



## 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 now available online at (<http://www.catholicottawa.ca>).

### FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

**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 ([abrown@ArchOttawa.ca](mailto:abrown@ArchOttawa.ca); fax 613-738-0130) **by Fri., Feb. 5.** Available online (<http://www.catholicottawa.ca>) under Pastoral Services/Forms. All are welcome.

**PASTORAL DAY:** The next Pastoral Day at the Diocesan Centre is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 17, 9:30 a.m.** Agenda includes information on Code of Pastoral Conduct, Year of Mercy and Family Ministry. 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](mailto: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.**

**'PSALMS FOR SUNDAYS AND SOLEMNITIES':** The CCCB has published 'Psalms for Sundays and Solemnities' with an accompanying CD. Parishes wishing to view the publication may contact Pastoral Services for an appointment ([abrown@ArchOttawa.ca](mailto:abrown@ArchOttawa.ca)); (613-738-5025 x217).

**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.

**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

**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 sessions 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](mailto:skorban@archottawa.ca)).

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. 13** – Vocation Fair Breakfast
- Feb. 14** – Rite of Election & Calling of Candidates
- 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

**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>).

**PRAYERS:** For the repose of the soul of Mr. Petro Sloboda, father of Mr. Antin Sloboda of CNEWA Canada. Mr. Sloboda died Jan. 31 at age 65. The funeral was Feb. 2 in Lviv, Ukraine. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

### **VOCATIONS**

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:** First Sunday of Lent – Feb. 14. For all men and women being chosen by Christ to follow Him as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, that they will persevere in the face of temptations against faithfulness to their call.

**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](mailto: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).

**VOCATION FAIR BREAKFAST:** At St. George Parish, 415 Piccadilly Ave., **Sat., Feb. 13.** We will begin with Mass at 9:00 a.m. and finish at 1:00 p.m. Fr. Pierre Champoux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Ottawa is the guest speaker. For further info: (613-729-8710); ([events@servantsofthecross.ca](mailto:events@servantsofthecross.ca)). Poster: (<http://www.catholicottawa.ca/vocations>).

### **FROM THE CCCB**

**CCCB PRESIDENT REQUESTS INVITATION TO APPEAR BEFORE THE SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED DYING:** The Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Bishop of Hamilton and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), has written to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, the Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould, and the Minister of Health, the Honourable Jane Philpott, requesting that the Conference be invited to appear before the Special Joint Committee on Physician-Assisted Dying. In his submission, Bishop Crosby states "that life is a sacred gift to be defended and protected. Our country, for its part, has made great strides over the decades in constructing 'safety nets' that help safeguard human lives from the worst onslaughts of poverty, in wisely agreeing to forego the use of capital punishment, and in challenging and questioning every call to war. These efforts, which we applaud, are in recognition of the paramount importance of respecting and sustaining the life and inviolable dignity of individuals from conception to natural death." Info: (<http://www.cccb.ca>).

**NEW BISHOP APPOINTED FOR HEARST AND AS APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF MOOSONEE:** His Holiness Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of the Most Reverend Vincent Cadieux, O.M.I., as Bishop of the Diocese of Moosonee and of the Diocese of Hearst which had been united "in persona episcopi" with the Diocese of Moosonee. To succeed Bishop Cadieux, the Holy Father appointed Father Robert Bourgon Bishop of the Diocese of Hearst and Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Moosonee. At the time of his appointment, Bishop-elect Bourgon was Vicar General of the Diocese of Sault Ste-Marie. Info: (<http://www.cccb.ca>).

### **FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS**

**FAMILY DAY WITH THE ARCHBISHOP:** How many people get to skate with their bishop? Spend **February 15** celebrating family life with Archbishop Prendergast. 12:15 p.m. Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica followed by a hot dog lunch and then ice skating on the Rideau Canal (or the Sens Rink of Dreams if the Canal isn't open). Shuttle buses will be provided to and from skating. And it is FREE (donation welcome)! Bring your family and invite your friends. Please register by contacting ([skorban@archottawa.ca](mailto:skorban@archottawa.ca)) or calling Sophia (613-738-5025 ext. 222). See you on the ice!

**“JOURNEY OF HOPE” FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED CATHOLICS:** This ministry, for separated and divorced Catholics, will be offering separate sessions for women and men at Holy Rosary Parish. The women’s session begins **Tues., Mar. 29** and the men’s session begins **Thurs., Mar. 31**. Sessions are 6 weeks in length and run from 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. Further info & registration: Elaine Simpson (613-290-1577); ([JourneyofHopeOttawa@gmail.com](mailto:JourneyofHopeOttawa@gmail.com)). The cost is \$25.

### **FAITH FORMATION**

**NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT 2016:** At the Westin Hotel, Ottawa with live-stream video to host sites across Canada and the US on **April 15 & 16**. Featuring 7 world-class Catholic speakers: Dr. Peter Kreeft, Christopher West, Sherry Weddell, Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, Michael Dopp, Angèle Regnier and Bishop Christian Riesbeck CC. Tickets sell out fast. Register online (<https://www.newevangelization.ca/>).

### **PRO-LIFE**

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** The Winter/Spring campaign runs Feb. 10 – Mar. 20. Ottawa is not actively involved in this campaign, but please continue to offer Lenten prayers and sacrifices for an end to abortion and the damaging effects in our society.

**MONTHLY PRO-LIFE MASS:** To pray for the establishment of a Pro-life Centre in Ottawa, **Sat., Feb. 20, 10:00 a.m.** at St. Hyacinth Parish, 201 LeBreton St. Everyone welcome. Info: (613-831-2515).

**CARE FOR CREATION - BIOETHICS, LIFE AND THE ENVIRONMENT:** On January 28, 2016, Pope Francis spoke to the Italian National Committee for Bioethics, defending life from conception to natural death. He stated that we are facing “the challenge of opposing our throwaway culture which has so many expressions today, among which is treating human embryos as disposable material, and also sick and elderly persons approaching death.” Pope Francis called upon experts in bioethics to unite the protection of human life with protection of the natural environment. In this way we protect all human life today as well as future generations. Source: (<https://zenit.org>).

**FREE COLF PUBLICATION:** In view of the urgent debate in Canada on euthanasia and assisted suicide, and the importance of informing all the faithful as well as Members of Parliament about the ethical and social implications that are involved, the Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF) has made available its publication, *Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide: Urgent Questions* in PDF online at (<http://www.colf.ca/images/pubs-downloads/LIF-001-E.pdf>). If your parish is running this publications workshop, please contact the Archdiocese at ([abrown@ArchOttawa.ca](mailto:abrown@ArchOttawa.ca)).

### **ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP**

**CARE FOR CREATION – HOLY FATHER’S UNIVERSAL PRAYER:** Pope Francis’ universal prayer intention for February is “That we may take good care of creation – a gift freely given – cultivating and protecting it for future generations”. In *Laudato Si’*, Pope Francis raises questions– “What is the purpose of our life in this world? Why are we here? What is the goal of our work and all our efforts? What need does the earth have of us? It is no longer enough, then, simply to state that we should be concerned for future generations. We need to see that what is at stake is our own dignity. Leaving an inhabitable planet to future generations is, first and foremost, up to us. The issue is one which dramatically affects us, for it has to do with the ultimate meaning of our earthly sojourn” (§160).

**“CREATE A CLIMATE OF CHANGE” WORKSHOP:** St. Basil Parish, 940 Rex Ave., **Sun., Feb. 21, Feb. 28 & Mar. 6, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.** Reflect on themes from *Laudato Si’*, the letter of Pope Francis on Care for our Common Home. Welcome for all sessions, or for just 1 or 2. Copies of the Encyclical will be available for purchase. Info: (613-729-5149).

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**ANOTHER SPOT TO HELP THOSE IN NEED:** The St. Vincent de Paul Society opened a new charity store (clothing & furniture) at 1620 Merivale Rd. on February 1. Volunteers are needed. Contact ([volunteerssvp@rogers.com](mailto:volunteerssvp@rogers.com)); (613-722 7166 ext. 15). Many thanks to those who have made this expansion possible.

## **PRAYER & WORSHIP**

**VIGIL OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** For priests, world peace, the end of abortion, and the reunion of Christians. Saint Patrick Basilica (downstairs). **Fri., Feb. 19, 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).

**ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST:** A Year of Mercy Lenten Retreat. Holy Redeemer Parish, 44 Rothesay Dr. **Sat., Feb. 20, 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** No registration; all are welcome. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus 9544. Info: ([www.kofc9544.ca](http://www.kofc9544.ca)).

**SACRED MUSIC:** Join Schola Basilicae for an hour of meditational music at Saint Patrick Basilica. Enjoy sacred works by Tallis, Palestrina, Des Prez and others master of the Renaissance. **Sun., Feb. 21, 8:00 p.m.**, preceding the 9:00 p.m. Mass. All are welcome. Info: ([basilicachoires@yahoo.ca](mailto:basilicachoires@yahoo.ca)).

**NIGHT OF WORSHIP AND MINISTRY:** St. Mary Parish, 100 Young St., **Fri., Feb. 26, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** Guest Speaker: Fr. Scott McCaig. Prayer teams will be available. Specials guests: Companions of the Cross priests. Come rest in the presence of our Lord. Info: Lise Going (613-824-9038).

**24<sup>TH</sup> 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/>).

## **PARISH EVENTS & SOCIALS**

**MEN OF THE EUCHARIST (DIVINE MERCY):** St. Philip Parish, Richmond has formed a new group called 'Men of the Eucharist-Divine Mercy.' The group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month, at St. Philip Church, 127 Burke St., Richmond, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you. All welcome. Info: Deacon Louis Seward (613-838-2314).

**VATICAN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION – EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD:** Holy Redeemer Church, 44 Rothesay Drive, Kanata. **Sat., Feb. 20 & Sun., Feb. 21, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Info: ([www.therealpresence.org](http://www.therealpresence.org)); (613-836-1764).

## **WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST**

**LENT DAY RETREAT - Beatitudes:** Meditation and the world turned upside down. Led by Rev. Kevin Flynn, director of Anglican Studies at Saint Paul University. Organized by Ottawa Christian Meditation. **March 5, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Emmanuel United Church, 691 Smyth Rd. No charge. Brown bag lunch. RSVP: ([cmadventretreat@gmail.com](mailto:cmadventretreat@gmail.com)).

**JOIN THE EWTN FAMILY BY BECOMING A MEDIA MISSIONARY:** The screening of the EWTN film entitled *Kateri* on Jan. 30 was quite successful. Thank you to Saint Patrick's Basilica and to all of the volunteers who helped make it happen! We would love to stay in touch and send you FREE EWTN posters, program guides, and general information brochures for distribution, among other FREE material like magnetic bumper stickers! Learn more about our [Media Missionary](http://www.ewtnmissionaries.com) parish-based volunteer program by visiting our website, [www.ewtnmissionaries.com](http://www.ewtnmissionaries.com). Signing up can be done online. For more info: EWTN's Regional Marketing Manager of Canada, Sarah Du Broy ([sdubroy@ewtn.com](mailto:sdubroy@ewtn.com)).

**PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND FOR JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY:** With Fr. Chris Shalla, St. Hedwig Parish, Barry's Bay. Visiting Warsaw, Czstochova, Krakow & Zakopane. October 17-29, 2016 (13 days). \$3999 per person (double occup). For information & registration contact Laurie Courchesne-Dooley (613-732-5739); ([plcdooley@hotmail.com](mailto:plcdooley@hotmail.com)).

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