



Friday Facts

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FROM THE ARCHBISHOP'S OFFICE

CLOSING OF THE DOOR OF MERCY: Mass for the official closing of the local Archdiocesan Door of Mercy will take place at Notre Dame Cathedral on **Sun., Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m.** before the Sunday evening Mass.

ENDING OF THE YEAR OF MERCY: We will celebrate Solemn Vespers to mark the close of the Year of Mercy at Notre Dame Cathedral on **Sat., Nov. 19, 7:00 p.m.** All are invited to attend.

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PRESBYTERAL ORDINATION OF LUCIEN CAMPEAU: At paroisse Saint-Pierre-Apôtre, Hawkesbury on **Fri., Nov. 25, 7:00 p.m.** All are welcome. First Mass on **Sat., Nov. 26, 4:00 p.m.**

FOR PRIESTS

From the Catholic Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories – **GUIDELINES FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS WITH PERSONS & FAMILIES CONSIDERING OR OPTING FOR DEATH BY ASSISTED SUICIDE OR EUTHANASIA – A VADEMECUM FOR PRIESTS AND PARISHES:** The 34 page document is available on the website of the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan, AB (<http://archgm.ca>).

VOCATIONS

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – NOVEMBER 20: That Christ the King, who has brought peace through the blood of His cross, will choose many men and women from our midst to preach redemption by the forgiveness of sins as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR NOVEMBER: That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity. That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

The family: home of love,
mercy and joy.

*“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace...” (Galatians 5.22)*

PASTORAL CALENDAR 2016-17

<http://www.catholicottawa.ca/pastoral-calendar>

Diocesan Centre

Nov. 6 – Daylight Savings Time ends 1st Sunday of Nov.

Nov. 11 – Diocesan Centre CLOSED for Remembrance Day

Events to Note

Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m. – Mass with the Closing of the Door of Mercy

Nov. 19, 7:00 p.m. – Solemn Vespers for the closing of the Year of Mercy

Nov. 19 – FOCCUS Training

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

POPE FRANCIS APPOINTS CARDINAL LACROIX TO CONGREGATION FOR DIVINE WORSHIP AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE SACRAMENTS: On October 28, 2016, the Holy Father appointed His Eminence Gérald Cyprien Cardinal Lacroix, Archbishop of Québec and Primate of Canada, as a member of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. Cardinal Lacroix is also a member of the Congregation for the Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue and the Pontifical Council for Culture.

FROM THE CCCB

'ENCOUNTER' – FALL 2016 EDITION: An electronic resource from the English Sector Office for Evangelization and Catechesis, designed as a resource to support those working in evangelization and catechesis. This issue of *Encounter* focuses on the Jubilee for Catechists and highlights various celebrations in dioceses across the country. It is hoped that the ideas, resources and insights in this issue will spark dialogue and networking among those engaged in diocesan and parish ministry. Document: (<http://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/office-for-evangelization-and-catechesis/4322-encounter>).

DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR ELECTED FOR THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SASKATOON: Subsequent to the installation of the Most Reverend Donald Bolen as Archbishop of Regina this past October, the College of Consultors of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon on October 19, 2016, elected Father Kevin McGee, former Vicar General of the Diocese, as Diocesan Administrator of Saskatoon, as required by Canon Law (c. 421 §1). Info: (www.cccb.ca).

LIFE AND FAMILY SUGGESTIONS FOR HOMILIES AND PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL DURING NOVEMBER 2016: On the Solemnity of Christ the King, November 20, Pope Francis will preside at the closing celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. Recognizing that the family is a school of mercy, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) continues to post homily ideas and prayers of the faithful to help link the Sunday liturgy with the national pastoral initiative for life and family. These suggestions for homilies and prayers can be easily adapted for family prayer, as well as for personal prayer or for use with other groups or organizations. [Documents and activities proposed by the CCCB.](#)



FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS – www.fymottawa.com

FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY WEBSITE: Have a look at the Family & Youth Ministry Office website, highlighting events, ministry contact information, and resources available for youth, young adults, and families in the Archdiocese of Ottawa. Check it out at (www.fymottawa.com)!

DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRY EVENT: Awake: From Life to Death. Youth from grades 9-12 are invited to the Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place, this **Sun., Nov. 6, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.** Youth Ministries from across Ottawa will be gathering for a time of worship, teaching and fellowship. Info: Marc Moreau (marcajmoreau@gmail.com).

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ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD PARISH YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY EVENT: Andre Regnier, Founder of CCO will speak on Holiness and Mission. **Nov. 13** at Annunciation Parish, 2414 Ogilvie. Mass at 6:00 p.m. For those 18 years of age and older. Adoration and Worship will follow. Info: Marc Moreau (613-745-7774 x4).

CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN OUTREACH ANNUAL FOUNDER'S DINNER FUNDRAISING GALA: At St. Anthony's Banquet Hall, **Thurs., Nov. 17.** Registration & cocktail hour at 6:00 p.m., dinner & program at 7:00 p.m. RSVP required: (cco.ca/ottawagala) by Nov. 10. Info: (613-736-1999 x150); (missions-events@cco.ca).

PRO-LIFE

'OTTAWA SUN' ARTICLE BY ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST SJ - *Beauty and Dignity in the Unhastened Passing of a Soul* – Sunday, October 30, 2016:

On Good Friday, I joined John Corston's friends around his bed in his last hours of earthly life. We prayed, sang hymns, and reminisced. Jesus had healed him of alcoholism and given him abundant life in Christian faith. Obeying God's call, John, an Ojibwa, founded Kateri Native Ministry. Now, God called him home, bathed in human and divine love. It was a beautiful passage into the next life.

I contrast this with another kind of death, legal in Canada since June 17. Euphemistically called "medical aid in dying," it is in fact assisted suicide or euthanasia. However, legal permission to take one's life or to collaborate in terminating a life does not change God's moral law, which forbids them.

Here is an important distinction. A patient may request not to have treatment when the burdens it brings outweigh benefits. A doctor may honour this. Also, medication may be administered to relieve suffering, even when it might shorten the patient's life. This is on the condition that this medication is given solely to relieve pain, and not to end life. These decisions are morally permissible.

Many will say that euthanasia and assisted suicide are "compassionate" responses to suffering. Such faulty language must not hide the fact that they are the deliberate killing of a person.

True compassion calls us to stand with our suffering loved ones and affirm that they are always a gift and never a burden. As life nears its natural end, the compassionate response to any pain and hardship is good palliative care, not killing the patient.

The Catholic Church is committed to honouring and protecting human life from conception to natural death. God alone is the author of life. We are but stewards.

From its earliest days, the Church has opposed the killing of innocents. The Scriptures led Justin Martyr, among others, to oppose suicide and the "mercy killing" of infants by exposure in the early second century, when the law had long permitted them. This kind of true progressive thinking led to the legal protection of the lives of innocents across the Roman Empire. The Catechism is clear on euthanasia and assisted suicide about "the nature of this murderous act, which must always be forbidden and excluded" (CCC 2277).

For Christians, death is not the end, but rather the beginning of a resurrected life with God almighty. Our fate after death ultimately hinges on the state of our souls when we die.

The care of the Church for her children does not end with death. She continues to intercede for the deceased person and minister to the departed soul's loved ones. Our funeral liturgies do both.

Christian chaplains in palliative care tell of the beauty and dignity in the unhastened passing of a soul. There are family reconciliations, deep expressions of love, and, yes, conversions to Christ. These experiences cannot compare with the distressing, guilt-inducing taking of a life that is euthanasia.

The Church is discerning the compassionate response to someone who has made the difficult and unfortunate decision to have their life terminated. We will do our best for the patient and their family, but we cannot pretend that euthanasia is an approved choice. The Sacrament of the Sick is intended for people who repent of past sins, not for people who are planning the sin of taking their life.

I invite you to affirm life. Accompany your loved ones in their old age and final illnesses, and the temptation to seek suicide and euthanasia will vanish. Bless them with your presence, affection, and prayers as they make the journey to their Creator and Saviour. Also available on our website at (<http://www.catholicottawa.ca/pro-life>).

40 DAYS FOR LIFE, A TIME TO PRAY AND FAST FOR THE END OF ABORTION: Closing rally to conclude the 40 Days for Life campaign of prayer and fasting to end abortion on **Sun., Nov. 6, 7:00 p.m.** Gather at the vigil site, near the corner of Bank and Sparks Streets. After an address from Archbishop Prendergast and some concluding remarks by Deacon Charles Fink, walk in procession to Saint Patrick Basilica for refreshments. Info: (613-299-2515).

PRO-LIFE MASS: The monthly Mass to pray for the establishment of a Pro-life Centre in Ottawa takes place on **Sat., Nov. 19, 9:00 a.m.** at Divine Infant Parish, 6658 Bilberry Dr., Orleans. Info: (613-831-2515).

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

TAP WATER OR BOTTLED WATER – A MORAL DECISION: In his Canticle of the Creatures, St. Francis of Assisi praises God for all creation. He refers to Sister Water as useful, humble, precious, and pure. A good way to take care of this precious resource is to avoid drinking bottled water and choosing tap water instead. As illustrated by [National Geographic](#), “Imagine a water bottle filled a quarter of the way up with oil. That’s about how much oil was needed to produce the bottle.” [Recent research](#) reveals that plastic pollution is threatening the extinction of many forms of marine life. Tap water from publicly owned sources recognizes access to [water as a basic human right](#) and not as a resource to be exploited for individual or corporate gain. Recommendation: Please use tap water, not bottled water, at parish events. Info: John Dorner (613-738-5025, ext.251; jdorner@archottawa.ca).

SOCIAL JUSTICE

HOLY SEE POSITION REGARDING THE UNITED NATIONS 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: A plan of action comprising 17 Goals and 169 “Targets” that member countries are committed to reach by 2030. The Development Goals are common objectives on important issues for development: the struggle against poverty, the elimination of hunger, the dispute over climate change, quality educational instruction, justice and peace, etc. A note from the Holy See explaining its position has been circulated to all the UN Member Delegations, available at (<https://documents-dds-ny.un.org>) or at (<https://holyseemission.org>).

PARISH INFO, EVENTS & SOCIALS

ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD PARISH BREAKFAST & TALK ON MERCY: Speaker: Chris Keyes. **Sat., Nov. 12.** Mass at 8:00 a.m. (Confessions 7:30 a.m.). Visit Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica Door of Mercy (closes Nov. 13). Advance tickets only. Adults \$10; Students, & Children \$5 (5 & under free). Tickets: Scott Millan (613-837-5861); (dscottmillan@gmail.com).

DIVINE INFANT PARISH MARKING THE END OF THE YEAR OF MERCY: Fr. Roman Rytsar will celebrate the 11:15 a.m. Mass at Divine Infant on **Nov. 13** according to the Byzantine tradition in English. This Divine Liturgy will be sung by the Sheptytsky Institute Choir. Donations to the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies Foundation (sheptytskyinstitute.ca). Info: Divine Infant Parish (613-824-6822 ext. 221).

NIGHT OF WORSHIP AND MINISTRY: Speaker: Fr. Francis Donnelly. St. Mary Parish, 100 Young St. **Fri., Nov. 25, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** Prayer teams will be available. Reception to follow. Info: Lise Going (613-728-9811, ext. 720); (night.worship.ministry@stmarysottawa.ca).

CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND BAKE SALE: At Resurrection of Our Lord Church Hall, 1940 Saunderson Dr. (off Smyth Rd.) on **Sat., Dec. 3, 2:30 – 6:00 p.m. & Sun., Dec. 4, 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Table rentals are \$15. Info & table rentals (613-733-4661).

CONCERT FOR CHOIR AND BRASS: The University of Ottawa Choir presents John Rutter's Gloria and the Coronation Anthems by G.F. Handel in a new arrangement by Michel Rondeau. Musical direction: Michel Guimont. Piano: Nick Rodgerson. St. Joseph Church, **Sun., Dec. 4, 3:00 p.m.** Tickets: (tix@uottawachoir.ca); \$25 advance; \$30 at door, \$10 students. Info: (www.uottawachoir.ca).

SCHOOLS

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY DAY AT THE OTTAWA CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD: On October 7, the Ottawa Catholic School Board celebrated their annual faith-based professional development ‘Christian Community Day’. Over 4,000 employees gathered at the Shaw Centre to celebrate Catholic education at the OCSB and launch the new spiritual theme based on the passage from the Gospel of Luke, “Sent to be the Good News.” The major highlight of the day was the Mass presided over by Archbishop Terrence Prendergast. Read full article at (<http://catholicottawa.ca>).