



Friday Facts

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FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

EPISCOPAL ANNIVERSARY: Happy anniversary to Archbishop Prendergast on the 21st anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination on April 25. Please keep him and his apostolic ministry in your prayers.

NOTE TO PRIESTS RE CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK MASS: A Catholic Education Week Mass will be celebrated at Notre Dame Cathedral on Tues., May 3, 7:30 p.m. If you wish to concelebrate with our Archbishop, please contact Mark Buccino (Mark.Buccino@ocsb.ca; 613-224-4455 x2384), so that the distribution of Holy Communion can be coordinated. Thank you.

PASTORAL DAY: For priests, deacons, parish staff, chaplaincy leaders and members of Parish Pastoral Councils. A discussion on the pastoral implications of the proposed new legislation on euthanasia & assisted suicide with experts working in healthcare and pastoral care in hospitals. **Thurs., May 19, 9:30 a.m.** Session for priests & deacons only, after lunch. Lunch from Lone Star: \$15. **RSVP for lunch by May 13:** (thurley@ArchOttawa.ca); (613-738-5025 ext. 231).

PRAYERS: For the repose of the soul of Mr. Lawrence Ernest Slatter, who died April 16, 2016 in his 90th year. He was the father of Fr. Mark Slatter, Assistant-Professor of Theological Ethics at Saint Paul University. Funeral Mass was held St. John the Apostle. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

VOCATIONS

PRAYER: 6th Sunday Easter, May 1. That those discerning their vocation will not let their hearts be troubled, but rather find comfort & guidance in the Holy Spirit.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR MAY: That in every country of the world, women may be honored and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed. That families, communities, and groups may pray the Holy Rosary for evangelization and peace.

FROM THE CCCB

STATEMENT ON BILL C-14 BY THE CCCB: This proposed legislation...will make euthanasia and assisted suicide legal and more accessible in our entire country. The Supreme Court decision and current legislative efforts are in stark contradiction to the endeavours of individuals, families and communities to counteract the dangers and sufferings of suicide... [Read more...](#)

CONSOLIDATING CATHOLIC EFFORTS IN VIEW OF BILL C-14: In view of the draft federal legislation on euthanasia and assisted suicide, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) is working in close collaboration with the Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience. Bishops are urging all Catholics and others who share similar principles and values to inform federal and provincial/territorial legislators of their concerns on the sanctity of life and the conscience rights of healthcare workers and institutions when they are faced with a patient's choice for assisted death. [Read more...](#)

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. 30** – Hike for Life
- May 1** – Wedding Anniversary Mass
- May 12** – March for Life
- 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

CANADIAN RELIGIOUS LEADERS CALL ON GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT THE VULNERABLE, IMPROVE PALLIATIVE CARE AND PROTECT FREEDOM ON CONSCIENCE: "We stand together today, leaders within our respective faith communities – Jewish, Muslim and Christian – to express our grave concern over the decriminalization of assisted suicide and euthanasia. We believe that any action intended to end human life is morally and ethically wrong." [Read more...](#)

AUXILIARY BISHOP APPOINTED: Pope Francis appointed Reverend Monsignor Alain Faubert, C.S.S., Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Montreal. Msgr. Faubert will join Most Reverend Thomas Dowd as Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal. [More...](#)

SCHOOLS

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK – SUNDAY, MAY 1 – FRIDAY, MAY 6: Our Catholic faith emphasizes the belief that all persons are created in the image of God and that Christ shows us the fullest expression of God's image alive in each of us. Catholic schools foster the full potential of all students through the efforts of our staff. Please join the OCSB community in celebrating our spiritual theme, *Restore one another in a spirit of gentleness* (Galatians 6.1-9), and our provincial theme, *Opening the Doors of Mercy*, during Catholic Education Week. Catholic Education Week Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral on **Tues., May 3, 7:30 p.m.** to celebrate our Catholic Education. All are welcome! Info: (<http://www.ocsb.ca/>).

FAMILIES, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY OPEN HOUSES: The Diocesan Youth Ministry Team (DYMT) in collaboration with ministries that serve the young adult community will host a series of ministry 'Open Houses', between the weeks of April 25-June 6. If you are interested in attending or hosting an Open House, contact Kathleen for more info: (ka.boskill@gmail.com).

PRO-LIFE

CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR LIFE AND FAMILY – REACTION TO BILL C-14: Bill C-14 (An Act to amend the Criminal Code and to make related amendments to other Acts [medical assistance in dying]), was introduced by the federal government. If passed, it will become legal, on request, to kill a person who meets the legal criteria. [READ MORE.](#)

ACTION LIFE – 27TH 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).

DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING: Alliance for Life Ontario & Campaign Life Coalition invite all pro-lifers to fast and pray on **Mon., May 2**, that the government of Canada invoke the notwithstanding clause to defeat Bill-C-14. For more info: (aflo@mgl.ca); (www.allianceforlife.org); (519-824-7797).

THE VIGIL FOR LIFE: Organized by the Sisters of Life. At St. Augustine Parish, 1060 Baseline Rd., **Wed., May 11**, 7:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Evening Prayer; 7:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Confession available); 8:30 p.m. Benediction. Social in the parish hall follows. Info: (416-463-2722); (toronto@sistersoflife.org).

MARCH FOR LIFE 2016: Parliament Hill, **Thurs., May 12.** Details & further info: (<http://www.marchforlife.ca/>).

BUS TO MARCH FOR LIFE: Leaving St. John the Apostle parish **9:00 a.m. SHARP, Thurs., May 12**, to Notre Dame Cathedral for Pro-Life Mass at 10:00 a.m. Pick-up at Notre Dame 11:45 a.m. for Parliament Hill, returning to parish at 2:45 p.m. (at Bank of Canada Building [Wellington at Kent]). Reservations: Deborah (613-820-3580); (deborahlariccia@rogers.com).

EWTN TO COVER MARCH FOR LIFE ON PARLIAMENT HILL: EWTN Global Catholic Network (EWTN) LIVE coverage of the March for Life, **Thurs., May 12, 11:30 a.m.** Can't make it to the March for Life? Watch it at (www.ewtn.com). Encore airing on **Sat., May 14, 1:00 p.m.** Info: Sarah Du Broy, EWTN Regional Marketing Manager Canada (sdubroy@ewtn.com).

PRO-LIFE MASS: The next Mass in the pilgrimage to pray for the establishment of a Pro-life Centre in Ottawa is **Sat., May 21, 10:00 a.m.** at Holy Canadian Martyrs Parish, 100 Main Street, Ottawa. Info: (613-831-2515).

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

WORKSHOP ON MAINTENANCE, USE AND RESTORATION OF PLACES OF FAITH: The National Trust of Canada and *Faith and Common Good* invite participation in [Regenerating Places of Faith: a Workshop for Ottawa's Communities](#) at All Saints Church, 10 Blackburn Ave., **Sat., May 14, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Places of faith anchor and shape our communities, and yet

many congregations face declining attendance and a lack of funds to maintain and operate their historic buildings. What can we do? The future of these places depends on urgent collaboration among faith group leaders, heritage and community organizations, elected officials, businesses, educational institutions and more. An opportunity to share good ideas. Registration: \$25. Info: (www.nationaltrustcanada.ca); John Dorner (613-738-5025 x251; jdorner@archottawa.ca).

CARE FOR CREATION – PRAYER FOR WORLD LEADERS: March 2016 is the 11th consecutive month to set a record high for temperatures on earth. On Earth Day, April 22, world leaders signed the Paris Climate Accord. Let us pray for courage among our world leaders to follow-up on the agreement by taking strong, immediate and necessary action on climate change for the sake of all life in our common home. Info: John Dorner (613-738-5025, ext. 251; jdorner@archottawa.ca).

FAITH FORMATION

WHEN VALUES CONFLICT - THE ROLE OF CHRISTIAN ETHICS IN MAKING DECISIONS: The role of scripture, doctrine, tradition and personal experience in moral decision-making will be explored. Facilitator: David B. Perrin, OMI, Ph.D. **May 27, 7:00 p.m. - May 29, 1:00 p.m.** Register by May 16. Cost: Private \$225; Commuter \$155. Info: (www.galileecentre.com); (613-623-4242, ext. 21); (info@galileecentre.com).

PARISH EVENTS & SOCIALS

ST. GEORGE PARISH 10TH ANNUAL GALA DINNER/DANCE: At St. Anthony Banquet Hall, 523 St. Anthony St., **Sat., April 30, 5:00 p.m.** Come and experience a four course meal, live and silent auctions music by a jazz trio followed by a DJ. Info: Georges Bouliane (613-729-0205); (georges.bouliane@sympatico.ca).

ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD PARISH MEN'S BREAKFAST: Speaker is David MacDonald. **May 14, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.** Annunciation of the Lord, 2414 Ogilvie Rd. Cost: \$10 adults; students \$5. To reserve a spot: Jim Meuse (613-600-3026).

RETREATS

MARY, MOTHER OF DIVINE MERCY RETREAT: Join the Holy Redeemer Parish Knights of Columbus on **Sat., May 14, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.** at 44 Rothesay. Archbishop Prendergast will celebrate Mass at 9:00 a.m. Guest speaker: Fred Schubert, OFS, Director of Our Lady of His Mercy Apostolate. Advance registration required: (KofC9544.ca); Ed Olszewski (divinemercury9544@gmail.com). Breakfast & lunch by the Queenship of Mary. Free will offering. All welcome.

LEGION OF MARY SILENT SPRING RETREAT: Hosted by the Legion of Mary. 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, 5 meals, 3 conferences. Info & registration: Johanne Walsh (613-226-3279).

WOMEN'S RETREAT DAY: At St. Isidore Parish Hall, **Sat., May 28, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Sr. Rosemary O'Toole, CSJ, from The Upper Room Home of Prayer. Theme: 'Understanding False Self and True Self'. Lunch served. Cost: \$20 at the door. Hosted by St. Isidore CWL. Registration: (613-592-1961); (office@stisidorekanata.com) before May 21.

WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

SUPPORT OUR SPECIAL OLYMPIANS: Knights of Columbus Council 485 bottle drive for the Special Olympics. **Sat., May 14, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.** at St. Basil Church. Donate beer, wine and liquor bottles to support these young men & women. An opportunity for students to volunteer. For info & bottle pick-up: John Watters (scott234ca@yahoo.com).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

DIVINE INFANT PARISH - FINANCIAL BOOKKEEPER: Good knowledge of accounting & practical experience with QuickBooks. Bookkeeping experience an asset. 1 day/week in the parish office plus 1 day for data entry and records management of weekly contributions. Application to parish office: 6658 Bilberry Dr., Orleans in person, by mail or email (di_office@rogers.com), attn Ruth Benwell. Job description upon request. Resumes must be received by **May 5, 2016.**

SERENA Canada: Provider of the Symptothermal Method (STM) of Natural Family Planning, is seeking an Executive Director. Info: (hiringembauche@serena.ca); (www.serena.ca).