



Friday Facts

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FROM THE ARCHBISHOP & AUXILIARY BISHOP'S OFFICE

PASTORAL EXHORTATION ON EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE: Archbishop Prendergast has written an exhortation to be read this weekend at all Vigil and Sunday Masses by the Pastor or the presiding priest (see attached).

ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER FOR LENT 2016: Online at (www.catholicottawa.ca).

INVITATION TO PRIESTS TO PENITENTIAL SERVICE FOR PRIESTS, JUBILARIAN CELEBRATION & CHRISM MASS: Tuesday of Holy Week, **March 22**. Penitential service at **3:30 p.m.**; Reception at Archbishop's Residence at **4:15 p.m.**; Jubilarian Dinner at **5:00 p.m.** in the Cathedral Hall; Chrism Mass at **7:30 p.m.** RSVP for dinner before March 13 (rsvp@archottawa.ca); (613-738-5025, x211).

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH: Archbishop Prendergast is exhorting Ottawa Catholics to pray a novena to St. Joseph, patron of a happy death, March 10 – 18, in light of the direction our country is headed with regard to euthanasia and assisted suicide. A prayer that can be said daily for the 9 days of the novena follows:

Glorious St. Joseph, foster-father and protector of Jesus Christ! To you I raise my heart and my hands to implore your powerful intercession. Please obtain for me from the kind Heart of Jesus the help and the graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare. I ask particularly for the grace of a happy death and the special favour I now implore. [*Mention your request here.*] Guardian of the Word Incarnate, I feel animated with confidence that your prayers in my behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God. *V.* O glorious St. Joseph, through the love you bear to Jesus Christ, and for the glory of His Name. *R.* Hear my prayers and obtain my petitions. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE: Now available online at (www.CatholicOttawa.ca). Schedule includes **Fri., Mar. 4**, Day of Confessions.

***PARISH HOLY OIL VIALS:** Please remember to return your small Holy Oil vials (3 vials in the small black case) to the Diocesan Centre, as soon as possible.

PRAYERS: For the repose of the soul of Mrs. Mona Monaghan (nee Berthel) who died Monday, February 29, 2016 at the age of 93. Mrs. Monaghan was the mother of Fr. Gerard Monaghan, administrator of St. Margaret Mary Parish,

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

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

Cumberland and St. Edith Stein, Rockland and chaplain at St. Joseph High School, Barrhaven. The Funeral Mass was held at St. Isidore Church, 1135 March Rd. on March 3. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

PARISHES - USED PASCAL CANDLES: St. Joseph's parish can use your used pascal candles and any other beeswax candles. A parishioner melts them to make new infant baptismal candles. Contact Michelle Miller (mmiller@st-josephs.ca).

VOCATIONS

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: 5th Sunday of Lent – Mar. 13. That priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who, for the sake of Christ have suffered the loss of all things, will flourish in their vocations and bring souls to the knowledge of salvation.

YEAR OF MERCY

DIVINE MERCY PRESENTATION: At St. Jude Catholic Church, 372 Genevieve St., Hawkesbury, on **Thurs., Mar. 17, 6:30 p.m.** Presenters: Keith & Peggy Doucette, Co-directors of the John Paul II Centre for Divine Mercy, Alfred. Veneration of relics of St. John Paul II, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and St. Maria Faustina. Confessions. Info: (613-632-2464).

FROM THE CCCB

LIFE AND FAMILY SUGGESTIONS FOR HOMILIES AND PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL DURING MARCH 2016: During this Lenten season, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) continues to post possible homily ideas and prayers of the faithful to help link the Sunday liturgy with the national pastoral initiative for life and family. As usual, the 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. The texts for the month of March are available on the special Life and Family webpage, under the section "[Documents and activities proposed by the CCCB](#)".

FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

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).

"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.

UNDERSTANDING LOVE AND RELATIONSHIPS: With Dr. Martin Rovers, Marriage & Family Therapist. This workshop is for individuals and couples and will introduce you to the main themes of love and relationship. Serenity Renewal for Families, 202-2255 St. Laurent Blvd. on **Sat., April 2, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Info: (613-523-5143); (info@serenityrenewal.ca).

PRO-LIFE

WORKSHOP LED BY CATHOLIC PHYSICIAN ON THE TOPIC OF PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE & EUTHANASIA: Become informed on the topic and learn how to make your concerns known. Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 1758 Alta Vista Dr. (in the basement hall). **March 16, 7:30-9:30 p.m. and March 19, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** The 12-page resource "Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide – Urgent Questions!" (please read in advance), will be used to facilitate the discussion (<http://www.colf.ca/images/pubs-downloads/LIF-001-E.pdf>). The workshop will conclude with a summary of the concerns

surrounding the Parliamentary report, and what you can do to voice your concerns. Info: (<http://ihm-parish.ca>). RSVP: (CDS.ottawa@gmail.com).

PRO-LIFE MASS: The next Mass in the pilgrimage journey to pray for the establishment of a Pro-Life Centre in Ottawa is taking place on **Sat., Mar. 12, 10:00 a.m.** at The Good Shepherd Parish, 3092 Innes Rd., Orleans. Info: (613-831-2515).

PASTORAL STATEMENT FOR THE CATHOLICS OF CANADA ON THE REPORT "MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING: A PATIENT-CENTRED APPROACH: The Special Joint Committee of the Government of Canada on "Physician-Assisted Dying" this past Feb. 25 released its [report](#), *Medical Assistance in Dying: A Patient-Centred Approach*. The Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has written a letter to Catholics in response to that report. [Read more...](#)

COLF RESPONSE TO THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED DYING: The content of the much anticipated report issued on February 25 by the Special Joint Committee of the Government of Canada, entitled *Medical Assistance in Dying: A Patient-Centred Approach*, can only be described as alarming. [Read COLF Response here.](#)

STATEMENT AND CALL TO ACTION FROM CARDINAL THOMAS COLLINS CONCERNING EUTHANASIA/ASSISTED SUICIDE: "I will give no deadly medicine to anyone if asked, nor suggest any such counsel..." [more...](#)

LIFECANADA: Take action; respond to pending euthanasia and assisted suicide legislation in Canada. Info: (<https://lifecollective.io/lifecanada/get-involved/take-action-now>).

COALITION FOR HEALTHCARE AND CONSCIENCE LAUNCH 'RESPECT FOR CONSCIENCE' PROJECT: A proposal on how the conscience rights of doctors and health-care facilities can be respected. The Coalition brings together the Archdiocese of Toronto, the Christian Medical and Dental Society of Canada, the Catholic Organization for Life and Family, the Canadian Federation of Catholic Physicians' Societies, the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute, and Canadian Physicians for Life. It also represents some 5,000 physicians across Canada. The website allows concerned Canadians to indicate their support for the Respect for Conscience proposal, as well as providing an opportunity to write to the appropriate officials in each province or territory with respect to its plans to protect the conscience rights of health-care workers and institutions. Info: (<http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/>).

VULNERABLE PERSONS STANDARD: Almost 30 Canadian agencies involved in health care and work with the disabled including the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada, L'Arche Canada, and the Physicians Alliance against Euthanasia, have developed the Vulnerable Persons Standard. Released this March 3, it is a series of safeguards to protect the lives of vulnerable persons who may be subject to coercion and abuse. Info: (<http://www.vps-npv.ca/>).

LETTER FROM L'ARCHE: Intended to coincide with the Vulnerable Persons Standard, Mr. Jean Vanier, founder of L'Arche, and Ms. Hollee Card, National Leader of L'Arche Canada, have issued a letter on assisted suicide dated this past February 25: (http://www.larchecommons.ca/f/nf4675ca/vanier_oped_on_physicianassisted_dying.pdf).

ARTICLE BY 'BIOETHICS MATTERS': (March 2016, Vol. 14, No. 2). "The Health Care Professional as Person: The Place of Conscience", by Bridget Campion, PhD. Text available: (<http://www.catholicottawa.ca/>).

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION – A GUIDE FOR PARISHES: In October each parish was provided with a copy of a practical guide to help parishes and Catholic organizations respond to our Holy Father's call for us to move forward in care for God's Creation. It is of critical importance that each parish educate our Catholic community on the teachings of Pope Francis in his encyclical, *Laudato Si' – On Care for Our Common Home*, and to show leadership in creation care through example.

The guide is also available on the archdiocesan website (www.catholicottawa.ca/environmental-stewardship). Info: John Dorner (613-738-5025 x251; jdorner@archottawa.ca).

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

REFLECTIONS ON POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL LAUDATO SI': At Kairos Spirituality-for-Social Justice Centre. Wednesday mornings **March 9 & April 6, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.** Cost \$5. Info: (613-236-6557); (kairos@bellnet.ca).

SOCIAL JUSTICE

GOOD FRIDAY SOCIAL JUSTICE WAY OF THE CROSS: Meet at St. Joseph Church parking lot, **Fri., Mar. 25, 10:30 a.m. – Noon**. Hosted by Kairos Spirituality-for-Social Justice Centre. Info: (613-236-6557); (kairos@bellnet.ca).

LENTEN MISSIONS

LENTEN MISSION AT RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD PARISH: With Madonna House priest, Fr. David Linder. His topic will be "The Merciful Love of Our Saviour." Resurrection of Our Lord parish, 1940 Saunderson Dr., at all Masses on **Mar. 12 & 13**, plus Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Penitential service Tues. evening. Info: (613-733-4661).

PARISH EVENTS & SOCIALS

MEN'S BREAKFAST AT ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH: 1060 Baseline, near Merivale, **Sat., March 19, 8:00 a.m.** The speaker will be John Morris, with a talk titled "It All Begins with The Alpha." Continental breakfast with boiled eggs & beans. Cost: \$5 at the east door of the church. RSVP at (breakfastformen@gmail.com) or Denis at (613-228-7646). All men welcome.

CONFERENCES & RETREATS

2016 RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC DEAF: With Msgr. Glenn Nelson. Walk with St. Paul through the Acts of the Apostles and the Biblical Land of Turkey as Paul spreads the call of Jesus: 'Come, follow me.' **April 8-10**, Maison Notre-Dame-de-la-Providence, 1754 St. Joseph Blvd. Cost: \$55. Registrar: Maureen (maureen.cerroni@gmail.com); (613-286-0353) by Mar. 18.

POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY AND SPIRITUALITY SYMPOSIUM: A tribute to Yvon Saint-Arnaud (1918-2009). Saint Paul University, **March 17, 18 & 19**. Info: (<http://ustpaul.ca/en/positive-psychology-and-spirituality>).

WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

OTTAWA FAMILY CINEMA: Now showing *Risen* - a movie about the Resurrection, as told through the eyes of a non-believer who is tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus in the weeks following the crucifixion. **Fri., Mar. 11, 7:00 p.m.** Notre Dame Auditorium, 710 Broadview Ave. Info: (613-722-8218); (info@familycinema.ca).

OK CLEAN WATER PROJECT FUNDRAISER: Fashion Show on **April 11, 6:00- 9:00 p.m.** Shepherd's – Train Yards location. Tickets: \$45 each; available from (horanc@sympatico.ca).