

FRIDAY FACTS

Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

September 29, 2017

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Annual Archbishop's Charity Dinner: A fundraising event in support of families. At the Ottawa Conference and Event Centre on **Wed., Oct. 18**. The Archbishop has chosen four beneficiaries this year: Serenity Renewal for Families, Patro D'Ottawa, House of Hope and Healing and Centre des Services à la Famille. Poster [here](#). [Order tickets here](#). Info: Development Office (613-738-5025, ext. 202) or (dev@archottawa.ca).

Pastoral Day: Pastoral Day at the Diocesan Centre is scheduled for **Thurs., Oct. 5, 9:00 a.m.**, beginning with Mass in the Chapel. Clergy only session after lunch. Cost for Oktoberfest lunch: \$15. RSVP: online at <https://www.catholicottawa.ca/pastoral-day> or with Kayla (613-738-5025 x229); (kbearse@ArchOttawa.ca).

Welcome to new staff: We are pleased to welcome **Kayla Bearse**, who, as of September 5 has joined English Pastoral Services as Special Projects Officer. We wish Kayla every blessing as she undertakes her new responsibilities.

Marian Procession and Mass for Our Lady of Fatima: Marian procession and Mass on **Oct. 13**, commemorating the Marian apparitions in Fatima, Portugal, one hundred years ago. Procession will gather at 5:30 p.m. at St. Patrick Basilica and proceed to Notre Dame Cathedral for a 7:30 p.m. Mass with Archbishop Prendergast SJ. All are welcome to attend. Hosted by Archdiocese of Ottawa. Info: thurley@archottawa.ca; 613-738-5025 ext 231.

Wills, Powers of Attorney, Probate, Executors; Tax Tips for Seniors; Catholic Cemetery Services; Planned Giving: On **Sun., Oct. 1, 1:00 p.m.**, a presentation covering these topics will be given at Holy Spirit Parish Hall, 1489 Shea Road, Stittsville, by professionals in their field and will take about 1 ½ hours. Refreshments will be served; all are welcome. Please indicate your attendance with the Development Office of the Archdiocese: 613-738-5025 x202; dev@ArchOttawa.ca. Poster available online at (<https://www.catholicottawa.ca/documents/2017/9/Planned%20Giving%20Poster-1.pdf>).

Requesting a Parish Confirmation Date: Parishes wishing to schedule a date(s) for a parish Confirmation in 2017-2018 should submit their request [online here](#), no later than **Tues., Oct. 3** for co-ordination with Archbishop Prendergast, SJ and Bishop Riesbeck, CC. To complete the online submission, you will need to provide at least 3 possible dates, the time and location of the celebration(s) and an estimate of the number of candidates. Info: abrown@ArchOttawa.ca; 613-738-5025 ext. 217.

All Parishes – College of Consultors: Regarding new parish projects – to be submitted for approval (construction, renovation, restoration, important sales or purchases, major fundraising campaigns, changes to sacred art or to the parish's worship spaces). According to diocesan policy, approval must be obtained from the College of Consultors before carrying out these projects. The College is meeting on Tuesday, October 31, 2017. **In order to be included on the College's agenda, parishes must submit their project proposals to the diocese(centre@archottawa.ca) no later than Fri., Oct. 13, 2017.**

8th Annual Pilgrimage to St-Joseph Oratory from Dioceses of Ottawa, Gatineau, Pembroke, Mont-Laurier, Alexandria/Cornwall and Kingston: Special stop at the Shrine of St. Kateri Tekakwitha in Kahnawake Québec. **Sun., Oct. 15**. 7:00 a.m. Departure from Westgate and Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes. Cost: \$65. Info: Mike Budge 613-224-8110.

The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World

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

Prayers: For the repose of the soul of Mrs. Mary Lynne Lamarche (nee McLean), wife of Deacon Ray Lamarche, retired permanent deacon. Mrs. Lamarche died Saturday, September 23, 2017. The Funeral Mass was held at St. Monica Church on September 27. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

FROM THE CCCB

Discovering the Unity of Life and Love - A Reflection on the Foundations for a Theology of Human Love: The Episcopal Commission for Doctrine of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has released a new document entitled "[Discovering the Unity of Life and Love – A Reflection on the Foundations for a Theology of Human Love](#)". At the same time as reflecting on the images and conflicting messages about the meaning of life and of love in contemporary Canadian society, the Bishops recall "the beauty and profundity of how God created us and our primary relations to others, to the world and to God." [Read more...](#)

Catechetical Sunday – October 1, 2017: Office for Evangelization and Catechesis has prepared English-language resources for celebrating Catechetical Sunday 2017. The resources are available at <http://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/office-for-evangelization-and-catechesis/4757-catechetical-sunday-2017>.

Life and family suggestions for homilies and prayers of the faithful during October 2017: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops continues to post homily ideas and prayers of the faithful to help link the Sunday liturgy with the national pastoral initiative for life and family. These suggestions can be easily adapted for family or personal prayer or for use with other groups: [Documents and activities proposed by the CCCB](#).

FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Theology On Tap - Fatima 100 Years Later: Bishop Christian Riesbeck CC, Auxiliary Bishop of Ottawa, will speak on Our Lady of Fatima and Marian Consecration. At Malone's Grill, 1001 Queen Elizabeth Dr., **Thurs., Oct. 19, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** Movies on Our Lady of Fatima shown before and after the event. Info: (www.facebook.com/events).

NET Canada Commissioning Mass: To commission the NET missionaries for the 2017-2018 mission year. Mass celebrated by Archbishop Terrace Prendergast SJ, Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica, **Sat., Sept. 30**. Doors open 6:45 pm; Mass 7 pm. Reception following. Info: melissa@netcanada.ca. All are welcome!

VOCATIONS

Note to Priests: Please encourage your parishioners to pray for our new and returning Diocesan seminarians, who have commenced their studies in early September. At the present time, the Archdiocese of Ottawa has four seminarians: Mathieu Dabrowski, Connor O'Hara, Michael Nacheff, and Symon Vezina. The Archdiocese of Alexandria-Cornwall also has four seminarians: Steven Gaudet, Mark Gaudet, Kevin Burgess, and Francis Leroux. You are free to include our seminarians in your personal prayers, the Prayers of the Faithful, or any other venue that you find appropriate for your parishes. Thank you. Fr. Pierre Champoux, Vocations Director, Archdiocese of Ottawa.

Prayer for Vocations: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 8. That men and women will be open to the voice of the Lord, asking the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help them recognize and answer His call to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Season of Creation - Sept. 1 – Oct. 4: Pope Francis proclaimed September 1 as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The season of creation ends on Oct. 4 (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi). Resources for parishes: <http://seasonofcreation.org>; <http://greenchurches.ca/education>. Info: jdorner@archottawa.ca.

PRO-LIFE

Life Chain: the annual pro-life event which takes place across Canada and the United States on **Sun., Oct. 1, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.** 14 locations, for one hour of silent prayerful witness. Info: Debbie (613-729-0379); debbie@clife.ca; www.campaignlifecoalition.com. St. Joseph & Orleans Blvd.; Montreal Rd. & St. Laurent Blvd.; Vanier Pkwy. & Montreal Rd.; St. Patrick & Cobourg; Bank & Nepean Sts.; Bank St. & Hunt Club Rd.; Castor & Concession Sts., Russell; Ottawa Hospital Civic Campus, Carling Ave.; Merivale Rd. & Meadowlands Dr.; Hazeldean & Eagleson Rds.; March Rd & Halton Terrace; Martin & Ottawa Sts., Almonte; Madawaska Blvd. & Daniel St., Arnprior; Brockville General Hospital, 75 Charles St.

40 Days for Life Campaign: A time to fast and pray for the end of abortion. Held this year **Sept. 27 – Nov. 5**. Intercede for God's mercy on the unborn and those who would deny them life. Daily prayer vigil, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Info: (613-299-2515); (<https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/ottawa/>).

National Pro-Life Conference 2017 in Ottawa: Life Canada and Action Life Ottawa are co-hosting the National Pro-Life Conference in Ottawa on **Nov. 3-4, 2017**. Early bird deadline: Oct. 2. Youth workshop for senior high and up on **Fri., Nov. 3** (\$10 suggested donation); Speakers: Sean O'Hare and Jonathon Van Maren for senior high students and up. Info: www.truenorth2017.eventbrite.com; info@actionlife.org; 613-798-4494. Limited student/religious sponsorships.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Our Lady of Fatima Devotional Day and Living Rosary: At St. John the Apostle Parish, 2340 Baseline Rd., **Fri., Oct. 13, 6:45 p.m.** To honour the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. Pray as living beads of the Rosary in the presence of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima. All are welcome. Info: parish office (613-829-1760).

Interfaith Prayer Service: The Capital Region Interfaith Council (CRIC) will host an Interfaith Prayer Service on **Sun., Oct. 15, 3:00 p.m.** at Saint Gabriel Church, 55 Appleford, followed by a reception. All Catholics of our diocese are invited. Faith Communities in the gathering: Anglicans, Baha'i, Roman Catholics, Christian Science, Family Federation, Hindus, Muslims, Jain, Jews, Mormons and Unitarians. Info: Father Jacques Kabangu (613-745-4342); (jacqueskabangu25@gmail.com).

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Development and Peace Workshop – Women at the Heart of Peace: New campaign invites Catholics to learn more about the vital role women play in conflict prevention and peacebuilding. **Wed., Oct. 11, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**, 1247 Kilborn Pl. All welcome. Info: (613-738-9644); www.devp.org/campaign (mangeladavis@hotmail.com; ggallant@devp.org).

OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS

Pope Francis - A scholarly discussion of his Pontificate: Conference sponsored by the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars Canada at the Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place, **Fri., Oct. 13, 6:45 - 10:00 p.m.; Sat., Oct. 14, 8:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.** Saturday Mass with Most Reverend Terrence Prendergast SJ, Archbishop of Ottawa. Speakers on topics related to Pope Francis. \$30 Conference registration; meals extra. Discounts for clergy, religious, and students. Info: www.catholicsscholarscanada.com.

Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima: Coordinated by the Legion of Mary with the Queenship of Mary Community. Mass with The Most Reverend Terrence Prendergast, S.J. at Notre Dame Cathedral, **Fri., Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m.** Mass **Sat., Oct. 14** at St. Maurice Church with His Excellency, Bishop Riesbeck CC. Conference with Rev. Fr. Allan MacDonald CC, Superior General of the Companions of the Cross and Msgr. Ambrose Sheehy, Spiritual Director of the Legion of Mary, Toronto Senatus. Cost: \$15/person. Registration: Angela (613-829-0320); Mary (613-748-6191); legionofmaryregia@gmail.com.

St. Faustina Feast Day: Divine Infant Parish, 6658 Bilberry Dr., **Thurs., Oct. 5** with Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by veneration of the 4 first class relics of St. Faustina, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. John Paul II and Blessed Michael Sopocho until noon. In the

evening, the John Paul II Centre will be at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 194 Fourth Ave., for Mass at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Veneration of Relics and social in the Parish Hall. Info: jp2centreattaw@gmail.com. All welcome.

EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Saint Patrick Basilica Seeking Experienced Assistant Manager for its Book & Gift Shop: The position is a full-time permanent position offering a competitive salary and benefits. For the job description, visit the parish web site at www.basilica.ca. Interested candidates should send their application by email to info@basilica.ca. No phone calls please.

Volunteers needed at Bruyère Continuing Care: Support the spiritual and religious needs of patients/residents by portering individuals to Mass, distributing the Holy Eucharist to those bedbound or assisting the sacristan with preparations for chapel services. Info: Rebekah Hackbusch, Coordinator, Spiritual Care (rhackbusch@bruyere.org). Volunteer orientation: www.bruyere.org.

WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

The Council on Aging of Ottawa – Lunch & Learn: Social Isolation & Aging – What It Is & Why It Matters. Interactive discussion and workshop. **Wed., Oct. 11, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.** at 1247 Kilborn Place. Bring your lunch. Details & registration: (www.coaottawa.ca). Info: l-m.bouchard@coaottawa.ca or 613-789-3577 x101).

Aging Gracefully Wellness Fair: Community specialists in aging, health, wellness and person-centered care. Keynote speakers, service providers, workshops & exhibitors. Fairmont Château Laurier, **Oct. 18, 1:00 – 5:00 pm**. Cost: \$40. Sponsored by Bruyère Continuing Care. Info: rhackbusch@bruyere.org; www.bruyere.org. The Aging Gracefully Wellness Fair is opened to the aging community, their caregivers/care partners, clinicians, health care service providers, students and the general public.

Bruyère Continuing Care Humanizing Health Care International Conference: Explore emerging trends, like palliative care to address the challenges faced by health care organizations and share best practices designed to enhance the health care consumer experience. Fairmont Chateau Laurier Ottawa, **Oct. 18-20**. Seniors (65+) and Students (full time only) \$275. Info: www.bruyere.org/HHC2017 or infohhc@bruyere.org. Includes the *Aging Gracefully Wellness Fair* and Opening Reception.

Healing A Broken Relationship With Christ: 2 day retreat given by Fr. Michael Wright will help to renew our relationship with Christ. Accommodation, meals, and spiritual direction are offered as part of this retreat. Begins on Friday evening; ends Sunday morning. Space is limited. Connemara Bed and Breakfast, **Nov. 3 & 4**. Info: Peggy Kelly (annmk34@gmail.com); 613.821.5000.