



FRIDAY FACTS

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FROM THE ARCHBISHOP & AUXILIARY BISHOP'S OFFICE

ANNUAL HOMELANDS MASS: The annual Homelands' Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral will take place on **Sun., Jan. 24, 2:30 p.m.** Communities are asked to RSVP their attendance to Pastoral Services (abrown@ArchOttawa.ca); (613-738-5025 x217). We ask that those in national dress for the procession to meet in the Cathedral hall by 2:00 p.m. and those bringing food to arrive by 2:15 p.m. A reception will follow in the Cathedral hall. All are welcome.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

DIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF CONSECRATED LIFE: During this *Jubilee Year of Mercy* and at the conclusion of the *Year of Consecrated Life*, Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, SJ invites all members of religious communities and consecrated persons, all members of the clergy and the faithful of the Archdiocese to the Diocesan Celebration of the World Day for Consecrated Life on **Sat., Jan. 30** at the Chapel of the Sisters of Charity of Ottawa, 27 Bruyère Street. Gather at the Door of Mercy at Notre Dame Cathedral at 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Motherhouse at 10:00 a.m. followed by a social gathering. Free parking at Notre Dame Cathedral.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION - RITE OF ELECTION & CALLING CANDIDATES TO LENTEN RENEWAL: Notre Dame Cathedral. **Sun., Feb. 14, 2:30 p.m.** Parishes, please ensure that your participation form is returned to the Diocesan Centre by email (abrown@ArchOttawa.ca) or fax (613-738-0130) **no later than Fri., Feb. 5.** The parish form is available online (<http://www.catholicottawa.ca>) under Pastoral Services/Forms. All family & friends are welcome to attend the Rite of Election.

SAVE THE DATE – 2016 PRIESTS' STUDY DAYS: The 2016 Priests' Study Days will take place **Monday, October 24 – Friday, October 28, 2016** at Glen House, Gananoque. Further details will follow.

PRAYERS: For the repose of the soul of Mr. Paul GAUTHIER, brother of Deacon Marc Gauthier, Annunciation of the Lord Parish. Mr. Paul Gauthier died December 18, 2015 in Toronto. Please pray for him and his family.

PRAYERS: For the repose of the soul of Mrs. Frances READ, mother of Deacon Will Read, Annunciation of the Lord Parish. Mrs. Read died in Ottawa on December 20, 2015 at the age of 95. Please pray for her and her family.

PRAYERS: For the repose of the soul of Mr. Bryan Lawrence (Larry) SHEPHERD, brother of Fr. Paul Shepherd, pastor of St. Patrick Parish, Fallowfield. Mr. Shepherd died January 2, 2016 at the age of 43. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Patrick Church, Fallowfield on January 6. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

PRAYERS: For the repose of the soul of Mrs. Huguette RICHER, mother of Mr. Luc Richer, permanent deacon, Sainte-Thérèse d'Avila Parish, Marionville and Saint-Jacques Parish, Embrun. Mrs. Richer died Wednesday, December 30, 2016 at the age of 82. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

The family, home of
love and mercy.
"Be merciful, just as your Father
is merciful" (Luke 6.36)

PASTORAL CALENDAR 2015-2016

Available online at:
<http://www.catholicottawa.ca>

Dates to Note

Jan. 24 – Annual Homelands Mass

Jan. 30 – Diocesan Celebration of
Consecrated Life

Feb. 14 – Rite of Election & Calling
of Candidates

Submitting a notice for the Friday Fax

- ✓ please ensure all notices include contact details
- ✓ ideally notices should be sent 3 weeks before event date
- ✓ weekly deadline for FF is **Wednesday noon**

How parishes can benefit most from the Friday Fax

- ✓ make a note of important dates in the parish & priest calendars
- ✓ skim the FF – the sub-headings are used to assist you in finding the info you may find helpful
- ✓ 'cut & paste' items of interest and important notices into your parish bulletin
- ✓ print and keep the FF in a binder, for future reference
- ✓ feel free to post, print, distribute and forward



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

THE DOOR OF MERCY AT NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL BASILICA: The Door of Mercy at Notre Dame Cathedral is the left front door closest to Guigues St. The Door of Mercy will be accessible Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday & Sunday for the Masses. The Mass time details and contact info: (<http://www.catholicottawa.ca>). Info about making a pilgrimage to the Jubilee Door of Mercy at Notre Dame Cathedral and gaining an indulgence: (<http://www.catholicottawa.ca/year-of-mercy>).

THE JUBILEE OF MERCY WEBSITE of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization is as follows: (<http://www.iubilaeumisericordiae.va/content/gdm/en.html>). Provides helpful resources for parishes & individuals.

YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE: Presentation with Deacon Yves Trottier on the Holy Door and the Door of Mercy. Also a presentation on the 7 Holy Doors Pilgrimage, Oct. 2016 (St. Peter Basilica, St. John Lateran, Saint Paul Outside the Walls, Santa Maria Maggiore, Santiago de Compostela, St. Jean Vianney Sanctuary, Notre-Dame de Quebec). **Sat., Jan. 30, 7:30 p.m.** at Annunciation of the Lord, 2414 Ogilvie Rd. Info: David Hnatiw (613-620-1196); (<http://voyagesterranatura.ca>).

VISIT NOTRE DAME DE QUEBEC & THE HOLY DOOR: Next dates: January 30-31, 2016 and February 27-28, 2016. Info: David Hnatiw (613-620-1196); (<http://voyagesterranatura.ca/religious/>).

VOCATIONS

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 17, 2016. That all those especially chosen by Christ for the unique paths of holiness as priests, deacons or in the consecrated life, will heed our Blessed Mother's counsel to do whatever He tells them in loving obedience, we pray to the Lord.

FROM THE CCCB

NEW AUXILIARY BISHOP APPOINTED FOR SAINT-JEAN-LONGUEUIL: His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed the Reverend Claude Hamelin Auxiliary Bishop of Saint-Jean-Longueuil, Quebec. At the time of his appointment, the Bishop-elect was Vicar General of the Diocese of Saint-Jean-Longueuil. He will assist the Bishop of Saint-Jean-Longueuil, the Most Reverend Lionel Gendron, P.S.S. Bishop Gendron, Vice President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

PSALMS FOR SUNDAYS AND SOLEMNITIES (NRSV TRANSLATION) - YEAR C: A publication from the CCCB composed of Psalm Settings for the NRSV Psalms, coinciding with the Canadian Edition of the Lectionary: Sundays and Solemnities. The book is designed to enable cantors and assemblies to sing the Responsorial Psalm during Sunday Mass and Solemnities as simply as possible. Further info & order details from the CCCB (www.cccb.ca); price \$75 (diocesan discount available).

FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

DON BOSCO GALA: Celebrate Youth/Young Adult Ministry at the 8th annual Don Bosco Gala, **Sat., Jan. 30**. For all involved in Youth/Young Adult Ministry. Hors d'oeuvres, dance and awards ceremony. This is a dressy event! Awards will be given to outstanding volunteers in Youth Ministry who have been nominated by their parishes and groups. Cost: \$20/person. Tickets can be purchased here. Info: Sophia (skorban@archottawa.ca); (613-738-5025 ext. 222).

RELATIONSHIPS MATTER – PSYCHOLOGY FOR EVERYDAY LIVING: Monthly series of seminars for both education and discussion around topics that concern relationships. January topic: Parenting - Getting Parents on the Same Page. Presenter: Gerry Joy, M.S.W., Marriage & Family Therapist. **Thurs., Jan. 28, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** at Saint Paul University, 223 Main St., Rm 203. Info: (<http://www.relationshipsmatter.ca/>); (613-425-4257 - Capital Choice Counselling).

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION - AN ETHICAL IMPERATIVE FOR PARISHES: Our Canadian Bishops in their document *A Church Seeking Justice* (2015) highlight Pope Francis' concerns about environmental devastation and climate change. As the

Bishops state, Pope Francis calls on us as individuals and communities to make a difference as there is “a clear, definitive and unpostponable ethical imperative to act” (§27). Our archdiocese recommends that each parish community conduct a review of their environmental practices as provided in our archdiocesan guide entitled *Care for God’s Creation: A Guide for Parishes* (www.catholicottawa.ca/environmental-stewardship). For assistance: John Dorner (613-738-5025 x251; jdorner@archottawa.ca).

CARE FOR CREATION - WORLD DAY OF PEACE 2016: Pope Francis has sent out a message in celebration of the World Day of Peace that takes place annually on January 1. Entitled “Overcome Indifference and Win Peace”, Pope Francis cites different reasons for hope for our future, including “the efforts to bring world leaders together at COP21 in the search for new ways to confront climate change and to protect the earth.” As expressed by our Holy Father, we all bring hope for peace and justice when we move from attitudes of indifference to a conversion of hearts.

PRO-LIFE

WORKSHOP ON EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE: Euthanasia is about to be legalized in Canada. What can you do? The Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF) and the Ottawa Archdiocese will host a workshop for anyone seeking info and especially those who would like to host this workshop at their parish, **Wed., Jan. 27, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** at the Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place. Meet pro-life physician, Dr. Rene Leiva and see how this workshop can be offered at your parish. See COLF’s [brochure](#) and [workshop guide](#). Info: Peter Murphy, COLF (613-241-9461, ext. 162).

FAITH FORMATION

LITURGICAL CATECHESIS: UNLOCKING OUR TREASURE OF MEANING: Saint Paul University, **Jan. 23, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** When the relevance of the symbols, gestures and prayer of the Sunday Eucharist are opened, they become a strong catechetical tool for preparation for all other sacraments. For all who prepare liturgy or work in parishes to prepare youth and adults for sacraments. Facilitator: Klara Kinahan. No session fee; but registration is required: (<http://ustpaul.ca/>).

24TH ANNUAL ‘LIFT JESUS HIGHER’ RALLY: ‘The Unshakable Kingdom’. **Sat., Mar. 5, 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.** at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Tickets & info: (416-251-4255, 905-833-0360); (<http://www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org/>).

PRAYER & WORSHIP

VIGIL OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: For priests, world peace, the end of abortion, and the reunion of Christians. Saint Patrick Basilica (downstairs). **Fri., Jan. 15, 8:30 p.m. – 6:30 a.m.** Rosaries, Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:00 a.m., Litany of Reparation to the Blessed Sacrament. Masses in Basilica at 7:00 & 8:00 a.m. Info: Naomi (613-825-9704).

AN ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE: Hosted by the Christian Council of the Capital Area at First Baptist Church, 140 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa on **Sun., Jan. 24, 4:00 p.m.** A reception will follow. All are invited to pray for Christian unity and fellowship. Info: Father Jacques Kabangu, Saint-Gabriel parish (613-745-4342); (jacqueskabangu25@gmail.com).

SCHOOLS

MARYVALE ACADEMY OF OTTAWA ANNUAL FUNDRAISING GALA “HEART OF MERCY”: At the St. Elias Centre, 750 Ridgewood Ave. on **Sat., Feb. 6, 2016** with live and silent auctions, 50/50 draw, music, dancing and more. Cocktails and Silent Auction at 6:00 p.m.; dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$80 per person (with \$40 tax receipt). Info or tickets: Maryvale Academy (613-321-2186); (www.maryvaleacademy.ca) or Facebook.com/MaryvaleAcademyOttawa.

“A PARENT’S GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS”: This leaflet from the ‘Institute for Catholic Education’ (ICE) is available to parishes by contacting Pastoral Services (abrown@ArchOttawa.ca).

PILGRIMAGES & TOURS

PAPAL AUDIENCE IN MEXICO: February 12 to 20, 2016. Visit many Mexican cathedrals on this 9 day pilgrimage. Info: David Hnatiw (613-620-1196); (<http://voyagesterranatura.ca/religious/>).