

FRIDAY FACTS

Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

May 4, 2018

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall united to Archdiocese of Ottawa “in persona episcopi” – appointment of Most Rev. Terrence Prendergast as Bishop of Alexandria-Cornwall: It was announced at the Vatican on April 27 that Pope Francis has united the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall and the Archdiocese of Ottawa ‘in the person of the bishop’ [*in persona episcopi*]. Archbishop Prendergast is no longer the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall but now its Bishop. Moreover, a second Auxiliary Bishop will be appointed at a later date to assist Archbishop Prendergast specifically for the territory of Alexandria-Cornwall.



“Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience...above all, clothe yourselves with love!”
(Colossians 3:12,14)

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). All are welcome.

Wills, Powers of Attorney, Probate, Executors; Tax Tips for Seniors; Catholic Cemetery Services; Planned Giving: On **Sunday, June 3rd, 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).

Pastoral Day: The next Pastoral Day is **Thurs., May 17**. Mass at 9:00 a.m. Lunch catered by *St. Albertus German Parish*. Lunch RSVP required by **May 11**: (<https://catholicottawa.ca/pastoral-day>); (613-738-5025 x231). Cost for lunch: \$15 each. Afternoon session for priests and deacons.

College of Consultors: Parishes are invited to submit proposals to the College of Consultors for any new projects: construction, renovation, restorations, major acquisitions, property sales, major fundraising campaigns, changes to sacred art or to worship spaces. According to diocesan policy, approval must be obtained from the Archbishop before carrying out these projects, once presented to the College of Consultors. The College is meeting on **Tues., June 5**. In order to be included on the College’s agenda, parishes must submit their project proposals to the diocese to centre@archottawa.ca no later than Wed., May 23, and also be copied to your Regional Consultor, for their input (refer to list of Consultors here catholicottawa.ca/parish-consultors.pdf). Proposals to the College should include a completed form in the [College of Consultors 2018 Policy](#), as well as the following: the nature and cost of the project, including three quotes with price estimates; how the project is to be financed (parish reserve, fundraising or loan). **Please note:** requests to the Loan Fund for Parishes are up to a maximum of 50% of the project cost; requests for diocesan tax exemption apply only to funds raised on a specific project, for a set time and a set amount. If architectural or engineering plans/designs form part of your submission, these should be provided in PDF format. Further info: refer to [College of Consultors 2018 Policy](#), or contact the office centre@archottawa.ca; (613-738-5025 ext. 2440).

Pews (4 double) available free of charge: From St. Leonard. Info: parish office (613-692-4254); (office@stleonardsparish.ca).

VOCATIONS

Pentecost Sunday – May 20: For an increased devotion to the Holy Spirit among our young people, as He leads them in their prayerful discernment to discover their vocation in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

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 (4th 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).

PRO-LIFE

March for Life: Candle Light Vigil, **Wed. May 9, 9:00 pm**; March for Life, **May 10, 12:30 p.m.**, Parliament Hill; Rose Dinner and Youth Banquet, **May 10, 6:00 pm**, Ottawa Convention and Events Ctr; Youth Conference, **Fri. May 11, 8:00 am**. Info or dinner tickets: Campaign Life (613-729-0379) or (www.marchforlife.ca).

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/); **Sun., May 13, 2-4 p.m.** at Divine Infant Parish (www.divineinfant.on.ca/); **Sun., May 27, 1-3 p.m.** at Good Shepherd Parish (www.thegoodshepherdparish.com/).

FROM THE CCCB

Life and family suggestions for homilies and prayers of the faithful during May 2018: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops again posts homily ideas and prayers of the faithful to help link the liturgy each Sunday with the national pastoral initiative for life and family. As usual, the suggestions can be easily adapted for family or personal prayer or for use with organizations. "[Documents and activities proposed by the CCCB](#)".

Ecumenical letter on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: The Most Reverend Lionel Gendron, P.S.S., Bishop of Saint-Jean-Longueuil and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, has signed a joint [ecumenical letter](#) addressed to the Prime Minister of Canada and to the leaders of the parties in opposition in support of Private Member's Bill C-262: "An Act to ensure that the laws of Canada are in harmony with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples". [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.

Development and Peace Members Social: Mass at St. Augustine Parish, 1060 Baseline Rd., **May 12, 6:30 pm**, followed by dinner and social. Info & RSVP: Gabrielle Dupuis (gabisdupuis@gmail.com).

Milk Bags into Sleeping Mats Workshop: Keep plastic out of landfill sites and provide a sleeping surface for those in developing countries. Our Lady of the Visitation Parish, 5338 Bank St., **Mon., May 14, 10 am - Noon**. Free workshop. Sponsored by Recycle and Reuse Program with Catholic Women's League. Info: Sandra Blais (sandra.cwl.olv.rrp@gmail.com); (613-443-1453).

Diocesan Council Ottawa - Development and Peace AGM: 50 Years + of Solidarity: Growth & Challenges. Development and Peace Office, Suite 207, Archdiocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place, **June 12, 6:30 pm**. Info: thurford@devp.org.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

St. Basil Pentecost Evening Prayer: All are welcome to attend Evening Prayer at St. Basil's, 940 Rex Ave. (Maitland at the Queensway) on **Sun., May 20, 7:30 pm** to close the 50 Days of Easter. Info: (613-729-5149).

OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS

Kateri Native Ministry of Ottawa - Disciples of All Nations 20th Annual Healing and Reconciliation Conference: 220 Road 21, Plantagenet. **May 18-20, 2018.** Special guest: Sister Ann Shields. Registration: (kateri-native-ministry-of-ottawa).

Celebration in Honour of 1st 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.

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.** Info: sandra.falcomer@ocsb.ca.

PILGRIMAGES

The Pilgrims are Taking the Road Again: Pilgrims will again be departing from Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica to walk to St. Joseph Oratory, Montreal – 12 days – with a stop at the Sanctuary in Rigaud. 6 walkers will be leaving Ottawa every day from **May 25 - June 18.** Info: (819-777-6023); (info@chemindesoutaouais.ca) or (www.chemindesoutaouais.ca).

Pilgrimage Tour of Rome & Southern Italy: Includes an audience with Pope Francis, visits to the Papal Basilicas of Rome, Sistine Chapel, Shrine of Padre Pio and St. Philomena. Escorted and led by Rev. Fr. Dominic Lim, OFM Conv, pastor at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish. **Sept. 23 - Oct. 5, 2018.** Cost: \$3,950/person (shared accommodation). Info: Helene Makuch 416-619-4519 or (helene.makuch@joewalstours.com).

WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

Free Training on Trauma-Informed Care: Registration is now live for free one-day training on **May 29.** This is funded by the Department of Justice for Victims & Survivors of Crime Week and hosted in partnership with the Victimology program at Algonquin College, the Ottawa Police Victim Crisis Unit, CHEO, and Catholic Family Services. Shawarma lunch included. Info: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/transforming-the-culture-together-trauma-informed-care-tickets-45480252660>.

Tour of Little Italy and St Anthony's Church: Meet at *Pasticceria Gelateria*, 200 Preston St. (at Larch), **Sat., May 5, 9:00 - 10:30 am.** Info: janeswalk.herokuapp.com. This walk will illustrate the evolution and renewal of cities, the importance of design and architecture in defining neighbourhood identity, and their influence in creating inspiring and viable spaces.

Iconic Buildings Walk: Meet at Carling O-Train Station, north of Carling between Preston and Champagne, **Sun., May 6, 11:00 am - 12:00 noon.** Info: janeswalk.herokuapp.com. Looking at the influence of the local geology, geography, and climate on the construction of buildings to the changes that new development can bring to the local neighbourhood and social fabric, from increased population, shifts in demographics, change of traffic flow.