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The Archdiocese of Ottawa is a Roman Catholic faith community grounded in Jesus, guided by the Word of God, welcoming all and proclaiming the Good News to all.

From the desk of Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J.

As you read this message, in a few weeks we will be celebrating the International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec City, from June 15 to 22, 2008. This gathering will bring together Catholics from all corners of the world who share one firm belief in *The Eucharist, gift of God for the life of the world*. For Canadians, the meeting place is quite significant because 350 years ago, in 1658, the Catholic Church in Canada was created in

Quebec City, and entrusted to its first bishop, Blessed François de Laval. In the last months, many of us had the honour to welcome in our own parishes the Ark of the New Covenant as it made a pilgrimage across Canada. United in prayer around it, we have strengthened our faith in Christ who lives and works through his Bread of Life. In June, many of us will become pilgrims and join in the great Eucharistic feast in Quebec.

One month later, some of our youth will travel with me towards Sydney, Australia, to meet other young people from all continents. From July 15 to 20, we will attend the World Youth Day – the theme is *“And you will be my witness”*. Gatherings, pilgrimages, anniversaries, celebrations... a nomadic life of sorts. Or maybe a Christian life lived as mission.

Pope Benedict XVI declared the Year of Saint Paul would be from June 28, 2008 to June 29, 2009. You may wonder how one can move from one theme to the next in such a short time. But there is an essential link between the Eucharist and the Apostle to the Nations. Thanks to Saint Paul, we remember the words of Jesus, words



Archbishop Prendergast with parishioners after blessing Holy Spirit church.

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*All are invited
to attend the
Diocesan Feast.
There will be a send off
for World Youth Day
Pilgrims*

**Wednesday, June 25
at 7:30 p.m.**

Notre Dame Cathedral



*Holy Spirit new parish church, Stittsville, blessed on
March 31, 2008*

that the priest says at each Mass (see 1 Corinthians 11:23-26). Furthermore, throughout the liturgical year, one of the readings is often taken from his letters to members of Christian communities or to individuals. Almost 2000 years after his death, Paul's writings are still scrutinized, pondered and prayed. His letters overflow with the zeal that brought him to cover vast distances to proclaim the Good News of Salvation in Jesus Christ. Saint Paul is the one convert who most influenced the life of Christians of all ages.

But how can we, here and now, live this special year? Let me suggest a few ways. First and foremost, we must become well acquainted with Christ, as Paul was. Let us set a few moments aside each day to read and pray the Holy Scriptures; it is important to be consistent in letting the Bible question our life. Let us not be afraid to look at the Cross of Jesus, and to join our daily trials to this source of forgiveness and life. Let us be faithful in letting our love for the Eucharist and the Church grow. Paul paid attention to God's will, may each one of us do the same.

Since our last publication, we have experienced many opportunities to give thanks, and one of the most significant may have been the blessing of the new church at Holy Spirit Parish. Faith life in the Archdiocese of Ottawa is growing. It is renewed, and together, we must already look at ways to transform its structures to become better adapted to the needs of the faithful. More on this later.

Have a great International Eucharistic Congress! Enjoy World Youth Day! Wonderful Year of Saint Paul!



Confirmations, St. Isidore and St. Bernard parishes



The Archbishop blessing the oil for the Anointing of the Sick at the Chrism Mass



The Participants at the January Homelands Mass

Please pray for the repose of their soul:

Richard B. ALLEN, P.D., passed away on February 5, 2008, at the age of 96.

Gaston RAINVILLE, d.p., passed away on April 21, 2008, at the age of 85.

Rev. James WHALEN, passed away on February 25, 2008, at the age of 68.



NEW EPISCOPAL VICAR FOR THE ENGLISH SECTOR

In December 2007 Archbishop Terrence Prendergast appointed Rev. Joseph Muldoon as the Episcopal Vicar to assist him in the work of strengthening the Church of Ottawa and to work with the ministries of Adult Faith Formation, Vocations, Liturgy, Youth and Permanent Deacons. Father Muldoon is presently Pastor of Good Shepherd Parish along with his new duties at the Diocesan Centre. He replaces Monsignor Len Lunney who has served the diocese in a faithful manner for many years and is now enjoying his retirement.

ARCHBISHOP VISITS HIGH SCHOOLS

A high priority in the ministry of our Archbishop is to dialogue with youth across the Archdiocese. He has visited a number of our Catholic High Schools in order to teach about our faith in Christ and to answer questions of the students. He has been warmly received by the administration and students who are eager to share the stories of their school and to celebrate their accomplishments.

The visits usually include a prayer service and a reading of the Gospel followed by a reflection by the Archbishop. Then the students are welcome to address questions to their guest. The Archbishop also meets with staff and administration and special needs students and offers his prayers and thanks to them for their dedication to Catholic Education.

BUILDING A VOCATION CULTURE

A document called *Conversion, Discernment, Mission: Fostering a Vocation Culture in North America* was published in 2002. It focuses on church vocations and it concludes that each Christian is empowered to identify and respond to the mission to which he or she is called as a member of the Body of Christ, in and for the world. To accomplish this goal it is recommended that our pastoral activities focus on five actions: to pray, to evangelize, to experience Church, to mentor and to invite (to discern, to choose and to commit). The question is 'How does one hear God'. God's voice is heard in the experience of the Liturgy of the Church, in service, community and witness. Many people play a significant role in helping others to discern where God is leading them...parents, as the first teachers of their children, in the ways of faith exert a great influence. Teachers in our Catholic Schools provide learning experiences and the challenge of new opportunities as well as their own witness of faith to mentor their students. Friends can offer support and guidance to one another in a climate of faith and trust in God. A 'Vocation Culture' reminds us that each one has a role to play in God's eternal plan and key to that is our ability to give and receive love and see to it that the generous gift of God lived out in the mission of Jesus calls forth a response in us. How can we respond? We can serve one another and help each person to discover his/her own personal gifts and thereby use them to honour the Lord.

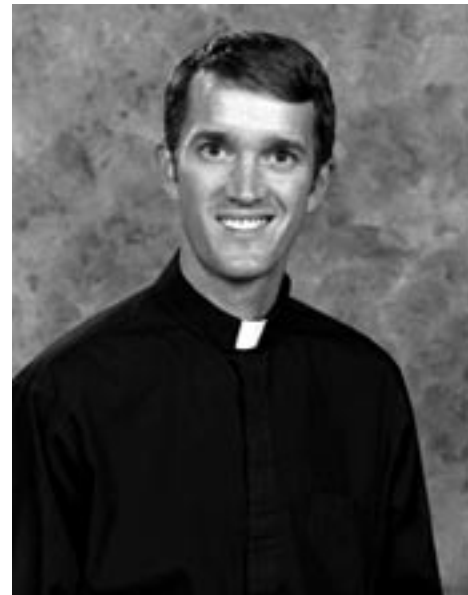
In the Archdiocese of Ottawa men are invited on the third Friday of each month to a 'Come and See' evening at St. Patrick's Basilica to listen to God and one another in the context of Evening Prayer and a time of fellowship. A priest

from the area will tell his story of the call to priesthood and everyone is invited to ask questions. This is a fraternal gathering and a light meal is served. This is a small step to listen and respond to those who are open to the possibility of a priestly vocation in the Church of Ottawa. It is our way of trying to build a culture in which faith values are appreciated and those discerning God's call to them are supported in their search for genuine happiness. If you wish to join us you are welcome to call our Diocesan Centre at (613) 738-5025, ext. 217.

PASTOR PROFILE REV. TIM MCCAULEY

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal, Russell

Once upon a time (the fall of 1993 to be exact), there was a lost sheep wandering through the market of downtown Ottawa, from one "watering hole" to another, looking for love in all the wrong places. He knew about Jesus the Good Shepherd, but certainly didn't follow him or listen to his voice! He also knew about the Catholic Church – Notre Dame Cathedral was a good place to park for free on a Friday or Saturday night when he went out drinking with his friends. But little did he know that the woman to whom the Cathedral was dedicated – Our Lady – Mary, the Mother of God, was praying for him (most likely with tears), or that across the river at the convent of the Servants of Jesus and Mary, contemplative sisters were praying for the likes of him, along with Catholics in every parish in the diocese. Nor did he ever imagine that 9 years later, after having converted to Catholicism, that he would be ordained a Catholic priest in the same Cathedral – a lost sheep turned into a shepherd! The moral of the story? Prayers for vocations work – I am living proof! To all the people of our diocese, continue to pray, pray, pray that Jesus the Good Shepherd will raise up many shepherds after his own heart to serve the people of Ottawa.



PAULINE YEAR JUNE 2008-2009

The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul takes on a special significance this year as Pope Benedict will inaugurate a Year of St. Paul.

During the Pauline Year, special liturgical, cultural and ecumenical events are planned to inspire the Church with Pauline Spirituality. Pilgrims will be invited to visit the Tomb of the Apostle as they give witness to the faith of this Servant of God. Meetings for study will be promoted and there will be special publications on Pauline texts, to promote the immense richness contained in them.

Pope Benedict has insisted on 'the ecumenical dimension' of the discussion as he reminded us that 'The Apostle of the Gentiles, who dedicated himself to spreading of the Good News to all peoples, spent himself for the unity and harmony of all Christians'. He then added this prayer: "May he guide us and protect us in this bimillenary celebration, helping us to advance in the humble and sincere search for the full unity of all the members of the Mystical Body of Christ". In the Church of Ottawa we are looking for ways to enhance our awareness of St. Paul's mission in our day. This coming year may see us reflecting together on letters of Paul in small groups in parishes or through a symposium on the life and ministry of St. Paul as he reached out to the various communities with the faith of the Gospel. Your suggestions are most welcome. Please let us know of special initiatives in your community.

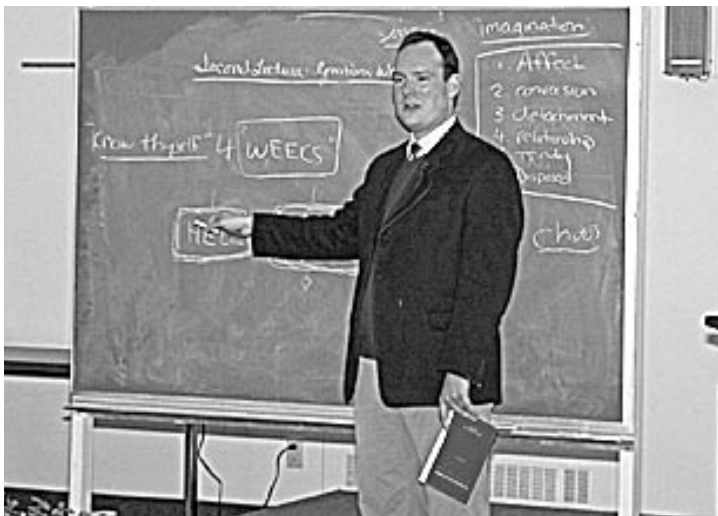


Archdiocese of Ottawa continues to "Put Out Into the Deep!"

A variety of sessions since the fall, 2007 have served to enrich and challenge many in their growth as mature Christian disciples. Close to 300 people from more than 30 parishes, and a few visitors from neighbouring dioceses, have participated in at least one of many sessions on timely topics chosen to help us deepen our identity as Catholics in the world today. A session on May 24th on lectio divina, with a particular focus on how to read and pray with scripture as a source of nourishment and direction in life, will end our offerings until the fall, 2008.



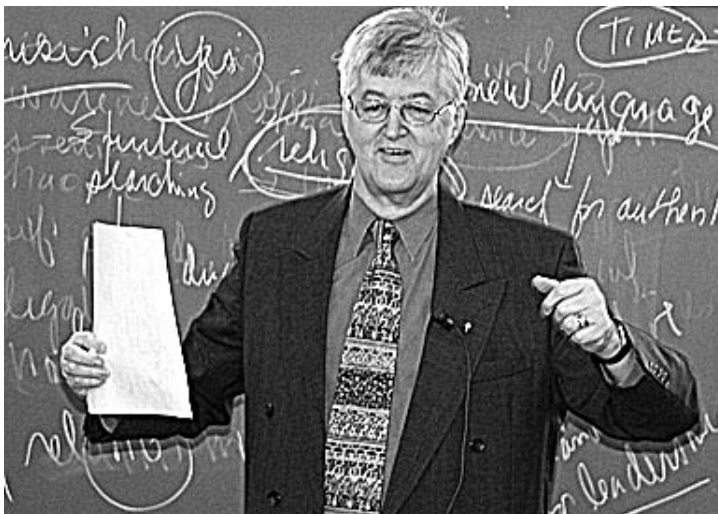
Muslim and Christian panelists discuss ways to peace in Nov/07



Michael Knox, S.J. helps participants explore spiritual discernment in Feb./08



Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J. dons his 'scripture scholar hat' for a session on the bible in March/08



Prof. Noel Simard brings warmth and humour to a challenging session on moral-decision making, Dec./07

Sharing and Caring among those involved in Pastoral Care
In November 2008 many involved in Pastoral Care across the English sector gathered to network and reflect on the needs of the diocese in this area.

Catholic Health Care Workers examine End-of-Life Issues
A mixture of physicians, nurses, social workers and pastoral care persons gathered to reflect together on end-of-life issues in March, 2008. They discussed what makes a "Catholic" perspective on these issues and affirmed the need for ongoing sharing and education. The invitation to

Catholic Health-care workers from the Ontario Bishops to take leadership in these issues was highlighted. Participants affirmed the need for ongoing education and support to help them assume this essential and demanding role. Dr. Bill Splinter, palliative care physician, and Dr. Moira McQueen, (both pictured below) helped to highlight essential considerations in this most complex area.



Coming up in 2008-09

Adult faith Development Session for 2008-09 will commence again in the fall as we continue to respond to the question, "What does It Mean for Me to be a Catholic in the World Today?" Among our presenters will be Ron Rolheiser, O.M.I. in the Spring, 2009.

We are looking into recording some of our sessions next year to make them more widely available, and also at how to help each parish become more active and engaged in Adult faith Development offerings. Your feedback is most welcome!

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Where Are We Heading?

By Ted Hurley

I have been telling everyone that this is the year of the pilgrimage with the Eucharistic Congress in Quebec City and with World Youth Day in Australia. People are heading to many different places on a spiritual journey.

Over the past four months, I have been praying and asking the Holy Spirit where Youth Ministry should be heading. Something great is in store, I just need to know what! In February, we had a meeting of all those involved in Youth Ministry. We had good representation from our parishes and schools and also from our various youth movements.

The evening was facilitated by Ryan Larose; a teacher in our Catholic School System. There was a wonderful atmosphere of cooperation as groups were formed and discussed ways of evangelizing youth and young adults and how to form disciples. From this evening pages and pages were created.

A working team was formed who looked at the results of the evening. As a starting point they created a thematic goal. The goal would be a task that all groups involved in youth ministry could get involved in and works towards. It would be for a specific time period and then a new thematic goal would be created.

The thematic goal that we are currently working on (until November) is "Buying In to the Diocesan Youth Ministry Vision". The goal begins with communicating the Youth Ministry Vision to all the stakeholders, and then the stakeholders defining how they can commit to fulfilling the vision. The final step is celebrating the unity and collaboration. For more information on our current thematic goal, please see our website (www.ottawacatholicyouth.com)

Introducing the... Vision for Youth Ministry



We envision a Christ centred Youth Ministry guided by the Holy Spirit that reaches out to the young people of the Diocese fostering in them a deeper faith while enabling their full active participation in all aspects of parish and community life.

What do we bring to our community?

By Kat Cross

Youth Coordinator from Good Shepherd Parish

When you walk into your parish, does anyone smile at you? Does anyone open the door, greet you by name and welcome you in? Does anyone ask how the presentation, family dinner or test went? Wouldn't that be amazing if someone did?

If we want a community that we are excited to attend every week, one that leaves us feeling fulfilled and uplifted, let's start living the reality. It's easy: Greet someone you don't know this week, and welcome them back next week. Rather than nodding your head at someone when they enter, why not welcome them with a handshake, so you call them by name at the Sign of Peace? Build community, by actually connecting with those you celebrate with; it is through these connections that you will find support, encouragement, challenges and accountability.

This is youth ministry. A community in which youth are welcomed, feel useful, and have the opportunity to grow towards God, is a community that is active in youth ministry. It starts with learning a name. You are never too old for this task. Learning a young person's name, taking an interest in their life, inviting them to help you with a project or event, and passing on your knowledge, faith and wisdom through these connections... this is youth ministry. We are all capable, right here, right now.

This is what I was reminded of at the Canadian Catholic Youth Ministry Network conference in January. I came out of that weekend with hope for our diocese, feeling encouraged in my ministry and excited about getting back to my parish. I was reminded of the simple rules of Christian ministry: Show up, love actively, and follow Christ's example in all that we do. If we can make the soil of our parishes vibrant with Christ's love, by being truly present when we gather, then the seeds of faith in all who join us will have a chance to grow.

Joe's Duc In Altum Experience

By Joe Cousineau

What am I going to do with my life? That was the question I was hoping to find some assistance with when I applied for the Ottawa Duc In Altum program. For the past 7 months, I have been participating on monthly retreats with a group of nine other young adults, striving to know how to discern God's will in our lives, and to deepen our faith

relationship in Jesus Christ. "Duc", as it is affectionately nicknamed by our group, is not limited, however, to one day a month. It is an everyday, all of the time commitment to living the Christian ideal, trying to reflect Christ in all that we do and say.

That's the TV guide summary of Duc In Altum program for those unfamiliar with the program. What it actually consists of is so much more than the aforementioned. I can honestly say Duc has been a life changing experience. No, life changing is not the right term; life enhancing fits much better. Duc has added so much to my life and my faith journey, which can be described in the following terms : prayer, study, and action. Especially action.

I feel the hardest part of being Catholic is to live out my faith everyday. It can't be just a Sunday thing and for the longest time, I feel that was the case for me. Duc has taught me many things this year, about my faith, about the Church and about God, and all of these have brought about one very important lesson- confidence. Before Duc, I practised my faith mostly when it was comfortable, going to Sunday mass and being involved with Challenge, a Catholic youth movement. Outside of these places, my faith was shy and silent. I was afraid to speak up when I saw things going on that offended my beliefs, that offended God. I was afraid of offending others by sharing something I held dear to my heart- my Catholic faith. Similarly, I was more easily tempted not to live my faith out in these situations. It was, and continues to be difficult to imitate Christ in all that I do.

Each Duc retreat, however, has instilled in me more confidence to "be that guy". To be that guy, a motto which one of my friends shared on a Challenge retreat weekend, means to be the guy who will stand up for his beliefs. It means, to be the guy who won't be afraid to practise what he preaches. To be that guy is to be accountable for your actions and be a witness of Jesus' example to others. It is a real challenge to be that guy and though there are struggles, there are many graces as well. By participating in Duc this year, I have gained the confidence to incorporate God more fully into all areas of my life. I have gained the confidence to ask God for help in the decisions I make. I have gained the confidence to share the joys and struggles of my faith journey with others, in hopes that I may bring them closer to Jesus. Admittedly, I still don't have a clear idea of what my future holds in terms of vocation and career but I'm open to the plans God has for me. Whatever they may be, I now have the confidence to find them and live them out.

ECCLESIASTICAL TRIBUNAL OF OTTAWA AND ARCHDIOCESE OF OTTAWA CHANCERY OFFICE



Since the fall 2007, all services that are matter for Canon Law were grouped under the responsibility of Fr. Doris Laplante, C.Ss.R. who acts simultaneously as Chancellor and Judicial Vicar.

The **Chancery Office** issues official documents, grants marriage dispensations, indults and faculties, makes sure Canon Law is observed, sees to the conservation of documents at the Diocesan Archives and that all directives given by the Archbishop are published. The Chancery personnel also responds to all information requests. For all questions pertaining to the Chancery Office, please contact Chantal Labrèche at (613) 738-5025, extension 246.

The **Tribunal** deals with declarations of nullity of marriage. The Ecclesiastical Tribunal of Ottawa consists of the diocesan tribunals of Ottawa, Pembroke, Timmins, Hearst and Moosonee. Each year, we issue close to one hundred declarations of nullity of marriage.

Since the Chancery Office and the Tribunal work in collaboration with each other, all the employees can share their knowledge and their expertise and thus can offer better services.

The picture shows employees you meet when you come to the second floor of the Diocesan Centre, south side. From left to right: Eugene Margeson, P.D., vice-chancellor and judge for the Tribunal; Margo Brousseau, official and judge for the Tribunal; Céline Leroux, notary for the Tribunal; Margaret McGrath, official for the Tribunal; Ginette Chaumont, official and judge for the Tribunal; Fr. Doris Laplante, C.Ss.R., chancellor and judicial vicar; Micheline Boyd, notary for the Tribunal and Chantal Labrèche, secretary-notary for the Chancery.

Absent when the picture was taken: Mrs. Vignola, Mr. Tardif, both officials for the Tribunal and Sr. Rival, defender of the marriage bond.

Fr. Doris Laplante, C.Ss.R.

FOCUS ON LITURGY

Each year the Diocesan Liturgy Commission sponsors several formation gatherings. This year the focus is on the Sunday Eucharist. These events were opportunities to prepare for the Eucharistic Congress as well as to have the participants reflect again on the centrality of the Celebration of the Sunday Eucharist in the life of the Church.

The following is a photo from the session entitled *“The Sunday Eucharist and Devotional Prayer”* with Fr. Bill Burke, and National Director for Liturgy CCCB. St. Basil’s parish hosted this Diocesan event.

Fr. Burke led the participants through a helpful discussion on a paragraph from Article 8, Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy, “that every liturgical celebration, because it is the action of Christ the Priest and of his Body, which is the church, is a sacred action surpassing all others”. He continued the reflection on the meaning of “Popular devotion of the Christian people”, and how devotions and all forms of personal and communal prayer lead the people to the celebration of the liturgy, “since in fact the liturgy by its nature is far superior to any of them”, Article 13

With the help of Greg Conway, a local artist, a logo for liturgy has been designed. Now the ministry of the Commission will be available on the

Diocesan website. See the website for articles and materials pertaining to the celebration of the liturgies and for upcoming events.

See the Website in May for the fall schedule which will include a study day on Saturday, September 13, at the Diocesan Centre entitled, “The Unity of Liturgical Ministries of the Assembly” with Fr. Bill Burke, National Director for Liturgy, CCCB.

We will try to post articles and other materials to assist in the preparation of parish liturgies.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

This year the Christian Initiation Committee celebrates 25 wonderful years of service in the Diocese and its parishes. The Committee helps to provide parish Christian Initiation coordinators and teams with the formation and support to journey with those called from many backgrounds to baptism or into full communion with the Church.

The Committee also organizes diocesan celebrations at the Cathedral for those called to the Rite of Election as well as for the recent Celebration of the Eucharist with Neophytes. This year before the celebration one neophyte said that the celebration of her baptism at the Easter Vigil was a most profound experience of her life and coming to this celebration at the “Cathedral” was truly a privilege never to be forgotten, an experience of God



in the community of faith.

The Committee is small in number but enthusiastic in conviction, vision and experience. On May 31, 2008 the Committee will be hosting a diocesan meeting of parish coordinators to reflect on where we have journeyed over the past twenty-five years, take a fresh look at what the Rite calls us to, and reflect on what and where our vision of evangelization may lead us to over the next twenty-five years.

These are indeed exciting times for the Committee and the church of Ottawa and we look forward to the hosting of an Institute in 2009 which will focus on the baptized from other faith communities entitled, “Concerning the Baptized”, cosponsored by the North American Forum on the Catechumenate.

Please check the diocesan Website under the Liturgy Logo for Christian Initiation Announcements.



Reaching Out



By Deacon Paul Coderre
Coordinator, Family Ministry Office

The Family Ministry Office deals with happy activities, such as, facilitating courses and coordinating the conduct of Marriage Preparation throughout the archdiocese. The purpose of these courses is to help engaged couples prepare for a life-long commitment to each other through the sacrament of marriage. Unfortunately, for many and varied reasons, marriages sometimes suffer through the storms of everyday life, and some end up on the rocks. To carry this analogy a bit further, when a marriage breakdown does occur, the members of that sacred partnership are cast adrift, and often find themselves in need of comfort and advice.

The Church does not turn its back on those who have suffered a marital breakdown. While the Church does not favour divorce, it cares about and welcomes separated and divorced persons, and hopes to alleviate their pain and suffering. Some parishes have their own programs, and at the archdiocesan level a Ministry to Separated and Divorced Catholics has been established under the auspices of the Family Ministry Office. This Ministry provides an on-going 'Support Group,' which meets twice monthly to provide a trusted forum for people to share concerns. On occasion, expert speakers give presentations on matters of interest to this special community.

In addition, the Office provides two special programs – 'Beginning Again Seminars' and 'Recovery and Growth Sessions.' The 'Beginning Again Seminar' is an all-day Saturday workshop, which is held in the Fall and

Spring of the year. The workshop is for separated or divorced persons who have come through the initial shock of separation or divorce and who want to grow and to restructure their lives. The purpose of the seminar is to convey the healing ministry of Christ through a caring and compassionate ministry of the Church. It is a day in which to explore ways to cope with loneliness and depression – to open the door to new relationships with God and others. It offers healing, caring, encouragement. It is practical, spiritual, and totally non-threatening.

The second program is the 'Recovery and Growth Sessions.' This is a small group experience for a maximum of ten persons. Over the course of eight Thursday evenings, this program offers opportunities for the participants to experience themselves and others in a new way. It is an opportunity to express fears in a non-threatening group setting, while exploring the social and spiritual dimensions of separation and/or divorce through facilitated discussions with a Family Therapist. Through this group experience the participants learn to accept themselves and others as they are and to move on with their new life. The 'Recovery & Growth Sessions' are normally held in the Fall of the year and it is highly recommended that participants first attend a 'Beginning Again Seminar.'

Announcements concerning the Ministry to Separated and Divorced Catholics, including dates of 'Beginning Again Seminars,' 'Support Group Meetings' and 'Recovery & Growth Sessions,' are included in the Friday Fax, and listed in the archdiocesan website.

SPRING NEWSLETTER – 2008 JUBILARIANS

Most Rev. Marcel A. Gervais Archbishop Emeritus of Ottawa 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood

Most Rev. Marcel A. Gervais was born on September 21, 1931 in Elie, Manitoba. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 31, 1958. From 1962 to 1976, he was professor of Sacred Scriptures at St. Peter Seminary, London, and from 1974 to 1980, director of Divine Word International Centre of Religion Education, in London. On June 11, 1980 he was ordained to the episcopate and was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of London, Ontario, and from 1985 to 1989, Bishop of Sault Ste-Marie; on September 27, 1989, he became Archbishop of Ottawa. Archbishop Gervais was president of the CCCB from 1991 to 1993. Since 1994, he is president of NET Ministries, and since 2003, president of CNEWA Canada. Archbishop Gervais retired in June 2007.



(Ottawa). Through the years, Father Brewer was chaplain of the Catholic Scouts of the Archdiocese of Ottawa. He was also chaplain of different Councils of the Knights of Columbus. In 2007 he was appointed pastor at Divine Infant Parish, Orleans.

Rev. José Octavio Cidadão 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood

Rev. José Octavio Cidadão was born in S. Miguel, Acores, Portugal on January 9, 1944. Father José immigrated to Canada in 1968. He was ordained a permanent deacon in Toronto (June 1976) where he worked for seven years among the Portuguese Community. He was ordained to the priesthood on August 27, 1983 in St. Mary's Church in Toronto, by Archbishop Joseph A. Plourde. Father Cidadão is presently retired.



Rev. Virgil M.M. Amirthakumar 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood

Rev. Virgil Amirthakumar was born on December 9, 1955, in Sri Lanka. He was ordained to the priesthood on July 28, 1983, in Sri Lanka. Father Virgil was pastor in different parishes in his home country before coming to Ottawa. Between 1995 and 1999, he was chaplain at the Riverside Hospital and the Civic Hospital. He was incardinated in Ottawa on October 20, 1999, and since then, he is pastor at St. Bernard Parish in Gloucester.



Rev. Corbin Eddy 40th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood

Rev. Corbin Eddy was born on July 6, 1942 at Laurium, MI. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 1, 1968, in Marquette, MI. In November 25, 1985, he was incardinated in the Diocese of Ottawa. Father Eddy has been active in parish ministry in and around Ottawa – Saint Margaret Mary, Holy Cross and St. Basil (Ottawa), Saint Patrick and Saint Monica (Fallowfield) and Holy Redeemer (Kanata). He taught liturgy, homiletics or pastoral theology at Saint Thomas Seminary (Seattle, WA), Saint Mary's Seminary and University (Baltimore, MD), Saint Paul University (Ottawa). In Ottawa, he was Director of the Liturgy office, Coordinator of Diocesan offices (Catholic Education, Liturgy, Missions), Regional vicar and later Episcopal vicar for Region III, English sector. In addition to being a regular contributor to *Celebrate* and *Living with Christ*, Novalis published Father Eddy's many publications, the latest being three books on homilies and liturgical reflections – *Who Knows the Colour of God? – Year C* (2000), *Who Knows the Reach of God? – Year A* (2001), *Who Knows the Shape of God? – Year B* (2002). He is currently on sabbatical from St. Mary's Parish and living in Michigan where he grew up.



Rev. Frank Cecil Brewer 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood

Rev. Frank Cecil Brewer was born in Ottawa on September 9, 1952. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 11, 1983, at Notre Dame Cathedral in Ottawa. After serving as assistant pastor in two parishes – St. Martin de Porres (Nepean) and Holy Cross –, Father Brewer was appointed pastor of various parishes: St. Jude (Hawkesbury), Our Lady of Divine Love (Pendleton), Holy Redeemer (Kanata), Our Lady of Mount Carmel

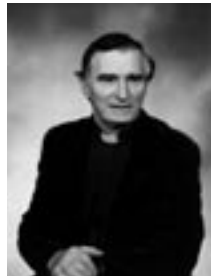


**Fr. Louis M. Labbé, O.S.M.
50th anniversary of ordination to the
priesthood**



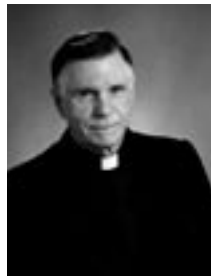
Father Louis M. Labbé was born in Sherbrooke, Québec, on February 2, 1933. He studied Philosophy at Collège Dominicain, Ottawa, from 1951 to 1954. He was ordained to the priesthood in Rome on April 7, 1958. He did pastoral ministry mostly in parishes in Ottawa, Winnipeg and Montréal. Furthermore, he was Chaplain at the Ottawa Civic Hospital from 1963 to 1967, and Pastor at St. Anthony's Parish from 1979 to 1982.

**Rev. William Francis Lunney
40th anniversary of ordination to the
priesthood**



Rev. William Francis Lunney was born October 8, 1928 at Pakenham, Ontario. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 25, 1968 in his home parish. He became assistant pastor at two parishes, St. Patrick's (Ottawa) and St. Michael's (Fitzroy Harbour). After serving as administrator of St. Gabriel's Chapel (Constance Bay), he was pastor at Our Lady of Visitation Parish (Gloucester). Father Bill was spiritual director for the Legion of Mary (18 years), chaplain for the Serra Club of Ottawa (5 years), and spiritual chaplain of St. Vincent de Paul Council, Ottawa East (6 years). He retired in 2002.

**Rev. Reginald Gregory Mac Neil
60th anniversary of ordination to the
priesthood**



Rev. Reginald Mac Neil was born in Glace-Bay, N.S. on March 24, 1922. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 23, 1948. After over nine years of ministry in the Diocese of Antigonish, Father Mac Neil served in the Military Vicariate of Canada: Goose Bay, NFL, Comox, B.C. and Winnipeg, MB; Zweibrucken, and Lahr, Germany. He retired in rank of Colonel with Canadian Forces Decoration and Bar – NATO Europe. He received the Medal and Bar/Jubilee Medal – *Bene Merenti* Medal from Pope John Paul II. For almost three decades, Father Mac Neil taught religion at St. Joseph's Jr. High School, was spiritual director for English Language Cursillo Movement (20 years), and chaplain for different groups. He wrote weekly columns in The Ottawa Citizen and wrote for Novalis Living with Christ Weekly Edition

and Quarterly Homelitic Service. He is still presently active as parish helper for Sundays, Weekdays and Retreats.

**Additional Anniversaries in the French Sector
of the Diocese :**

- Rev. Fernand Carrière,
60th anniversary to the priesthood
- Rev. Côme Chénier,
50th anniversary to the priesthood
- Msgr. André Drouin, P.H.,
50th anniversary to the priesthood
- Rev. Yvon Soucy,
50th anniversary to the priesthood
- Most Rev. Ernest Léger,
40th anniversary to the priesthood
- Rev. Jacques Kabangu,
25th anniversary to the priesthood
- Rev. Jacques Kabasu-Bamba,
25th anniversary to the priesthood
- Rev. Pierre Sabourin,
25th anniversary to the priesthood

**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
OF OTTAWA**



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in the tradition of faith"***

Notre Dame Cemetery
455 Montreal Rd.
(at St. Laurent Blvd.)
613 746-4175

Hope Cemetery
4660 Bank St.
(south of Leitrim Rd.)
613 822-1212

Planned Giving Questions & Answers

"In thanksgiving for the gift of faith ... a gift for the future of faith"

Please note that these answers are given as guidance only and are subject to changes in the law or its interpretation. A donor should always seek the advice of professional advisors when making a planned gift.

1. What are the available Planned Giving options?

The following options, which cover present and deferred donations, are available: Cash Donations, Gifts in Kind, Publicly Listed Securities, Bequests, Life Insurance, Registered Plans, Charitable Remainder Trust, and Residual Interest Trust.

2. If an individual names a parish or the Archdiocese as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy but remains owner of the policy, will the Estate have to pay the probate fee on the amount of the policy?

No, the life insurance policy will be paid directly to the beneficiary (in this case the parish or the archdiocese) and therefore no probate fee will be payable by the Estate on this amount. If the life insurance policy had been payable to the Estate, then the probate fees could be applicable.

3. What do we do if someone wants to donate Publicly Listed Securities to the parish or the Archdiocese?

In either case, the Archdiocese can facilitate such a donation with its broker. The securities would be transferred to the Archdiocese's brokerage account and instructions would be given to the broker to sell the securities upon receipt and transfer the proceeds to the appropriate beneficiary which will issue the tax receipt to the donor.

4. For a charity as beneficiary, what type of life insurance is best?

There are a variety of life insurance policies available; some such as term to 75 (years old), term to 100 or whole life. If the parish or the Archdiocese was named beneficiary of a term to 75 life insurance policy, it could only expect something if the donor passed away before the age

of 75. For this reason, it is better for a donor to name a parish or the Archdiocese as beneficiary of an insurance policy where the payment is certain.

5. If someone donates real property (i.e. land) to a parish, who will be the owner of the property, the parish or the Archdiocese?

Only the Archdiocese is civilly incorporated in Ontario; therefore, the property would be transferred under the legal name of the Archdiocese which is the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Ottawa, for the use and benefit of the parish as stated by the donor.

6. For a life insurance policy where an individual is the owner (as opposed to the parish or the Archdiocese), can he/she name more than one beneficiary?

Yes, a donor could name the parish and/or the Archdiocese as the beneficiary for a portion of a life insurance policy (e.g. 50%). In this case, the named beneficiaries would issue an income tax receipt to the Estate for the amount received.



For further information, contact
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Planned Giving,
613-738-5025.



*From left to right, top to bottom:
Visit to Immaculata High School; The Joy of winter sports; At St. Mark High School;
Archbishop Prendergast at St. George's Parish; World Day for Consecrated Life; At St. Peter High School;
St. Patrick's Day Clergy Dinner; 25th Anniversary – Sheperds of Good Hope.*

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