

# FRIDAY FACTS

Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

November 17, 2017

## FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

**Joint Ecumenical Commemoration of the Reformation:** The Archdiocese of Ottawa will be hosting a joint commemoration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation at Notre Dame Cathedral, **Sat., Nov. 25, 12:00 pm**. Archbishop Prendergast and Bishop Michael Pryse will preside as the prayer meeting is being organized by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese and the Lutheran Diocese. The service will follow the *Common Prayer* liturgical guide, based on the Lutheran-Catholic dialogue report *From Conflict to Communion*. A reception will follow in Cathedral Hall. All are invited.



*"Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience...above all, clothe yourselves with love!"*  
(Colossians 3.12,14)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Leadership Day for Priests:** The next Leadership Day is scheduled for **Fri., Nov. 24**, at the Diocesan Centre at 10:15 am, ending with lunch. Lunch RSVP: [leadership-development-for-priests](#).

**Submitting a Notice or Event to the Friday Facts:** Friday Facts notices should be submitted using this [online link](#), by **Tuesday noon**. Please note that as of January 1, only events or notices received via the [submission form](#) will be considered for the Friday Facts. Thank you.

**Parish Advent Penance Services & Christmas Mass Times:** Parishes, please remember to submit your Advent Penance Services, Christmas Mass times, and Solemnity of Mary Mass times, before Nov. 24, using our online submission form, found at <https://www.catholicottawa.ca/adventpenancechristmas>. Thank you!

## FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

**Marriage Preparation:** At Resurrection of Our Lord Parish, **February 23, 24 & 25, 2018**. Please call the parish office: 613-733-4661 before Dec. 15, 2017. Cost: \$100. Info: 613-733-4661; [resurrectionchurch@rogers.com](mailto:resurrectionchurch@rogers.com).

**SUNDAY MISSAL for Young Catholics:** Extra copies available from Our Lady of the Visitation Parish. For children ages 7 & up. Cost: \$11 each. Info: [office@olvottawa.ca](mailto:office@olvottawa.ca); 613-822-2197.

**Children's Online Advent Calendar:** Loyola Press has online and printable Advent calendars to mark the time during the weeks before Christmas. Each calendar has short suggestions for prayer, activity, or reflection. Info: <https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/advent>.

## VOCATIONS

**Prayer for Vocations:** Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 19. That the Church will be continuously blessed with good and faithful servants following Christ as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

## PRO-LIFE

**Euthanasia Prevention Resources:** The [Compassionate Community Care](#) (CCC) helpline, 1-855-675-8749 is a national service for people who are seeking advice, help & support regarding euthanasia & assisted suicide prevention, and/or end-of-life treatment issues or concerns. Resources available: half-page flier; business card-sized ad (for social media/website); small poster; [Euthanasia Prevention Coalition](#) wallet card with the helpline.

## FROM THE CCCB

**Development and Peace / Caritas Canada launches emergency appeal to help Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh:** In response to the Rohingya persecution in Myanmar, The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace - Caritas Canada has launched an [emergency appeal](#) to help refugees seeking asylum in Bangladesh. [Read more...](#)

**Updated info on Bill C-51:** On Nov. 8, 2017, the Parliamentary Standing Committee for Justice and Human Rights voted to amend clause 14 of Bill C-51 so as to retain section 176 of the Criminal Code (which makes it an indictable offence to obstruct or cause violence to an officiating clergyman or minister, as well as to disturb religious worship or gatherings) with a new provision to encompass unequivocally all religious and spiritual services. The amended Bill will now return to the Minister of Justice for consideration, then both Houses of Parliament, followed by Royal Assent. Since the amended Bill has yet to pass into law and in view of the possibility of resistance to the proposed amendment, the Honourable Rob Nicholson, Member of Parliament for Niagara Falls, has forwarded a [petition](#) and [cover letter](#) to the CCCB seeking the support of all Canadians in asking the Government of Canada to retain section 176 of the Criminal Code.

**70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Apostolic Constitution Provida Mater Ecclesia:** [Link to the letter](#) from His Eminence Joao Braz Cardinal de Aviz, Prefect of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life.

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

**Parish Mission With Father Eugene O'Reilly:** St. Leonard Parish, Manotick, **Sat. Nov. 18 - Wed. Nov. 22.** Father Eugene will preach at the weekend Masses, **Sat., 4:30 p.m., Sun., 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. and Sun. – Wed., 7:30 -8:30 p.m.** Each evening following the Mission, there will be an opportunity for questions and discussions. Info: [office@stleonardsparish.ca](mailto:office@stleonardsparish.ca).

## OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS

**Documentary Screening: Messages From Heaven: The Face of Satan & The Reality of Hell.** Britannia United Church, 985 Pinecrest Rd. **Thurs., Dec. 7, 6:30 p.m.** Featuring the life and work of the late Reverend Joseph E. Kane and his book "Your Light Shines in My Darkness". Freewill offering. Karen Bourgon/Sister+Hood, [livesisterhood@gmail.com](mailto:livesisterhood@gmail.com); 613-806-0377; [www.sisterhood.live](http://www.sisterhood.live).

**Manly Men: Wrestling with Changing Definitions of Masculinity:** Saint Paul University, Room 201 (main building), **Wed., Nov. 29, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Info: [www.ustpaul.ca](http://www.ustpaul.ca); 613-851-1348. Sponsored by Mark Slatter, Faculty of Theology.

## PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

**St. Bernard Christmas Concert:** Share the spirit of Christmas on **Sun., Dec. 3, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.** The singers and musicians that participate in the weekend masses are planning an afternoon of Christmas music. Entrance is free; donations will be accepted for St. Bernard Charities. Info: 613-738-1943.

**Concert of Christmas Music:** A fundraising concert for St. Peter Celestine Church performed by the Arnprior Community Choir. St. Peter Celestine Church, Pakenham, **Tues., Dec. 5, 7:00 p.m.** Cost: \$15 each; \$5 for children 10 and under. Info: [mtneamtz@gmail.com](mailto:mtneamtz@gmail.com).

**Stairwell Carollers Christmas Concert Fundraiser:** Saint Joseph Church, Orleans, 2757 St. Joseph Blvd., **Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m.** 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary Gala Concert and first time in Orleans, the Stairwell Carollers will be singing in many languages. Benefits to the financial campaign to renovate the Church, a historical landmark. Tickets at parish office or at concert, if space available. Cost: \$20; children under 12 free. Info: 613-824-7983; [paroisse\\_stjoseph@bellnet.ca](mailto:paroisse_stjoseph@bellnet.ca); campaign <http://stjosephorleanscampaign.ca>

**Immaculate Heart of Mary 26<sup>th</sup> Christmas Concert:** 1758 Alta Vista Dr., **Sun., Dec. 10, 3:00 p.m.** The Ottawa Catholic School Board Chamber choir, the Kanata Choral Society, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Choir accompanied by the Ottawa Wind Ensemble and joined by tenor soloist Dr. Fraser Rubens. In support of the Heron Emergency Food Centre. Freewill offering. Info: (613-791-9115).

## SCHOOLS

**Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ:** An info session to introduce the new Religious Education Curriculum from the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario and the new Religion Program, 'Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ' published by Pearson, Canada. Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place, **Sat., Nov. 18, 8:30 am - 12:00 noon**. No cost. Hosted by the Ottawa Catholic School Board. Info: [janet.bentham@ocsb.ca](mailto:janet.bentham@ocsb.ca); 613-224-2222 ext. 2227. [Flyer for the day](#).

**Paint with Paint and Sip and Academia Stella Maris:** Academia Stella Maris is hosting an evening of painting. Come and paint with the help of an artist a beautiful Nativity Scene. Blessed Sacrament Parish, 194 Fourth Ave., **Sat., Nov. 25, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.** Cost: \$40, incl. painting material & non-alcoholic refreshments. Tickets: [www.academiastellamaris.ca](http://www.academiastellamaris.ca); 343-883-6600.

## BAZAARS & CRAFT FAIRS

**St. Elizabeth Church Christmas Bazaar:** Christmas crafts, bake sale, white elephant sale, Christmas fruit cakes. Enjoy chili or soup lunch for \$5. 1303 Leaside Avenue at Merivale Road, **Sat., Dec. 2, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** Hosted by The Ladies Auxiliary. Info: 613-725-2242.

## EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Job Posting – Archdiocese of Ottawa:** Administrative Assistant – Diocesan Administration. Full-time, permanent position at 37½ hours per week. A recent Canadian Criminal Records check is a requirement for this position. Job description: [www.catholicottawa.ca](http://www.catholicottawa.ca). Send C.V. with three professional references to Ms. Colette Legault, Human Resources Officer ([clegault@archottawa.ca](mailto:clegault@archottawa.ca)); fax (613-738-0412). Deadline for applications is **12:00 p.m. Fri., Nov. 24**. No phone calls. We thank all applicants for their interest, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

**Job Posting - Hope Cemetery:** Hope Cemetery is seeking a Counselor to Families. Full-time, permanent position. Job description: [www.catholicottawa.ca](http://www.catholicottawa.ca). Send C.V. with three professional references to Ms. Julie Marcil, Administrative Coordinator, Hope Cemetery ([julie.marcil@hopecemetery.ca](mailto:julie.marcil@hopecemetery.ca)). Deadline for applications: **5:00 p.m. Fri., Nov. 24**. No phone calls. We thank all applicants for their interest, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

**Coordinator of Youth Ministries at Annunciation of the Lord:** Seeking a Coordinator of Youth Ministries who will be responsible for planning and implementing programs for our youth from grades 6-12. A dynamic Catholic faith and commitment to the mission of the Parish are integral to this position. Full description: [www.annunciation-ottawa.com](http://www.annunciation-ottawa.com). Candidates invited to submit a letter of interest/resume to [parish@annunciation-ottawa.com](mailto:parish@annunciation-ottawa.com). Application deadline: Nov. 30.

**Employment Opportunity at St. Patrick Basilica:** A part-time bookkeeper is being sought by Saint Patrick Basilica Parish. The job description is available on the parish website [basilica.ca](http://basilica.ca). Interested candidates are asked to send their resume and two work-related references by email to the Parish Office [info@basilica.ca](mailto:info@basilica.ca).

## WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

**Ennis Sisters Christmas Concert:** Fund raiser for Shepherds of Good Hope. Algonquin College Theatre. **Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m.** Sponsored/hosted by Shepherds of Good Hope. Info: [algonquinsa@ticketfly.com](mailto:algonquinsa@ticketfly.com).

**Meaningful Engagement in Long-Term Care:** An evening of sharing and discovery of how Bruyère Continuing Care are striving to build compassionate communities through meaningful engagement. Mgr Daniel Berniquez, Vicaire épiscopal, will offer opening remarks and Executive Director for Citizens for Public Justice, Joe Gunn will speak about the History of Health Care in Canada: the ethical voice of Canadian Churches. Saint-Louis Residence, 879 Hiawatha Park Rd., Orleans, **Thurs., Dec. 7, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.** Free parking on site. RSVP by Nov 30. Info: [MDiallo@bruyere.org](mailto:MDiallo@bruyere.org).