Friday Facts

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FROM THE ARCHBISHOP & AUXILIARY BISHOP'S OFFICE

ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER FOR LENT 2016: The Archbishop's Letter for Lent is available online at (http://www.catholicottawa.ca).

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE: Now available online at (www.CatholicOttawa.ca).

PASTORAL DAY: The next Pastoral Day at the Diocesan Centre is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 17, 9:30 a.m.** Agenda includes information on the Code of Pastoral Conduct, Year of Mercy and Family Ministry. Liturgica and Saint Patrick Basilica Bookstore will have Year of Mercy resources to view in the cafeteria during lunch. Clergy only session after lunch. Packages for parishes will be available for pick-up. Please plan to attend. Cost for lunch: $15. Lunch RSVP no later than Wed., Feb. 10 (613-738-5025 x231); (thurley@ArchOttawa.ca).

****PARISH HOLY OIL VIALS:*** Please remember to return your small Holy Oil vials (3 vials in the small black case) to the Diocesan Centre. If convenient for you, bring them on Pastoral Day, **Wed., Feb. 17**.

COLLEGE OF CONSULTORS: Next meeting: **Tues., Feb. 23**. Items for consideration to be submitted to Jules Dagenais, Director of Finance and Administration, and to Consultor for your region **before 12:00 noon Fri., Feb. 12**.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

YEAR OF MERCY VIDEOS: Videos of the Opening of the Jubilee Year of Mercy at Notre Dame Cathedral, Archbishop Prendergast speaking on the Jubilee Year of Mercy and the Opening of the Door of Mercy, now available to view online at (http://www.catholicottawa.ca/year-of-mercy).

DIOCESAN FAMILY & YOUTH OFFICE PRESENTS 'MOVED BY MERCY – HUNGRY AND HOMELESS': St. George Parish, 415 Piccadilly Ave., **Sat., Mar. 12, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** The first of three session in this Jubilee Year of Mercy; sponsored by the Diocesan Family & Youth Ministry Office. Prayer, speakers, discussion, lunch. Live your faith & show God's mercy. All ages welcome. Free child care and children's programming available. RSVP: (skorban@archottawa.ca).

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, 11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Tuesday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday & Sunday for the Masses. 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 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

Feb. 15 – Family Day with the Archbishop

Feb. 17 – Pastoral Day

Feb. 23 – Presbyteral Council & College of Consultors

Mar. 4 – Day of Confessions

Mar. 12 – Moved by Mercy event

Mar. 22 – Chrism Mass

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

VOCATIONS

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Second Sunday of Lent – Feb. 21. That all our priests, who bring us to the mountain of Christ at every Mass and feed us with His transforming love in the sacraments will be strengthened in their life and mission.

PERMANENT DIACONATE – INFORMATION SESSIONS: Is the Lord calling you to the Permanent Diaconate? Come and discover what the diaconate is all about. All Roman Catholic men in the Archdiocese are invited; married men are encouraged to come with their wives. To register for a session or get more info, please contact Deacon Michael Seath (613-834-1840); (mseath@archottawa.ca). Three info sessions: **Sat., Feb. 13, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.** at Divine Infant Parish, 6288 Bilberry Dr., Orleans (go to Parish office); **Wed., Feb. 24, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** at St. George Parish, 425 Piccadilly Ave., (conference room); **Mon., Feb. 29, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** at Holy Redeemer Parish, 44 Rothesay Dr., Kanata (in the hall).

FROM THE HOLY SEE

LIVE COVERAGE OF POPE FRANCIS' APOSTOLIC JOURNEY TO MEXICO ON SALT + LIGHT TV: From **Feb. 12 – 18**, Salt + Light TV will broadcast live the Apostolic Journey of Pope Francis to Mexico. His trip will start with a stop in Havana, Cuba, to meet with His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia. Info: Link to the Holy See's schedule of the Apostolic Journey; Link to Salt + Light TV; Link to the special website of the Bishops' Conference of Mexico.

FROM THE CCCB

CCCB MESSAGE FOR LENT: *'I HAVE SET BEFORE YOU LIFE AND DEATH'.* My brothers and sisters in Christ, The readings of the liturgy for the opening days of Lent invite us to focus on some basic questions as we begin our journey through this sacred season. What does it mean to repent and believe the Good News? What difference should faith make to our living and dying? How do we convert hearts and lives? The Old Testament reading for the Thursday after Ash Wednesday has particular significance this year for us as God's people and as a country: I call heaven and earth to witness ... that I have set before you life and death .... Choose life, so that you and your descendants may live....(Deuteronomy 30.19). Read more...

FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

FAMILY DAY WITH THE ARCHBISHOP: How many people get to skate with their bishop? Spend **Feb. 15** celebrating family life with Archbishop Prendergast. 12:15 p.m. Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica followed by a hot dog lunch and ice skating on the Rideau Canal. Shuttle buses to and from skating. Free; donations welcome. Bring your family and invite your friends. Register at (skorban@archottawa.ca) or calling Sophia (613-738-5025 ext. 222). See you on the ice!

RELATIONSHIPS MATTER – RE-WIRING MY BRAIN FOR LOVE: Valentine's Day is just past and this talk will capture the best for love and lovers based on Dr. Stan Tatkin's book *Wired for Love*. This seminar is for both couples (bring you partner) and singles (bring a friend). **Thurs., Feb. 25, 7:00-9:00 p.m.** Presenter: Dr. Martin Rovers, Psychologist and Marriage/Family Therapy. Info: (http://www.relationshipsmatter.ca/).

"JOURNEY OF HOPE" FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED CATHOLICS: This ministry, for separated and divorced Catholics, offers separate sessions for women and men at Holy Rosary Parish. Women's session begins **Tues., Mar. 29;** men's session begins **Thurs., Mar. 31**. Sessions run 6 weeks, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. The program, led from a Catholic faith exploration perspective, is designed to help participants find reconciliation, peace and healing by taking positive steps in their daily spiritual life. Info & registration: Elaine Simpson (613-290-1577); (JourneyofHopeOttawa@gmail.com). Cost: $25.

SERENA – NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: Couples are invited to learn about a natural approach in planning their family. Monthly sessions are held in Ottawa. Reservations required. Certified Teacher-Couples will provide follow-up sessions. Sessions on various related topics. Private appointments: (Ontario@serena.ca); (613-728-6536). Info: (www.serena.ca).

PRO-LIFE

SPEAKING NOTES BY CARDINAL THOMAS COLLINS OF PRESENTATION BEFORE THE SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED DYING: His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, and Deacon Larry Worthen

intervened on February 3, 2016, before the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Physician-Assisted Dying. Cardinal Collins and Deacon Worthen spoke on behalf of the Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience. This comprises the Archdiocese of Toronto, the Christian Medical and Dental Society of Canada (CMDSC, of which Mr. Worthen is Executive Director), the Catholic Organization for Life and Family, the Canadian Federation of Catholic Physicians' Societies, the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute, and Canadian Physicians for Life. Read more...

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

CLIMATE ACTION AFTER PARIS – NEXT STEPS FOR FAITH COMMUNITIES: At international climate negotiations (COP21) last December, world leaders drafted "The Paris Agreement" which will open for signatures on April 22 this year. What is the significance of this agreement, and how can faith communities move forward on climate issues? This event, co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Ottawa, will take place on **Wed., Mar. 9, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** at Centretown United Church 507 Bank St (At Argyle). Mardi Tindal, leader of the United Church delegation to COP21, will be interviewed by Dennis Greunding, Author of Pulpit and Politics. Following time for questions, Karri Munn-Venn (CPJ), Graham Saul (Ecology Ottawa), and Tony Clarke (The Polaris Institute), will lead a discussion of next steps for Canadian communities of faith. Further info: (www.cpj.ca/events); John Dorner (613-738-5025 x251; jdorner@archottawa.ca).

PUBLIC CONFERENCE – NATURE AND ETHICAL THOUGHT: *Reflections on Laudato Si.* Dominican University College, 96 Empress Ave., **March 7-8**. The publication of Laudato Si once again brought the ecological question to headlines worldwide. DUC will welcome scholars and the general public to reflect on contemporary conceptions of nature and on ethical discourse in ecology. Info: (www.dominicanu.ca).

SOCIAL JUSTICE

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – CARITAS CANADA LAUCHES 2016 SHARE LENT CAMPAIGN: *Create a Climate of Change.* In its news release CCODP explains that: "The campaign draws on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*, which calls for better care of our common home, especially for our sisters and brothers in the Global South who are already experiencing the devastating impacts of climate change, despite contributing the least to the carbon emissions that are causing temperatures to rise." The campaign, also inspired by the Jubilee Year of Mercy, is the main funding source for the organization's solidarity work with over 100 local organizations in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East, and for its educational programs here in Canada. **Read more...**

SCHOOLS

CTGO LENTEN RETREAT: The Catholic Teachers' Guild of Ottawa invites you to register for its 2016 Lenten retreat on **Sat., Mar. 5, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.** at Dominican University College. Facilitators: Keith & Peggy Doucette, John Paul II Centre for Divine Mercy and Fr. Waldemar Podlasz, SDS, Divine Infant Parish. Topic: "The Name of God is Mercy: A Divine Mercy Retreat for Educators." All welcome. Mass; Confession; Divine Mercy Chaplet; Veneration of first-class relics of St. John Paul II and St. Faustina Kowalska. Hot lunch. Fee: $50 (cash/cheque) at event. Register by Feb. 27 (ctgottawa@gmail.com).

LENTEN MISSIONS

LENTEN RETREAT AT ST. MAURICE PARISH: The Divine Mercy Message with Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC. At 4 Perry Street, Nepean, on **Feb. 22, 23 & 24, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** All are welcome. Info: contact the parish office (613-224-1892, ext. 3); (office@stmauriceparish.com).

WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

A CONTEMPLATIVE EXPERIENCE: After 4 sessions in Le Puy, France, 'Little Design Communities Rebirthing' is being presented at Galilee Retreat Centre, Arnprior, **June 27-July 6**. Cost $980. Presenters: Sisters Monica Hartnett, (Annecy) and Rosemary O'Toole (Canada). Brochure with registration form: (www.theupperroomhomeofprayer.org). Pre-registration fee of $200 due Mar. 19. Info: Sr. Rosemary (upperroom@sympatico.ca).