



Friday Facts

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Blessed Holy Week & Easter!

FROM THE ARCHBISHOP & AUXILIARY BISHOP'S OFFICE

ARCHBISHOP'S EASTER MESSAGE 2016: At (<http://www.catholicottawa.ca/>).

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

PASTORS AND PRIESTS: The New Evangelization Summit is being held in Ottawa **April 15 & 16** this year to help equip pastors, pastoral workers and lay faithful in the mission of the New Evangelization. It is a special opportunity for pastors and other priests to learn from leading experts how to become more effective in sharing the Gospel in our contemporary society. Priests who register online at newevangelization.ca receive a special discount. Please consider attending all or even part of this skill enhancing summit with some members of your pastoral team. You will be encouraged in your shared work of spreading the Gospel and learning new ways of sharing the timeless message of Jesus Christ. By attending with key co-workers in the parish and encouraging parishioners to participate we can all learn how to become more effective evangelizers from leading experts and also support one another in the Church's mission.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: Available at (www.CatholicOttawa.ca).

NEOPHYTE MASS: All those who have completed their initiation at the Easter Vigil are invited to come together during Easter for a celebration of the Eucharist on **Sun., April 10, 12:00 noon** at Notre Dame Cathedral. All are welcome.

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.

VOCATIONS

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: 2nd Sunday of Easter - April 3. That the gift of Christ's peace will remain with all priests, deacons and those in the consecrated life who, sent in His name, proclaim the victory over the world through faith in Him.

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. 24, Holy Thursday** – Diocesan Centre closes at noon
- Apr. 10** – Neophyte Mass
- May 1** – Wedding Anniversary Mass
- May 19** – Pastoral Day

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

FROM THE HOLY SEE

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR APRIL: That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labor. That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political-religious conflicts.

FROM THE CCCB

MESSAGE FOR EASTER 2016 BY CCCB PRESIDENT: *As Syrian refugees begin to settle into their new reality of life in Canada, stories of their journeys to this new land all have similar themes. Feeling under siege and faced with an uncertain future in the midst of war, many people were compelled to flee their land, their homes, their work, their education and all that seemed familiar in order to find new life.* [Read more...](#)

FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

"JOURNEY OF HOPE" FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED CATHOLICS: At Holy Rosary Parish. Women's session begins **Tues., Mar. 29**; men's session begins **Thurs., Mar. 31**. 6 weeks; 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. The program 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.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE: At St. Anthony Church, **Sat., May 28, 9:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Interested couples need to register with Deacon Eduardo Rivas (613-236-2304, 2:00 – 7:00 p.m., Monday – Friday).

PRO-LIFE

MERCY KILLING? An invitation to St. John the Apostle Parish Hall, 2340 Baseline Rd. to hear Louise Harbour, Executive Director of Action Life, speak on the critical life issues of euthanasia and assisted suicide. **Wed., Apr. 13, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.** Free. Info & registration: Deborah (613-820-3580).

DIOCESAN WEEK FOR LIFE/NATIONAL WEEK FOR LIFE AND FAMILY: Pro-Life Sunday, May 8 - Saturday, May 14. Annual General Meeting: **Thurs., April 7, 7:30 p.m.** at the Diocesan Centre. Guest speaker: Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director/International Chair of Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. Pro-Life Sunday resources for Reps will be available at the AGM. Everyone is welcome! Info: Deborah La Riccia (613-820-3580); (deborahlariccia@rogers.com).

LIFE CANADA'S 'REFLECTIONS' MAGAZINE: This month's entire issue of 'Reflections Magazine' is devoted to the topic of assisted suicide and conscience rights for Canada's health-care workers. To purchase a copy/copies for your church, school or community, [click here](#). Bulk orders are available.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

PARIS CLIMATE CONFERENCE – AND AFTER? An evening with Steven Guilbeault (Co-founder of Equiterre) and Genevieve Talbot (Development and Peace). **Tues., Apr. 5, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** at Saint Paul University - Amphitheatre (G1124), 223 Main St. Sponsors: Canadian Religious Conference, Development and Peace, Equiterre, and Citizens for Public Justice. All welcome at 5:00 p.m. for a free viewing of *This Changes Everything*, with SPU Social Justice Club. Info: (www.ustpaul.ca).

TURNING USELESS INTO USEFUL: The St. Vincent de Paul Stores are a source of hope for many people, both those living in dire poverty as well as those living on a very frugal budget. Clothes and furniture that are surplus to your needs will receive a second life with the very many who rely on the St. Vincent de Paul Society. To schedule a pick-up of donated items please call (613-722-7166).

PARISH EVENTS

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH: Tea and Hat parade on **Sat., April 2, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.** at 2340 Baseline Rd. There will be prizes for best, funniest and most creative hats. Collectibles and jewellery table, as well as a 50/50 draw. Tickets: \$15. Tickets & further info: Claudette (613-829-6013).

SACRED MUSIC EVENTS

ST. MICHAEL'S CHOIR SCHOOL 2016 SPRING TOUR: The choirs of St. Michael's Choir School together with the Schola Cantorum of Notre Dame Cathedral will be singing at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica on **Sun., April 10**. The choirs will sing at the Noon Mass, followed by a free will offering concert at 2:30 p.m. Info: (613-241-7496).

GREGORIAN CHANTS FOR MEDITATION: Sung in the darkness by Chorus Ecclesiae, conducted by Lawrence Harris, Good Friday night, **Mar. 25, 7:00 p.m. - Midnight** at Canadian Martyrs Church, 100 Main St. (one-way, going south). Drop in for a short time or stay the whole evening. Free admission; free parking behind the church. Info: (ChoirClass@hotmail.com).

CHORAL SINGING CLASSES OPEN HOUSE: Free "demo" class on **Sun., April 3, 2:00 p.m.** Find out how you can learn to read music, develop your voice, and sing liturgical music, from medieval Gregorian chant, renaissance polyphony, and modern choral masterpieces with Lawrence Harris. Dominican University College, 96 Empress Ave. Info: (613-567-7729).

PILGRIMAGES & TOURS

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE: Join Deacon Yves Trottier, St. Monica Parish, for a presentation on the significance of the Holy Door and the Door of Mercy as this European Pilgrimage will visit 7 Holy Doors. Presentation on **Sat., April 9**, St. Monica Parish Hall, 2080 Merivale at 3:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 5:00 p.m. 15 day pilgrimage, departing Oct. 2, 2016; \$5145 per person/double occupancy; incl. tours, airfare & taxes. Info: David Hnatiw (613-620-1196); (<http://catholictours.ca/>).

WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

SALT + LIGHT TV SPECIAL SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER: The Canadian Catholic television channel Salt + Light TV has arranged a special programming schedule for Holy Week and Easter, March 20-27, covering the celebrations by Pope Francis in Rome. [Link to the special broadcasting schedule.](#)

OTTAWA CHRISTIAN WRITERS' FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Plenary speaker: The Honourable David Kilgour on 'Developing your Platform as a Writer'. **Sat., April 2, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**, conference cost: \$40.00 + HST includes lunch and coffee breaks. Register online here: (<https://thewordguild.com/reg-form/>).

FRIENDS OF MADONNA HOUSE: An evening with Fr. Bob Wild of Madonna House discussing the status of Catherine's Cause for Canonization. **Sun., April 17, 7:00 p.m.** at Holy Rosary Church, 1153 Wellington. Free-will offering; bring snacks, desserts or beverages for social. Contact Per or Carole Talgoy (613-260-9066); (ottawafriendsofmh@gmail.com).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ASSISTANT TO PARISH SECRETARY: Assumption Parish is looking for an assistant to the parish secretary to start as soon as possible. This position is part-time: four hours on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Training will be provided. The candidate must be familiar with computers and able to assist and/or replace the secretary when necessary. Please email your resume to assumption@rogers.com. Info: Fr. Pedro Arana or the parish office (613-746-8503).

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR: For Blessed Sacrament Parish. Regular part time position (24 hours/week). Duties include general parish office administration, correspondence, parish bulletin, sacramental correspondence, etc. Requirements include proficiency with Microsoft Office, general administration proficiency, a valid Ontario driver's license, a clear Canadian criminal records check or willingness to obtain. Send C.V. with 3 written references to office@blessedsacrament.ca - attention Fr. Galen Bank, no later than April 17. We thank all applicants for their interest, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Details: (<http://www.catholicottawa.ca>).