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FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER FOR LENT: Archbishop's Lenten Letter now available [here](#).

CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS & CONSCIENCE PROTECTION: As discussed on Pastoral Day, our Catholic physicians are facing a grave threat to their freedom of conscience because of proposed legislation in the provincial legislature. They will have no protection if they are forced to participate in morally evil acts, such as mercy killing or abortion. **Archbishop Prendergast has directed pastors to allow physicians in the parish to make a presentation after the Prayer after Communion and to provide a letter for parishioners to sign after Mass to their MPP. Please help our Catholic doctors get this message out.** Priests and parish offices have received this week by email a sample presentation as well as a handout and MPP Letter for parishioners to sign. Resources: (bit.ly/callforconscience). Thank you for your help to protect our Catholic physicians.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION - RITE OF ELECTION & CALLING CANDIDATES TO LENTEN RENEWAL: Notre Dame Cathedral. **Sun., March 5, 2:30 p.m.** Family, friends and parishioners are most welcome and encouraged to attend.

PERMANENT DIACONATE – INFO: Is the Lord calling you to the Permanent Diaconate? Discover what the diaconate is about. Catholic men in the Archdiocese are invited; married men are encouraged to come with their wives. To attend, contact Deacon Michael Seath (613-324-0007); (mseath@archottawa.ca). Info sessions: **Thurs., Mar. 2, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**, St. Isidore, 1135 March Rd.; **Wed., Mar. 8, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**, Good Shepherd; **Mon., Mar. 13, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** St. Augustine Parish, 1060 Baseline.

GUIDELINES FOR THE PASTORAL ACCOMPANIMENT OF CHRIST'S FAITHFUL WHO ARE DIVORCED AND REMARRIED WITHOUT A DECREE OF NULLITY: Now available [here](#).

FROM THE CHANCELLOR: *To all the members of the clergy, faithful and friends of the Archdiocese of Ottawa, at the request of the Notchao Family, I would like to thank you very much for your expressions of sympathy at the death of our older sister Marie-Thérèse Notchao.* Fr. Louis Fohssié, Chancellor.

VOCATIONS

VOCATION FAIR: To inspire men and women discerning a call. **Sat., Mar. 4, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** at St. Margaret Mary Parish, 5 Fairbairn Ave. Beginning with Mass. Brunch following. Limited parking, consider carpooling. Info: Fr. Pierre Champoux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Ottawa (613-558-1445); (deont33@hotmail.com).

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Second Sunday of Lent - March 12. For all our priests, who bring us to the mountain of Christ at every Mass and feed us with His transforming love in the sacraments, we pray to the Lord.

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNERS' GROUP: For any single Catholic man interested in knowing more about the priesthood. **Wed., Mar. 8, 7:00 p.m.** at St. Margaret Mary Parish. Info: Fr. Pierre Champoux (613-558-1445); (vocations@archottawa.ca).

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mercy and joy.**

*"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace..." (Galatians 5.22)*

Events/Deadlines to Note

- Feb. 25** – 1st Permanent Diaconate Information Session
- Mar. 1** – ASH WEDNESDAY
- Mar. 2** – 2nd Permanent Diaconate Information Session
- Mar. 4** – Vocation Fair
- Mar. 4** – D&P Anniversary
- Mar. 5** – Rite of Election
- Mar. 8** – Priesthood Discerners' Group
- Mar. 8** – 3rd Permanent Diaconate Information Session
- Mar. 13** – 4th Permanent Diaconate Information Session
- Mar. 21 & 23** – Sessions for Separated & Divorced
- Mar. 24** – Ignatius movie
- Mar. 30-31** – COLF Seminar
- Apr. 4-11** – 'Man of the Shroud'

DISCERNMENT RETREAT: For men considering a vocation to ministry in the Church, or considering the Jesuit way of life as a possible vocation. Jesuit Ogilvie Residence, Ottawa. Details: Fr. Hasina Rakotoarisoa, SJ (613-850-6029); (vocation@jesuits.ca). Poster: (<http://jesuitvocations.org>).

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

IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA MOVIE- OTTAWA PREMIERE: A full-length feature film about St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus. **Fri., Mar. 24, 7:00 p.m.** Ottawa Family Cinema, 710 Broadview Ave. Tickets: click [here](#). Trailer: click [here](#).

'JOURNEY OF HOPE' FOR SEPARATED & DIVORCED CATHOLICS: Women's session begins **Tues., Mar. 21**. Men's session begins **Thurs., Mar. 23**. 6 weeks, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Info: (www.journeyofhopeottawa.com) or (613-294-1308). Cost: \$25.

WAUPOOS FARM, A CATHOLIC MINISTRY TO THE POOR, SEEKING NEW RESIDENT FAMILY: To move in this summer for a 2-3 year commitment. Info & further details on the Waupoos experience: [613-822-2189](tel:613-822-2189); www.waupoos.com.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH: Sat. & Sun., May 6 & 7, 2017. Info & registration (www.st-josephs.ca).

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

PROTECTING CREATION-POPE FRANCIS APPEALS TO LOCAL CHURCHES: On Feb.1, Pope Francis appealed to local Churches to mobilize for the protection of the planet, responding with determination to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. [He thanked a delegation of the Global Catholic Climate Movement](#), of which the Archdiocese of Ottawa is a member, for their "engagement in protecting our common home, in these times of grave socio- environmental crisis." Info: John Dorner (jdorner@ArchOttawa.ca); (613-738-5025 x251).

LENTEN FAITH IN ACTION: [Citizens for Public Justice](#), an ecumenical Christian organization, invites participation in their Lenten campaign by signing the [Give it up for the Earth!](#) pledge. The pledge supports personal action and advocacy with our government to achieve climate change goals. Info: John Dorner (613-738-5025, ext. 251; jdorner@archottawa.ca).

SOCIAL JUSTICE

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE 50th ANNIVERSARY: Mass with the Most Reverend Terrence Prendergast, S.J., followed by a reception. Solidarity quilt on display. **Sat., March 4, 5:00 p.m.** Notre Dame Cathedral, 385 Sussex Dr. All are welcome. RSVP: (www.dp50ottawa.eventbrite.com). Contact: (ggallant@devp.org); (613-738-9644).

PRO-LIFE

CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR LIFE & FAMILY SEMINAR: *Sex, Gender and Ideology*. **March 30-31** in Gatineau. Simultaneous translation. Details, registration: please [click here](#). Questions: (613-241-9461 x161); (colf@colf.ca).

LENTEN EVENTS & MISSIONS

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: "Comfort for God's People". Bible study on the Prophet Isaiah with Father Daryold Winkler. Tuesdays during Lent starting on **Tues., March 7, 10:00 a.m.** or **7:00 p.m.** Continuing for six weeks at St. Elizabeth Church, 1303 Leaside Avenue. Info: (613-725-2242).

LENTEN EVENING REFLECTION: "Up from the Waters", a presentation by Rev. Normand Bonneau, OMI, Biblical Scholar, University of Saint Paul, on the Lenten Sunday Readings. **Wed., March 8, 7:00 p.m.** at St. Elizabeth Church, 1303 Leaside Avenue. All are welcome to attend. Info: (613-725-2242).

ST. CLEMENT LENTEN PARISH MISSION: “The 99 Left Behind”.... (Luke 15:4). 528 Old St. Patrick St. With Fr. Sean Kopczynski, Missionary of St. John the Baptist (MSJB). **Sun., Mar. 12 (8:30, 10:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.);** Mission Conferences **March 13-16, 7:30 p.m.** (after 6:30 p.m. low Mass). Info: (613-565-9656).

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

ADORATION/PRAISE AND WORSHIP: All are invited on **Sat., Mar. 11, 6:30 p.m.** at Holy Cross Parish, 685 Walkley Rd. Family and friends are invited to this prayerful evening. Info: (613-731-7834).

ST. MARY (100 Young St.) BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION CHAPEL: Open for Prayer ... Do you feel Jesus drawing you to spend more time with Him this Lent? Mon. – Fri., 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday, 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. All are welcome. Free parking. Registration is required: (613-729-9811 x702); (adoration.chapel@stmarysottawa.ca).

FAITH FORMATION

“MAN OF THE SHROUD” EXHIBIT: At St. Isidore Roman Catholic Church, Kanata, **April 4-11.** Life-sized authentic reproduction of the “Shroud of Turin” and 30+ display panels citing historical, scientific and theological information about The Shroud. Daily seminars for students and adults; please call (613-435-3076). Lecturers: Mr. Barrie Schwartz, official photographer of the “Shroud of Turin Research Project” and Dr. Phillip Wiebe, Professor of Philosophy, Trinity Western University, BC. Free; donations graciously accepted. Made possible by the Vancouver Shroud Association, the Archdiocese of Ottawa and the generous support of St. Isidore parishioners. Everyone is welcome. Info: (www.theshroud.org).

PARISH EVENTS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6217, ST. MARTIN DE PORRES ANNUAL IRISH NIGHT: Featuring Lorne Daly & Band with Irish Dancers, **Fri., Mar. 10, 7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall, 3891 Old Richmond Rd. Smoked meat sandwiches served. Tickets: \$20 per person; available from the Parish Office (613-828-6720) or Barry Nicholls (613-592-0345).

PILGRIMAGES

JOURNEY THROUGH THE HOLY LAND, ISRAEL, IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS & MARY: Led by Fr. John Likozar, CC., **Oct. 22 – Nov. 2.** Cost: \$3875. Info: Fr. John Likozar (fatherjohn@stmauriceparish.com); Miki Friendly (miki@goisraeltravel.com); (1-877-840-0855 x222). Pilgrimage info meeting: **Sat., Mar. 4, 6:30 p.m.,** at St. Maurice Church, 4 Perry St.

WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

HOW TO WIN POLITICALLY IN THE PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT: RightNow (www.itstartsrightnow.ca) is a political pro-life organization solely dedicated to nominating and electing pro-life politicians, federally and provincially, across Canada. **Thurs., Mar. 2, 7:00 p.m.** at 315 Lisgar St. Info: (<http://www.itstartsrightnow.ca/events>).

GALILEE CENTRE, ARNPRIOR ‘HOLY WEEK GUIDED SILENT RETREAT’: With Susan Kehoe, Coordinator for Contemplative Outreach of Eastern Ontario. **April 9-10.** Info: (www.galileecentre.com); (613-623-4242 x21); (info@galileecentre.com).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ST. GEORGE PARISH SEEKING PART TIME YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY COORDINATOR: To provide enthusiastic leadership and support to substantially grow its ministry for youth and (young) families. Candidates will show vibrant faith in Christ, commitment to the Church; must enjoy working with young adults, youth and children. More info: (www.saintgeorges.ca). 15-20 hours/week, starting May 2017. Cover letter, resume, three references (one from a pastor) by March 10, 2017.