

FRIDAY FACTS

Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

March 2, 2018

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Archbishop's Letter for Lent 2018: Archbishop Prendergast's Letter for Lent 2018 is available on our website [here](#).

Parish Lenten Penance Service Schedule & Confession Times: Up-dated & available at <https://www.catholicottawa.ca/>. Includes March 2 Day of Confessions schedule.

Permanent Diaconate – Info Sessions: Is the Lord calling you to the Permanent Diaconate? Come discover what the diaconate is all about. All men in the Archdiocese are invited; married men are encouraged to come with their wives. If you wish to attend a session or get more info, contact Deacon Michael Seath (613-324-0007); (mseath@archottawa.ca). Info sessions: **Wed., Mar. 7, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** at Holy Cross Parish, 685 Walkley Rd.; **Sat., Mar. 10, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.** at Annunciation of the Lord Parish, 2414 Ogilvie Rd.



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

RSVP for Priests to Jubilarian Reception & Dinner: Following the Penitential Service for Priests (**3:30 p.m.**) on Tuesday in Holy Week, **March 27** at Notre Dame Cathedral. Reception at the Archbishop's Residence at **4:15 p.m.** Jubilarian Dinner in the Cathedral hall at **5:00 p.m.** RSVP to reception & dinner required **before March 9:** (arch@archottawa.ca); (613-738-5025 x233, available 24/7) or online [here](#).

* **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. Thank you.

Chrism Mass: At Notre Dame Cathedral, **Tues., Mar. 27, 7:30 p.m.** Appointed parish representatives are asked to be at the Cathedral, inside the main entrance, no later than 7:00 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the Chrism Mass.

Communion and Liberation - Way of the Cross: On **Good Friday, March 30**, through the streets of downtown Ottawa. Led by Most. Rev. Terrence Prendergast S.J., Archbishop of Ottawa. Departure at 9:30 a.m. from St. Patrick Basilica, 220 Kent St. Arrival around 12:00 Noon at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica. Info: David McConkey (clonottawa@gmail.com).

Msgr. José Bettencourt Named Archbishop: The Vatican has announced that Msgr. José Bettencourt, a priest from our Archdiocese, will be ordained a bishop on March 19th, Feast of St. Joseph, by His Holiness Pope Francis. Archbishop-elect Bettencourt will serve as Apostolic Nuncio to Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan. We congratulate Bishop Bettencourt and ask you to keep him in your prayers. Background info: Msgr. José Bettencourt was ordained to the priesthood on May 29, 1993 by Archbishop Marcel Gervais. In the Archdiocese of Ottawa, he served as Assistant pastor at Holy Redeemer Parish (1993-1994) and Administrator at Senhor Santo Cristo Parish (1994-1995) before entering the diplomatic service of the Holy See. Since 2013, he has held the office of Chief of Protocol for the Secretariat of State (Holy See).

Pastoral Day Resources:

'Divine Renovation' Book by Fr. James Mallon: Book available at St. Patrick's Gift Shop and Bookstore. Regularly placing special orders for out-of-stock and hard-to-find items from a wide variety of Catholic publishers and Canadian importers. Discounts are available for clergy, consecrated, parishes, and ministries. Info: (613-235-7963); stpatricksgiftsandbooks@gmail.com.

'Morning Light Ministry' Book: For parishes wishing to purchase copies, please contact Darcia Isenor (darciaMLM@gmail.com) before March 31. Cost: \$25 each.

FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

2018 Message of the Holy Father for 33rd World Youth Day: Celebrated in the Dioceses on 25 March 2018, on the theme "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God" (Luke 1:30). [Link to Pope Francis' 2018 WYD message.](#)

Journey of Hope – A Program for Separated and Divorced Catholics: Six week sessions for women (Tuesdays, Mar. 20 – Apr. 24, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.) and men (Thursdays, Mar. 22 – May 3, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.). Fee: \$25. At Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish Hall, 20 Grant St. Register by Mar. 16: www.journeyofhopeottawa.com; Mary Jane Manley (613-294-1308).

CARE FOR CREATION

Hazardous Waste at our Parishes: To protect creation, we must ensure that all hazardous waste such as batteries, fluorescent lighting and compact fluorescent light bulbs are not included in our regular garbage collection. They must always be brought to a Hazardous Waste Depot in your community or to a 'Take it Back Partner'. Further information: John Dorner (613-738-5025, ext. 251; jdorner@archottawa.ca).

VOCATIONS

Prayer for Vocations: Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 11. That we may have faithful priests and consecrated religious to guide us just as Jesus was the light that came into the world, we pray to the Lord.

ATTENTION: ALL MEN CONSIDERING A CALLING TO THE PRIESTHOOD. *Have you ever considered a calling to the priesthood, but simply don't know where to begin? Or what to ask? If you're a man over 18 and have been thinking about what the priesthood is about, and how to become one, consider coming to the Priesthood Discernment Evening. You will hear a priest give a brief testimony of his call story, followed by a question and answer period and a social. Please mark your calendar for Thurs., Mar. 8, 7:00-8:00 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary Church Hall (5 Fairbairn Ave.). Further info: Fr. Pierre (613-558-1445); vocations@archottawa.ca. I also encourage you to read our vocations blog articles at vocationsottawa.com for general questions that you may have about the priesthood. Fr. Pierre Champoux, Ottawa Vocation Director.*

PRO-LIFE

Palliative Care Focus Groups: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) in collaboration with Pallium Canada and Dominican University College, has initiated focus-groups with some Catholic parishes in Ottawa. The purpose of the focus-groups is to learn from the faithful: which questions are being asked with regards to what palliative care is, what people know about Catholic teaching on end-of-life issues, and the support mechanisms they feel are needed as a person prepares to die, including subsequent bereavement. This first focus group is at the following location: **Sun., Mar. 11, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** at Paroisse Sacré-Coeur. Info: (<http://sacrecoeurottawa.ca>).

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Vigil of Eucharistic Adoration: Pray 33 rosaries and other prayers. St. Patrick Basilica, **Fri., Mar. 16, 8:00 p.m. – 6:30 a.m.** Info: Naomi Visser (613-825-9704).

Night of Worship and Ministry: Speaker: Deacon Allan Carpen. Theme: *Seek first the kingdom of God.* Worship Team: Eileen Dalpra. M.C.: Chris Currie. Prayer teams will be available. A reception will follow. St. Mary Church, 100 Young St. **Mar. 23, 7:00-9:00 p.m.** No charge. Info: night.worship.ministry@stmarysottawa.ca; 613-728-9811, ext. 720.

FAITH FORMATION

Holy Cross Parish Lenten Retreat 2018: 685 Walkley Rd., **March 19, 20 & 21, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in parish hall.** Theme: *The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World.* Preacher: Fr. Eslyn Pereira CMF. Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on March 21. Free-will offering. All are welcome. No registration required. Info: (613-731-7834).

UNBOUND Conference Study Group - East: Divine Infant Parish, Orleans, **Thurs., Apr. 5 – May 24, 7-9 p.m.** Includes viewing of UNBOUND conference DVDs & small group discussions. Neal Lozano's book UNBOUND and the UNBOUND: Freedom in Christ Companion Guide available to purchase. To register or for info: Brenda Kortekaas (divineinfantunbound@gmail.com).

UNBOUND Study Conference Group - West: Holy Spirit Parish, Stittsville, Friday evenings & Saturday mornings, **Apr. 7 – May 12.** Includes viewing of the UNBOUND conference DVDs & small group discussions. Participants required to use Neal Lozano's book UNBOUND and the UNBOUND: Freedom in Christ Companion Guide. To register: Kim Baudouin (holyspiritunbound@gmail.com). Cost: \$35 for material.

Divine Mercy Sunday: At St. Mary's Parish, 100 Young St., **April 8, 3:00 p.m.** Include as short explanation of the importance of Divine Mercy Sunday, Eucharistic Adoration, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (sung) and the veneration of the Divine Mercy Image. Reception and fellowship to follow in the parish hall. Info: 613-725-9575.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Special Needs Family Brunch at Our Lady of the Visitation Parish: Buffet brunch for families of children with special needs. In the spirit of the Autism Eats initiative in the US; to provide a safe & judgement free environment that will allow families to enjoy a meal out and to socialize with other families that share the same joys & challenges. 5338 Bank St., Gloucester, **Sat., Mar. 24, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** Info: Marie Trojan, events@olvottawa.ca; 613-822-1777.

OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS

Save the Date for The New Evangelization Summit: Join Catholics from across North America at a conference on the New Evangelization, **April 27 - 28, 2018.** At the Infinity Convention Centre, Ottawa, and webcast to host sites across Canada and the US. World-class Catholic speakers: Michael Dopp, George Weigel, Patrick Madrid, Curtis Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, and more. Fee: \$95. Register online: <https://www.newevangelization.ca/>. Sponsored by Mission of the Redeemer Ministries.

EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

St. Patrick's Home of Ottawa Volunteer Board of Directors and Board Committees Seeking Members: For an application package, contact Cheryl Elliott, Administrative Coordinator (cherylelliott@stpats.ca) or visit (<http://stpats.ca/about-us/governance/application-board-directors/>). Applications deadline: March 16, 2018.

CPJ's Public Justice Internship: Are you passionate about public justice, committed to eradicate poverty in Canada, resolved to strive for rights for refugees? Citizens for Public Justice's Internship Program provides recent graduates with the opportunity to explore public justice. In Ottawa, September 2018 - August 2019. Apply by Mar. 25. Info: www.cpj.ca/careers.

WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

Kateri Native Ministry of Ottawa: Annual Fundraising Event: To fulfil its outreach ministries, the Kateri Native Ministry is organizing a Indian Taco Dinner on **March 15, 6:00 p.m.** at St. Elizabeth Parish Hall, 1303 Leaside Ave. Info: 613-565-4180; www.katerinativeministry.ca. Free will donation appreciated.

Hulse, Playfair and McGarry - Aging in Place Gracefully: Receiving additional care in your own home, a retirement residence or in long-term care. How small home modifications can help prevent falls and maintain safety at home. **Wed., Mar. 7, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** at St. Laurent Chapel, 1200 Ogilvie Rd. RSVP: 613-233-1143; preplanning@hpmcgarry.ca.

Dessert and Trivia Night in Support of Campus Ministry at Algonquin College: Organize a team of 2-8 people and support the ecumenical Christian Campus Ministry at Algonquin College. Bethany Baptist Church, 382 Centrepointe Drive, **Fri., Mar. 23.** Cost: Freewill donation. Deadline to register: March 21. To register: Jack Wilson (wilsonjohns@rogers.com).