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FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

MARCH 25TH WHITE MASS IN SUPPORT OF CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS:

On the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, Archbishop Prendergast invites everyone to join Catholic health care practitioners at a special Mass honouring their work in health care and praying for their freedom of conscience. A bilingual Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. with Archbishop Prendergast presiding joined by Archbishop Lépine and his seminarians who are making a special pilgrimage to Ottawa. A reception will follow in the parish hall. All are encouraged to attend this celebration and to pray with and for our Catholic health care practitioners.

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

LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE: Now available online (www.catholicottawa.ca).

LENTEN VIDEO SERIES: Archbishop Terrence Prendergast and Bishop Christian Riesbeck have prepared videos to help the faithful experience the different aspects of Lent and Holy Week. In the first part of the four-part series, Bishop Christian speaks about prayer. [Click here to view the video](#).

INVITATION TO PRIESTS: Penitential Service for Priests, 3:30 p.m.; Reception at Archbishop's Residence, 4:15 p.m.; Jubilarian Dinner in the Cathedral Hall, 5:00 p.m.; Chrism Mass 7:30 p.m. **Kindly RSVP for the reception & dinner before March 24** (rsvp@archottawa.ca); (613-738-5025, ext. 233).

'LENT IN OTTAWA' WEBPAGE: For a list of Lenten resources and events in the Archdiocese, click [here](#).

WILLS, POWERS OF ATTORNEY, PROBATE TAX TIPS FOR SENIORS, CATHOLIC CEMETERY SERVICES, PLANNED GIVING: On Sunday, April 2, 2017 at 1:00 p.m., a presentation covering the foregoing topics will be given at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, 194 Fourth Ave., Ottawa, in the Glebe. The presentation will be given by professionals in their field and will take about 1 ½ hours. Refreshments will be served. Please indicate your attendance with Aisha Poitevien of the Archdiocese of Ottawa at (613-738-5025 x202; dev@ArchOttawa.ca).

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). Last info session: **Mon., Mar. 13, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**, St. Augustine.

***PARISH HOLY OIL VIALS:** If you have not already done so, **please return your small Holy Oil vials** (3 vials in small black case) to the Diocesan Centre, as soon as possible.

REMINDER: Parishes, if you have not already done so, please provide your Holy Week & Easter Sunday schedule.

**The family: home of love,
mercy and joy.**

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

Events/Deadlines to Note

Mar. 13 – 4th Permanent
Diaconate Information Session

Mar. 21 & 23 – Sessions for
Separated & Divorced

Mar. 24 – Ignatius movie

Mar. 30-31 – COLF Seminar

Mar. 31 – Day of Confessions

Apr. 1 – EWTN Canada Family
Celebration

Apr. 4-11 – 'Man of the Shroud'

Apr. 11 – Penitential Service for
Priests & Jubilarian Celebration

Apr. 11 - Chrism Mass

May 14 – Wedding Anniversary
Mass (note change of date)

May 18 – Pastoral Day

Jun. 4 – Pentecost
Confirmations

Jun. 8 – Diocesan Feast Day



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS OF THANKSGIVING: Notre Dame Cathedral, **Sun., May 14, 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., May 3.

VOCATIONS

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 26. That like the man born blind, we will allow Jesus to open our eyes and hearts to His will and bring more men and women to respond to His call to serve Him and His Church as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life.

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

FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY NEWSLETTER: We send out a monthly newsletter with articles, resources and event announcements. To subscribe or view previous editions, click [here](#).

DAY OF CONFESSIONS - YOUTH EVENT: The Family & Youth Ministry Office will be hosting a reconciliation evening for youth in grades 6-12 on **Fri., Mar. 31, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.** at Notre Dame Cathedral. Praise & worship; a spiritual talk; Adoration; Sacrament of Reconciliation. Info: Krista Wawrykow (kwawrykow@archottawa.ca, 613-738-5025 ext. 222).

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.

FROM THE CCCB

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – CARITAS CANADA LAUNCHES 50TH SHARE LENT CAMPAIGN: The theme of this year's campaign is *Women at the Heart of Change*. Various resources are available on the website of CCODP. [Read more...](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION - SOUTH SUDAN: Let us pray for the people of South Sudan who are experiencing severe drought and famine associated with climate change, environmental degradation and civil war. In a recent pastoral letter, the South Sudan Catholic Bishops' Conference stated, "Our country is gripped by a humanitarian crisis – famine, insecurity and economic hardship. Our people are struggling simply to survive." With Pope Francis' support, the Bishops have requested Caritas Internationalis partners, of which Development and Peace (Caritas Canada) is a member, to help alleviate the humanitarian crisis. Info: John Dorner (jdorner@ArchOttawa.ca); (613-738-5025 x251).

PRO-LIFE

25TH ANNUAL SAINT JOSEPH NOVENA ON PARLIAMENT HILL: Sunrise Novena, **March 10-19, 6:15 a.m.** beginning at the Centennial Flame on Parliament Hill. Info: John Zwicker (613-725-3820); (friendsofstjoseph@rogers.com).

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 & RETREATS

MEN'S RETREAT: *He Must Increase & I Must Decrease - The Necessity of Spiritual Maturity*. St. Mary Church Hall, 100 Young. **Sat., Mar. 25, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** Retreat Master: Fr. Joseph Devereaux, Chancellor, Diocese of Peterborough. Cost: \$15 incl. lunch. Register: (knightsretreat2017@gmail.com). Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 14727.

THE SPIRITUALITY OF THE PASCHAL MYSTERY: Sr. Rosemary O'Toole CSJ will present a day of Lenten Reflections on the Paschal Mystery at St. Isidore Parish Hall, 1135 March Rd. **Sat., Mar. 25, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Fee: \$15 at door, includes lunch and book. Register: (office@stisidorekanata.com); (613-592-1961). Sponsored by the CWL of St. Isidore Parish.

LAETARE CONCERT – SACRED MUSIC OF THE RENAISSANCE: Schola Basilicae will offer a meditational concert of Lenten music of the Renaissance including works by Morales, Byrd, Tallis, and Palestrina, **Sun., Mar. 26, 3:00 p.m.** at Saint Patrick Basilica, 220 Kent St. Free admission. Info: (613-233-1126 x561).

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

'REFUGE' GATHERING AT ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, songs, shared silence, reflection for Lent by Fr. Mark Slatter and Benediction. 3rd Friday of the month, **Mar. 17, 7:00 p.m.** Info: (613-225-7388).

NIGHT OF WORSHIP AND MINISTRY: St. Mary Parish, 100 Young St. **Fri., Mar. 24, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** Speaker: Fr. Tim Devine CC. *A People of Hope*. MC: Chris Currie. Worship Team: Cantate Domino Worship Team. Prayer teams will be available. Reception to follow. Info: Lise Going (613-728-9811 x720); (night.worship.ministry@stmarysottawa.ca)

MASS OF HEALING: With the Sacrament of the Sick, **Wed., Mar. 29, 7:00 p.m.** at Holy Name of Mary Church, Almonte. Celebrant: Fr. Francis Donnelly CC. All are invited. Info: Holy Name of Mary Parish Office (613-256-1034).

PARISH EVENTS & OTHER

"HENRI NOUWEN AND THE ROAD TO CHARACTER": A presentation with Fr. Corbin Eddy and parishioner and author Kevin Burns. **Thurs., Mar. 16, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** in St. Basil Church Hall, 940 Rex Ave. Free admission; refreshments following. Info: Parish Office (<http://www.stbasilsparish.ca/events>); (613-729-5149 ext. 200); (stbasilsparish@gmail.com).

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION: Saint Patrick Basilica, **Fri., Mar. 17, 10:00 a.m.** Mass with Archbishop Prendergast SJ. Reception to follow in the Scavi. Info: (613-233-1125). Priests & deacons to bring alb & white stole. Vesting in Baptistry.

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 'FISH FRY': Enjoy a down east feed of Fish, Fries, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, & Baked Beans, with the music of Snap, Crackle, Pop. **Fri., Mar. 24, 6:00 p.m.** Tickets: parish office (613-829-1760) & at weekend Masses. Cost: \$18 (\$10 for children 12 years & under). Proceeds to the Parish.

MEN'S BREAKFAST AT ST. AUGUSTINE: 1060 Baseline, near Merivale, **Sat., Mar. 25, 8:00 a.m.** Speaker: Patrick Meagher. "God is always there – right by your side." Continental breakfast with boiled eggs & beans. Cost: \$5 at the east door of the church. RSVP: (breakfastformen@gmail.com); Denis (613-228-7646). All men welcome.

WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND ISRAEL & PALESTINE: Free presentation by Carl Héту, Executive Director, Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), discussing some of the contradictory pressures inside today's Church. **Wed., Mar. 22, 7:30 p.m.** at the Churchill Seniors Centre, 345 Richmond Rd. Info: Catherine Casserly (613-729-4217).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ST. PATRICK PARISH SEEKING OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR: To provide support to Pastor and parishioners. Part-time, permanent position, 4 days/week, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Copy of job description: Fr. Paul Shepherd, Pastor (613-591-1135). C.V. with 3 references (not family) to (pastor.stpatricks1866@rogers.com). Deadline: 5:00 p.m., March 15.

ST. PATRICK PARISH (FALLOWFIELD) SEEKING RECEPTIONIST: Part-time, permanent position at 12-15 hours/week. To obtain a copy of the job description contact Fr. Paul Shepherd, Pastor (613-591-1135). Send C.V. with three references (not family) to Fr. Paul Shepherd (pastor.stpatricks1866@rogers.com). Deadline for applications: 5:00 p.m., March 15.





Dispensation from the Law of Abstinence on the Memorial of St. Patrick

Noting that the Memorial of Saint Patrick—the secondary patron of the Archdiocese of Ottawa—falls on a Friday in the second week of Lent and exhorting the faithful to exercise due moderation and temperance in festivities and celebrations of the memorial of St. Patrick, in keeping with the solemnity and the honour due so great a saint and his tireless efforts to inspire holiness in the Christian faithful, I hereby grant the following dispensation:

To the faithful who reside in the Archdiocese of Ottawa, as well as anyone actually present in the Archdiocese of Ottawa, from the law of abstinence on Friday, March 17, 2017; furthermore, I urge the recipients of this dispensation to perform some salutary work of penance or charity that day so that they might unite themselves more perfectly with the suffering and death of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

✠Terrence Prendergast, S.J.
Archbishop of Ottawa

Reverend Louis Fohssie
Chancellor

March 7, 2017