

# FRIDAY FACTS



Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

April 20, 2018

## FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

**23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Archbishop's Episcopal Ordination:** Congratulations to Archbishop Terrence Prendergast SJ who will celebrate the 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination on April 25, 1995. His episcopal motto is: *In Nomine Jesu* (In the name of Jesus). He became Archbishop of Ottawa on May 14, 2007. Please keep him and his apostolic ministry in your prayers.

**Pentecost Confirmations for Adult Catholics:** Parishes submitting candidate names for Confirmation on Pentecost, please complete this online form **before Fri., Apr. 20:** <http://www.catholicottawa.ca/pentecost-confirmations-for-adult-catholics>.

**Note:** the questions will appear when the number of candidates has been entered. Info: Annmarie ([abrown@ArchOttawa.ca](mailto:abrown@ArchOttawa.ca)).

**Priests - Catholic Education Week Mass:** For those priests wishing to concelebrate with Archbishop Terrence Prendergast at the Catholic Education Week Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral, **Tues., May 8, 7:30 pm**, please contact Jennifer Quinn (613-224-4455 X 2384 or [Jennifer.Quinn@ocsb.ca](mailto:Jennifer.Quinn@ocsb.ca)). All are welcome.

**Wills, Powers of Attorney, Probate, Executors; Tax Tips for Seniors; Catholic Cemetery Services; Planned Giving:** On **Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1:00 p.m.**, a 1½ hour presentation covering the above topics will be given at Our Lady of the Visitation Parish hall, 5338 Bank St., by professionals in their field. Refreshments served; all are welcome. Please indicate your attendance with the Development Office of the Archdiocese (613-738-5025 x202, [dev@ArchOttawa.ca](mailto:dev@ArchOttawa.ca)).

**Servants of the Cross - Perpetual Promises:** The Servants of the Cross cordially invite you to the Perpetual Promises of Sisters Monique Bisson, Anna Chan, and Melinda Schenher received by Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J. at St. Mary Church, 100 Young St., **Thurs., May 3, 5:30 p.m.** with dinner reception to follow in the parish hall. To help with the dinner preparations, confirm your attendance before **April 20** at [scpromises@servantsofthecross.ca](mailto:scpromises@servantsofthecross.ca) or 613-729-8710. All are welcome.

**Pastoral Calendar:** Please note the correct dates for Catholic Education Week on the Pastoral Calendar: May 6-11, 2018. The **2018-2019 Calendar** is available in PDF on our website under Pastoral Services at <https://www.catholicottawa.ca>. Any changes or corrections will be announced in the Friday Facts. If priests or staff in parish offices wish access to the Diocesan Pastoral Calendar via Google Calendar, please email [abrown@ArchOttawa.ca](mailto:abrown@ArchOttawa.ca).

**Mother Élisabeth Bruyère Declared Venerable by Pope Francis:** The joint news release from the Archdiocese and the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of Ottawa can be found on the diocesan website here: <https://www.catholicottawa.ca>.

## FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

**FOCCUS Premarriage Inventory – Facilitator Training:** Ideal for priests, deacons, new FOCCUS facilitators and those needing an update to most recent FOCCUS program (4<sup>th</sup> Edition). **Sat., May 26, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** at St. Patrick Basilica. Cost \$120, incl. facilitator manual and lunch. Registration until May 1. Info: Ted Hurley (613-738-5025x231) or ([thurley@archottawa.ca](mailto:thurley@archottawa.ca)).

**COLF Conference 2018 - The Joy of Marriage: Embracing God's Vision. Humanae Vitae at 50:** Examining the profound theological, pastoral, and prophetic implications of blessed Paul VI's encyclical. Featuring the Most Rev. Christian Lépine, Archbishop of Montreal, Dr. Janet E. Smith, Patrick Coffin, and Dr. Michel G. MacDonald. All are welcome. Infinity Centre, 2901 Gibford Drive, Ottawa, **May 31 & June 1**. Cost: \$195. Info: [www.colf.ca](http://www.colf.ca).



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

## VOCATIONS

**Prayer for Vocations:** Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 6. That men and women accept Jesus' call to "love one another" by accepting vocations to the priesthood or religious life, we pray to the Lord.

## PRO-LIFE

**29<sup>th</sup> Annual Hike for Life - Action Life Ottawa:** A day of family fun! Pick up a hiker sheet from the Action Life office and find some family and friends to sponsor you! You can also sponsor a star hiker, a designated hiker in your parish or a family member taking part in the 5 K Hike. St. Patrick's Basilica, **Sat., April 21**. KICK-OFF begins 9:00 am. Help make the pro-life voice strong in our community. No cost. Info: [www.actionlife.org](http://www.actionlife.org) or 613-798-4494.

**Monthly Pro-life Mass:** Join with the Nigerian community, in the pilgrimage of Masses to pray for the establishment of a Pro-life Centre in Ottawa. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 400 St. Laurent Boulevard, **Sun., April 29, 1:30 p.m.** Sponsored by Pro-life Doctors. Info: [wandawoj@rogers.com](mailto:wandawoj@rogers.com); 613-831-2515.

**Palliative Care Focus Groups:** The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) 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 ascertain the questions that are being asked by the faithful with regards to what palliative care is, Catholic teaching on end-of-life issues, and the support mechanisms they feel are needed as a person prepares to die, including subsequent bereavement. **Sun., May 6, 1-3 p.m.** at Holy Spirit Parish ([www.holyspiritparish.ca/](http://www.holyspiritparish.ca/)); **Sun., May 13, 2-4 p.m.** at Divine Infant Parish ([www.divineinfant.on.ca/](http://www.divineinfant.on.ca/)); **Sun., May 27, 1-3 p.m.** at Good Shepherd Parish ([www.thegoodshepherdparish.com/](http://www.thegoodshepherdparish.com/)).

**Message from the Catholic Organization for Life and Family On the occasion of the 2018 National March for Life:** History will no doubt regard our society as having been marked by one of the greatest of ironies: it will be said that at precisely the time when the word "inclusion" was on every tongue, the lives of society's most vulnerable members – the unborn, the sick and aged – became more and more excluded from the protection of the law. Full message [here](#). COLF info: [www.colf.ca](http://www.colf.ca).

**Fatal Flaws Documentary Screening in Ottawa:** Are euthanasia and assisted suicide laws leading society down a dangerous path? You are invited to the International Film Premiere of Fatal Flaws: Legalizing Assisted Death, a film by Kevin Dunn, on **Tues., May 8, 7:00 p.m.** at the Ottawa Little Theatre. The film features powerful testimonies from four different countries, including Canada, the USA, the Netherlands and Belgium. Following the film, there will be a round table discussion. Cost: \$10. Sponsored by The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition and Dunn Media. Info: <http://www.fatalflawsfilm.com/>.

## CARE FOR CREATION

**Living Out Laudato Si' – Workshop Series:** The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has published a resource on care for creation entitled Living Out Laudato Si: A Commentary and Practical Resource for Canadian Catholics ([http://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/Living\\_Out\\_Laudato\\_Si\\_En.pdf](http://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/Living_Out_Laudato_Si_En.pdf)). All are welcome to a six session workshop series on this document in response to Pope Francis' invitation for us to engage in an open and honest conversation about our current crises concerning the environment, our economies and our societies. Led by John Dorner, at Holy Canadian Martyrs Parish on **Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30 pm, April 24-May 29**. To register ([office@canadianmartyrs.org](mailto:office@canadianmartyrs.org); 613-232-5347).

**Shepherding the Earth - A Reflection for Earth Day:** A homily guide for Earth Day, which falls on Good Shepherd Sunday this year, has been prepared by Dr. Veronica Lawson, RSM. This reflection may be found on the website of the [Global Catholic Climate Movement](#). Info: John Dorner ([jdorner@archottawa.ca](mailto:jdorner@archottawa.ca); 613-738-5025 x251).

## FROM THE CCCB

**Founder of the Sisters of Charity of Ottawa recognized for her heroic virtues, receives title Venerable:** Mother Élisabeth Bruyère (1818-1876), founder of the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of Ottawa, has been recognized by the Church for her heroic virtues. The decree was recently authorized by the Holy Father during a private audience with Cardinal Angelo Amato, S.D.B., Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. Her cause has been under study since 1977 in the Archdiocese of Ottawa. [Read more...](#)

**Information regarding motion coming before Parliament:** Media are informing the offices of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCC) that a motion relating to the **Catholic Church and the operation of the former Indian Residential Schools** will be debated in the House of Commons and possibly also in the Senate. The attached document is intended to provide some context on the overall issue and also to clarify a number of inaccuracies which are being circulated or reported. [Link to the document \(PDF\)](#). [Link to the letter to Indigenous Peoples in Canada](#).

**Materials for 2018 National Week for Life and the Family:** Celebrated across Canada, **13 to 20 May 2018**. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is offering possible [resources and options](#) for planning and organizing local activities. The theme for the 2018 National Week is "*Love: Encountering the Other*". The resources have been prepared by the [Catholic Organization for Life and Family](#) (COLF) in collaboration and consultation with the CCCB. [Read more...](#)

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

**Community Helpers: Living with our Aging:** St. Theresa Parish will host the Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre to present 4 info lectures to sensitize our seniors and caregivers on meeting the challenging dimensions of aging. St. Theresa Church Hall (Cartier & Somerset), **Fri., May 11, 9:30 a.m.** (also May 18, June 1 & 8). Info: [pmarsdendole@archottawa.ca](mailto:pmarsdendole@archottawa.ca).

**Social - Come and meet Development and Peace members from all over Ontario:** Mass at St. Augustine Parish, 1060 Baseline Rd., **May 12, 6:30 p.m.**, followed by a dinner and social. RSVP & info: Gabrielle Dupuis ([gabisdupuis@gmail.com](mailto:gabisdupuis@gmail.com)).

## FAITH FORMATION

**Talk on Catholic Identity:** In the light of history and eternity by Catholic speaker James McEachern. Please register by email: [jamesmceachern40@gmail.com](mailto:jamesmceachern40@gmail.com) or call the parish office 613-727-1067x221. St. Monica Parish Hall, 2080 Merivale Rd, **Thurs, May 10, 7:00 pm**. Hosted by St. Monica Church. Info: [jamesmceachern40@gmail.com](mailto:jamesmceachern40@gmail.com).

**5 Week Teaching Series:** 'Walking in the footsteps of Christ on the Road of Salvation' presented by Catholic speaker James McEachern. No registration fee. Come and enjoy the Word of God in fellowship and faith. Please register by email: [jamesmceachern40@gmail.com](mailto:jamesmceachern40@gmail.com) or call parish office 613-727-1067x221. St. Monica Parish Hall, 2080 Merivale Rd. **Thursdays, May 31 - June 28, 7:00 pm**. Hosted by St. Monica Church. Info: [jamesmceachern40@gmail.com](mailto:jamesmceachern40@gmail.com).

**CANCELLATION - Spiritual Motherhood of Priests Info Session:** This event, scheduled for the evening of Mon., Apr. 30 has been cancelled. Info: [spiritualmotherhoodottawa@gmail.com](mailto:spiritualmotherhoodottawa@gmail.com); [spiritualmotherhoodofpriests.ca](http://spiritualmotherhoodofpriests.ca).

## OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS

**Kateri Native Ministry of Ottawa - Disciples of All Nations 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Healing and Reconciliation Conference:** 220 Road 21, Plantagenet. **May 18-20, 2018**. Special guest: Sister Ann Shields, internationally renowned speaker, author of numerous books on Catholic spirituality and host of the popular daily radio program *Food for the Journey*. Registration is on a first come, first served basis: (<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/kateri-native-ministry-of-ottawa/events/20th-annual-healing-and-reconciliation-conference/>).

**Celebration in Honour of 1<sup>st</sup> Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church:** An invitation from The Queenship of Mary Community on **May 21, 10:00 a.m.** at 351 Lake George Rd., Plantagenet. Outdoor Mass celebrated by Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC, followed by lunch, festivities and a May crowning. Please RSVP: 613-601-5278 or [thequeenshipofmary@gmail.com](mailto:thequeenshipofmary@gmail.com).

**St. Patrick's Home Foundation Second Annual Charity Golf Tournament:** An afternoon of golf, followed by dinner, and silent auction. Prizes with contests and giveaways throughout the day. Registration fee includes: Green fees, golf cart rental, lunch & gourmet dinner. Kanata Golf & Country Club, 7000 Campeau Dr., **Tues., June 12, 11:00 a.m. registration, 12:00 p.m. tee off**. Cost: \$200 individual, \$800 foursome. Info: [www.stpatsfoundation.ca/golf2018/](http://www.stpatsfoundation.ca/golf2018/).

## SCHOOLS

**Catholic Education Week 2018:** Join the OCSB community as we celebrate our spiritual theme, *Sent to be the Good News* (Luke 4:14-20), and our provincial theme, *Renewing the Promise*, during Catholic Education Week, **Sunday, May 6 - Friday May 11, 2018**. Catholic Education Week Mass will be held at Notre Dame Cathedral on Tues., May 8, 7:30 p.m. to celebrate the gift of Catholic Education. All are welcome! Info: [sandra.falcomer@ocsb.ca](mailto:sandra.falcomer@ocsb.ca).