



Friday Facts

Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office
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FROM THE ARCHBISHOP'S OFFICE

CHRISTMAS CONCERT & ARCHBISHOP'S RECEPTION AT NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL: A Choral Celebration presented by the choirs of Notre Dame Cathedral on **Sun., Dec. 18, 2:30 p.m.** Archbishop Prendergast will be present at the Reception in the Cathedral Hall following the Concert. Everyone is welcome. Info: (613-241-7496).

LUNCHEON FOR PRIESTS: During Christmas Week, **Thurs., Dec. 29.** Reception at 11:00 a.m. at the Archbishop's Residence; Buffet Luncheon at 12:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Hall. Dress is casual. Priests are asked to please R.S.V.P. yes/no before Fri., Dec. 16: (rsvp@archottawa.ca); (613-738-5025 ext. 233 - available 24/7).

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

DIOCESAN PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: Although many priests and deacons were able to attend the photo session in October, for those who could not, we would appreciate their cooperation in coming to St. Peter Parish, 1640 Heatherington Rd., on **Fri., Dec. 9, 2:30 - 8:30 p.m., or Sat., Dec. 10, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. or Mon., Dec. 12, 2:30 - 8:30 p.m.** No appointment required; you must identify yourself as being there from the archdiocese and not the parish as there will be different sign-in sheets. Thank you. Info: Deacon Gilles Ouellette (613-738-5025, x238).

VOCATIONS

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNERS' GROUP – CHANGE OF DATE: Open to any man interested in knowing more about the priesthood. Next meeting: **Tues., Dec. 13, 7:00 p.m.** at St. Margaret Mary Parish. Info: contact Fr. Pierre Champoux (613-558-1445) or (vocations@archottawa.ca); (<http://www.catholicottawa.ca/priesthood>).

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Christmas Day. That as Joseph and Mary welcomed the gift of the Child Jesus, all mothers and fathers will prayerfully foster each of their children's vocations in Christ and welcome His call for priests, brothers and sisters.

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

DIOCESAN YOUTH ADVENT PARTY: Youth groups from across the archdiocese are coming together for a gathering before Christmas! Games, snacks, music and a talk. Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place. **Fri., Dec. 16, 7:00-9:00 p.m.** For all youth in grades 6-12. Info: Krista Wawrykow (kwawrykow@archottawa.ca; 613-738-5025 ext. 222).

DON BOSCO AWARD NOMINATIONS: Do you know someone who has shown remarkable dedication to youth ministry? [Click here](#) to nominate him or her for a Don Bosco award! Nomination deadline: **Dec. 12.** Award recipients will be honoured at the Don Bosco Gala, January 23.

STEBENVILLE TORONTO 2017 INTEREST MEETING: Steubenville Toronto is Canada's largest Catholic Youth Conference. Youth who will be in Grade 9 in September 2017 up to those who will be graduating high school by the end of 2017 can attend Steubenville Toronto. An interest meeting for parents and youth will be held **Jan. 12, 6:30-9:30 p.m.** at the Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place. Info: Krista Wawrykow (613-738-5025 ext. 222); (kwawrykow@ArchOttawa.ca).

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"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace..." (Galatians 5.22)

PASTORAL CALENDAR 2016-17

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

Events to Note

Dec. 13 – Priesthood
Discerners' Group

Dec. 16 – Diocesan Youth
Advent Party

Dec. 18 – Concert &
Archbishop's Reception

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**
- ✓ contact info (abrown@ArchOttawa.ca)

Previous Issues of the FF:
(www.catholicottawa.ca)

FROM THE CCCB

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS – UPDATED EDITION: Available from CCCB Publications by mid-January. Now contains the Scripture passages from the NRSV translation found in the *Lectionary: Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, Votive Masses, Masses for the Dead*. In addition some prayers have been updated to those found in the *Roman Missal* and some musical settings of the Psalms have been inserted from *Psalms for Sundays and Solemnities*. Pastoral Services will place an order in January for pick-up at the Diocesan Centre on Pastoral Day, Wed., Feb. 15. To be included in this order & receive a 15% discount, send request to (abrown@ArchOttawa.ca) by **Fri., Jan. 27**.

RESOURCES BY LUTHERANS AND CATHOLICS FOR THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROTEST REFORMATION: Jointly released by The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. The materials are intended to encourage the faithful in reflecting prayerfully on the past 500 years; in offering thanksgiving to God for the progress made in the efforts toward reconciliation; and in praying for pardon and peace whenever words or actions have fallen short of what Christ demands of Christians. [Read more...](#)

FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION COURSES AT NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL: Offering one course beginning in January: "How Did Vatican II Change the Church?" Thursday evenings, **7:00 - 8:30 p.m., January 19 - April 6**. Cost: \$20. Info & registration: (613-241-7496); (<http://www.notredameottawa.com/courses>).

PRAYER & ADVENT MISSIONS

CHRISTMAS NOVENA - SIMBANG GABI: Nine days of Novena Masses for Christmas at St. Peter Catholic Church, 1640 Heatherington Rd., **Dec. 16-24, 6:00 p.m.** with Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, Rosary and Mass at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. Info: St. Peter Parish (613-733-1553).

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION PARISH: 1st Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m. Friday Eucharistic Adoration, 9:00 a.m. Mass - 9:00 p.m. Interested in committing to an hour of Eucharistic Adoration? Miriam (613-800-1274); Julie (613-518-7075).

ANNUAL CAROL SING-A-LONG WITH LAWRENCE HARRIS: And Gregorian chants sung by Chorus Ecclesiae. Experience this "voices-only" sing-a-long of favorite traditional carols. Free admission. **Sun., Dec. 18, 3:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.**, Dominican Convent, 96 Empress Ave. (off Somerset). Info: (613-567-7729) or (ChoirClass@hotmail.com).

SCHOOLS

REGISTERING FOR KINDERGARTEN - OTTAWA CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD: If your child will be 4 or 5 years old by December 31, 2017, then it's time to register for the kindergarten program at Ottawa Catholic School Board elementary schools. The 2017 Kindergarten Registration event is **Jan. 16-20** at your local Catholic elementary school. You can also register anytime throughout the year. Info: (ocsb.ca/registrations).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATION, ARCHDIOCESE OF OTTAWA: Full-time, permanent position at 37½ hours/week. Recent Canadian Criminal Records check is a requirement. Job description: (www.catholicottawa.ca). C.V. with three references (non-family) to Ms. Colette Legault, Human Resources Officer (clegault@archottawa.ca) or fax (613-738-0412) by **12:00 p.m., Fri., Dec. 16**. No phone calls. We thank all applicants for their interest.

PILGRIMAGES

PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN & FRANCE (12 days): With Fr. Tadeusz Jordan SDS. **October 8-19, 2017** the year of the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions in Fatima. Visit Fatima, Barcelona, Lourdes, Madrid, Avila, Santiago de Compostella. Price \$2,890/person (double occup.) with 2 meals daily. Limited space. Info & registration: Stan (416-444-6666 ext.339 or 647-463-9057); (stan@ihtours) or Fr Tadeusz at Resurrection of Our Lord Parish (613-733-4661).