fr. Paul (Pablo) Feeley, OMI who died Sunday, March 6, 2016 in Ottawa. Born on October 5, 1938 in Peterborough, he was ordained as a member of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in 1960. Visitation on

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

Mar. 13 – Daylight Savings Time

Mar. 20 – Diocesan WYD

Mar. 22 – Chrism Mass

Apr. 10 – Neophyte Mass

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

Thurs., Mar. 10, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. followed by a prayer vigil at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Canadian Martyrs Church, 100 Main St. Funeral Mass on Fri., Mar. 11, 11:30 a.m. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

VOCATIONS

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion - March 20. For all those being called to share in the passion of Christ as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, that they will echo His Eternal Word of mercy in their own faithfulness to the Father's will, we pray to the Lord.

FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE NEWSLETTER: Now available at (<http://catholicottawa.ca/family-ministries>). Find out about upcoming events offered for youth, young adults, and families in the Archdiocese of Ottawa. Scroll through articles, photos, videos, and more which celebrate and encourage the dynamic faith of young people and families. Subscribe to receive each month's edition in your inbox: (<http://goo.gl/rTKrLZ>).

CANCELLED - 'MOVED BY MERCY – HUNGRY AND HOMELESS': This session at St. George Parish, this Saturday, has been postponed. Info: (skorban@archottawa.ca).

"JOURNEY OF HOPE" FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED CATHOLICS: This ministry, for separated and divorced Catholics, offers separate sessions for women and men at Holy Rosary Parish. Women's session begins **Tues., Mar. 29**; men's session begins **Thurs., Mar. 31**. Sessions run 6 weeks, 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. Info & registration: Elaine Simpson (613-290-1577); (JourneyofHopeOttawa@gmail.com). Cost: \$25.

RELATIONSHIPS MATTER SEMINAR: The Gifts of Imperfection - Celebrating My Life! Healing steps of self-acceptance. Presenter: Dr. Martin Rovers, Psychologist and Marriage/Family Therapy. **Thurs., Mar. 31, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** Saint Paul University, 223 Main St., Guigues Hall, Auditorium (Room # 203). Cost: \$20/person, \$10/student. Info: (<http://www.relationshipsmatter.ca/>).

PRO-LIFE

HEALING RETREAT FOR WOMEN & MEN, AFTER ABORTION: A confidential healing retreat for women & men hurting after abortion (<http://www.rachelsvineyard.org>), will be held in the Ottawa area **April 29 - May 1**. Contact Lynda or Terry for details: (613-806-5522); (rvr_ottawa@yahoo.ca).

WORKSHOP LED BY CATHOLIC PHYSICIAN ON THE TOPIC OF PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE & EUTHANASIA: Become informed on the topic and learn how to make your concerns known. Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 1758 Alta Vista Dr. (in the basement hall). **March 16, 7:30-9:30 p.m. and March 19, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** The 12-page resource "Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide – Urgent Questions!" (please read in advance), will be used to facilitate the discussion (<http://www.colf.ca>). The workshop will conclude with a summary of the concerns surrounding the Parliamentary report, and what you can do to voice your concerns. Info: (<http://ihm-parish.ca>). RSVP: (CDS.ottawa@gmail.com).

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

CARE FOR CREATION – BERTHA CACERES: On March 2, Bertha Caceres was assassinated. A defender of indigenous rights in Honduras and an advocate for the environment, she was awarded the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize in 2015. She cofounded a Honduran indigenous organization (COPINH) that works in partnership with Development and Peace. D&P has expressed its condolences and solidarity with those in Honduras affected. To learn more about Bertha and her work: (www.youtube.com/watch?v=zh9Sn9oJR94).

CARE FOR CREATION - EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE: When preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, does our examination of conscience consider how our lifestyles contribute to the suffering of many people on our planet and put future generations and other species at risk? Pope Francis has prepared a booklet on preparing for Confession. One

question he suggests we ask ourselves is, "Do I respect the environment?" Reflecting on this question helps move us from a throwaway culture to a culture of life.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

OPEN HOUSE AT WAUPOOS FAMILY FARM: Doors open **Sat., March 19, 1:00 p.m.** (indoor & outdoor games, pony rides), Palm Sunday Mass at 4:30 p.m., potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome! Waupoos is located at 2050 Rideau Rd., Ottawa. Info: (www.waupoos.com); (contact@waupoos.com); (613-822-2189).

HOUSE OF HOPE AND HEALING WORKSHOP: Presented by ACTheals Canada, explaining 5 components in becoming a Christian healthcare provider. For those in the physical, mental and spiritual disciplines, who have a desire to integrate Christ-centered healing. **Sat., Apr. 2, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Bring your lunch. Register: (613-722-4847); (hfh@ncf.ca).

2ND ANNUAL COUNCIL ON AGING OF OTTAWA 'SERVICE TO SENIORS' AWARD 2016: A call for nominations. To publicly recognize individuals who have volunteered their time to make a difference in the lives of seniors in the Ottawa community in a variety of ways. Deadline for nominations: April 4, 2016. Info: Lise-Michelle Bouchard (613-789-3577 ext. 11); (l-m.bouchard@coaottawa.ca) or Sarah Bercier (613-789-3577 ext. 16); (sarah.bercier@coaottawa.ca).

PRAYER & WORSHIP

VIGIL OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: For priests, world peace, the end of abortion, and the reunion of Christians. Saint Patrick Basilica (downstairs). **Fri., Mar. 18, 8:30 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).

SCHOOLS

MARYVALE ACADEMY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2016-2017: 'Making Disciples of Christ' through academic excellence and spiritual growth. JK through Grade 8. Featuring bilingual program (grades 1-4), integrated religious formation, adoration chapel, weekly Mass & Confessions, language arts & math programs, science, history, geography, gym, sacred music & arts. SCHOOL-DAY OPEN HOUSES: Every Thursday in April. Info: (613-321-2186); (www.maryvaleacademy.ca); (www.facebook.com/MaryvaleAcademyOttawa).

PARISH EVENTS & SOCIALS

MOVIE NIGHT AT HOLY REDEEMER: *Jerzy Popieluzki: Messenger of the Truth*. Holy Redeemer parish hall, **March 19, 7:30 p.m.** Discover the true life story of a modern day Polish martyr, who was killed for professing the fullness of the Catholic faith. Given the recent challenges to freedom of conscience and freedom of religion in Canada, this film is timely. While serving as a warning to all nations, it also serves as a message of hope and encouragement: "Do not be afraid, because Christ has overcome the world!" Info: (613-836-1764); (www.holyredeemer.ca).

PILGRIMAGES

PILGRIMAGE TO HUNGARY, AUSTRIA, CZECH REPUBLIC & POLAND: Join Father Waldemar Podlasz, SDS on a special pilgrimage for the Year of Mercy, **September 12 - 23, 2016**. The cost is \$2790 per person. Visit the Parish website for details of this pilgrimage (www.divineinfant.on.ca).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ST. MAURICE PARISH SEEKING PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: To assist the pastor in a broad range of administrative areas and ensure the smooth running of the parish office. Applications may be emailed to (office@stmauriceparish.com). Info: (office@stmauriceparish.com); (613-224-1892, ext. 3). Closing date is **March 24**.

WAUPOOS FARM SUMMER VOLUNTEER AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES 2016: Waupoos Farm is now accepting applications from full time students interested in either volunteering or employment opportunities at the farm during Summer 2016. Application deadline: **April 15**. Details: (contact@waupoos.com); (www.waupoos.com).