



## Friday Facts

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### FROM THE ARCHBISHOP & AUXILIARY BISHOP'S OFFICE

**NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT:** Equipping Catholics to witness to our faith with family and friends. The New Evangelization Summit is being held in Ottawa **April 15 & 16** this year to help equip pastors, pastoral workers and lay faithful in the mission of the New Evangelization. **Learn from leading experts how to become more effective in sharing the Gospel in our contemporary society.** Priests who register online at [newevangelization.ca](http://newevangelization.ca) receive a special discount. Speakers include Angele Regnier on *Actually Evangelizing: Best Practices in sharing Christ so that People can Respond*, Christopher West on *Theology of the Body and the New Evangelization*, Bishop Christian Riesbeck CC on *Key Principles of Parish Renewal: A Pastor's Experience*, Sherry Weddell on *Parish Renewal: The Fruit of Forming Intentional Disciples*, Fr. Cantalamessa on *The Holy Spirit and the New Evangelization*, Dr. Peter Kreeft on *The Big Three Questions (Looking at the three questions an evangelist must be able to answer in our postmodern culture)* and Michael Dopp on *Living our Mission*.

### FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

**NEOPHYTE MASS:** All those who have completed their initiation at the Easter Vigil are invited to come together during Easter for a celebration of the Eucharist on **Sun., April 10, 12:00 noon** at Notre Dame Cathedral. All are welcome.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS OF THANKSGIVING:** Notre Dame Cathedral, **Sun., May 1, 2:30 p.m.** For couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 + years of marriage in 2016. Families & friends are most welcome. Registration details now available in parishes. **Deadline to register: Wed., April 20.**

**NEW PASTORAL APPOINTMENT:** Archbishop Prendergast has appointed Father Matthew Keshwah as assistant pastor helping Father Jacques Labelle, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish in the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall, until the end of this pastoral year.

**PRAYERS:** For the repose of the soul of Fr. Fernand Carrière who died at age 96 on Good Friday, March 25, 2016 at the Montfort Long-Term Care Facility. Born on Feb. 8, 1920 in Hammond, he was ordained to the priesthood on May 16, 1948 at St-Mathieu Parish. He exercised his priestly ministry in communities on both sides of the Ottawa River, in Aylmer, Lac Sainte-Marie and Buckingham, Québec and Embrun, Ontario, and as pastor in the parishes of St-Thérèse-d'Avila (Marionville), St-Viateur (Limoges), St-Thomas (Lefavre), St- Jacques (Embrun), St-Grégoire de Nazianze (Vankleek Hill) and St-Joachim (Chute-à-Blondeau). He retired in May 1993. The Funeral Mass was held March 30 at St-Mathieu Parish, Hammond. Please keep Fr. Carrière and his family in your prayers.

**PRAYERS:** For the repose of the soul of Mr. John Corston, Founder of Kateri Native Ministry of Ottawa. Mr. Corston died on Good Friday, March 25, 2016 at the age of 70. Visitation at Kelly Funeral Home, 585 Somerset St. W., on Fri., April 1, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Memorial Mass at St. Elizabeth Church, Sat., April 2, 11:00 a.m. Please pray for him and his family.

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

**Apr. 10** – Neophyte Mass

**May 1** – Wedding Anniversary  
Mass

**May 19** – Pastoral Day

#### 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:** Third Sunday of Easter - April 10. For prayerful openness in our young people, that they will see their vocation discernment as a call to love the Lord and respond generously to His choice of them.

**PRAYER CARDS:** Additional Vocation Prayer Cards available to parishes from Pastoral Services ([abrown@ArchOttawa.ca](mailto:abrown@ArchOttawa.ca)).

## FROM THE HOLY SEE

**URBI ET ORBI MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS - EASTER 2016:** Available online at (<http://w2.vatican.va>).

## FROM THE CCCB

**CATHOLIC RESPONSES TO TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION CALL TO ACTION 48 AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THE "DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY":** In response to Call to Action 48 by the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission](#), and in response to questions raised on the legal concepts known as "Doctrine of Discovery" and *terra nullius*, four Canadian Catholic organizations representing Bishops, institutes of consecrated life, societies of apostolic life, Indigenous People, and laity have issued two documents. Both are dated March 19, 2016, the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who is the principal patron saint of Canada. The four organizations are the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), the [Canadian Religious Conference](#) (CRC), the [Canadian Catholic Aboriginal Council](#), and the [Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace](#). [Read more...](#)

**STATEMENT BY THE CCCB ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO CLOSE ITS OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM:** It is with deep regret that the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has learned of the intention by the Government of Canada to close its Office of Religious Freedom. The Canadian Ambassador for Religious Freedom and the Office of Religious Freedom were an important signal to the international community and to Canadians – as well as a reminder to our civil servants and our country's diplomats – of the singular importance of religious freedom, and of the unfortunate lack of voices in society prepared to come to its defence. [Read more...](#)

## PRO-LIFE

**DIOCESAN WEEK FOR LIFE/NATIONAL WEEK FOR LIFE AND FAMILY:** Pro-Life Sunday, May 8 - Saturday, May 14. Annual General Meeting: **Thurs., April 7, 7:30 p.m.** at the Diocesan Centre. Guest speaker: Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director/International Chair of Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. Pro-Life Sunday resources for Reps will be available at the AGM. Everyone is welcome! Info: Deborah La Riccia (613-820-3580); ([deborahlariccia@rogers.com](mailto:deborahlariccia@rogers.com)).

**PRO-LIFE MEETING:** Campaign Life Coalition invites you to an Info Night at Saint Patrick Basilica in the scavi, **Mon., Apr. 11, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** to hear Alex Schadenberg give a short talk on physician assisted suicide. CLC Youth coordinator Christina Holt will update on youth strategies. Learn about what's happening on the Hill with Johanne Brownrigg. Light refreshments. Free will offering. Info: [Campaign Life Coalition](#).

**ACTION LIFE – 27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HIKE FOR LIFE 2016:** Raising funds for pro-life education. **Sat., Apr. 30.** Registration: 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. at Saint Patrick Basilica (in the basement). Official kickoff: 9:00 a.m. Further info: ([www.actionlife.org](http://www.actionlife.org)).

## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

**CARE FOR CREATION – POPE FRANCIS' EASTER MESSAGE:** In his Easter *Urbi et Orbi* message, Pope Francis reminds us of the many who are suffering in the world, including those affected by climate change. As he states, "*On this glorious day, 'let the earth rejoice in shining splendour', even though it is so often mistreated and greedily exploited, resulting in an alteration of natural equilibria. I think especially of those affected by climate change, which not infrequently causes drought or violent flooding, which then lead to food crises in different parts of the world.*"

## **PRAYER & WORSHIP**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** Divine Infant Parish, Sun., **April 3, 3:00 p.m.** Reconciliation will begin at 2:30 p.m. with a special Divine Mercy Devotion including exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:00 p.m. Note: advance tickets to the Saint Luke Productions play, *FAUSTINA: Messenger of Divine Mercy* will be available. Info: parish office (613-824-6822 x 229).

**SPIRITUAL MOTHERHOOD OF PRIESTS APOSTOLATE INFO SESSION:** At Villa Marconi Library, 1026 Baseline Rd. on **Wed., April 6, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** All women are invited to attend. 'Learn more about interceding for our beloved priests.' Info: Maria Pirrone (613-225-6067) or Maria Nicastro (613-875-6279); ([www.spiritualmotherhoodofpriests.ca](http://www.spiritualmotherhoodofpriests.ca)).

**VIGIL OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** For priests, world peace, the end of abortion, and the reunion of Christians. Saint Patrick Basilica (downstairs). **Fri., Apr. 15, 8:00 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).

## **FAITH FORMATION**

**SUMMER SCHOOL FOR LITURGICAL MUSICIANS AND PARISH INITIATION LEADERS:** 'Called to Journey Together in Christ', **July 17-20** at the Diocese of Hamilton. This Summer School is a joint venture by the Ontario Liturgical Conference Music Commission and the Ontario Liturgical Conference Christian Initiation Committee. Keynote presenter: Dr. Jerry Galipeau, on the implications of RCIA 4. Further info: (<http://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/liturgy/summer-school.php>).

## **RETREATS**

**LEGION OF MARY SPRING RETREAT:** In honour of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Legion of Mary is hosting a silent retreat at La Maison de la Providence, Orleans, **Fri., May 27 – Sun., May 29**. Retreat master: Fr. Andrew Quarshie. Theme: Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Cost: \$215 for 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, 3 conferences. Daily Mass. Info & registration: Johanne Walsh (613-226-3279).

## **SCHOOLS**

**MARYVALE ACADEMY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2016-2017:** 'Making Disciples of Christ' through academic excellence and spiritual growth. JK through Grade 8. SCHOOL-DAY OPEN HOUSES: Every Thursday in April. Info: (613-321-2186); ([www.maryvaleacademy.ca](http://www.maryvaleacademy.ca)).

## **WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST**

**PRAYERS:** For the repose of the soul of Mother Angelica, Foundress of EWTN. Her Funeral Mass is Fri., Apr. 1, 11:30 a.m.

**WILLS, EXECUTOR DUTIES & PREPLANNING SEMINARS:** Hosted by Hulse, Playfair & McGarry. **Mon., April 4, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**, 315 McLeod St.; **Wed., April 13, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.**, 150 Woodroffe Ave.; **Thurs., April 21, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.**, 1200 Ogilvie Rd. RSVP: (613-233-1143); ([preplanning@hpmcgarry.ca](mailto:preplanning@hpmcgarry.ca)).

**OK CLEAN WATER SPRING FASHION FUNRAISER:** At Shepherd's Fashions (Trainyards location), **April 11, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.** to support a water project in Kumbo, Cameroon. Info: ([www.okcleanwaterproject.org](http://www.okcleanwaterproject.org)). Tickets: \$45; available from ([horanc@sympatico.ca](mailto:horanc@sympatico.ca)). 10% of proceeds goes to the charity.

**SERENITY RENEWAL FOR FAMILIES, 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON AND BRIDGE:** At St. Basil's Church, 940 Rex Ave., **Fri., May 6, 12:00 p.m.** Make up a table of 4 and come for lunch with good friends, good cards and door prizes. \$120 a table or \$30 each. Send names & addresses (for tax receipts) with cheque payable to Serenity Renewal for Families, 202-2255 St. Laurent Blvd. Ottawa ON K1G 4K3 or register at ([www.serenityrenewal.ca](http://www.serenityrenewal.ca)).