

Catholic Ottawa



Called to wake up the world

By Archbishop Prendergast, SJ

Each year, in the Archdiocese of Ottawa, our consecrated religious men and women gather with the Catholic community to celebrate their vocation to witness to Gospel values. This celebration takes place on February 2nd, the World Day for Consecrated Life – the Feast of the Presentation

of the Lord in the Temple – or on a date close to it.

This year, our celebration took place on January 31st at Saint Paul University’s De Mazenod Chapel. It was one of the observances of this Year of Consecrated Life, which officially began on the First Sunday of Advent – November 30, 2014 – and will end on this fall’s Solemnity of Christ the King – November 22, 2015. We celebrate consecrated life because religious men and women remind us of the saints who preceded us here, in Canada, and in whose footsteps we seek to follow Christ. But there’s more. Pope Francis keeps repeating the words of St. John Paul II who said to the religious: “You not only have a glorious

history to recall and retell, but also a great history still to be realized! Look to the future, where the Spirit is sending you so as to do even greater things.” “I count on you to wake up the world, since the distinctive sign of consecrated life is prophecy... This is the priority needed right now.”

The Holy Father goes a step further, saying that all of us who were consecrated as priest, prophet and king on the day of our baptism also have vocations to holiness and to go on mission. We have all been called to be sent out, with the help of the Holy Spirit, so the world may know and experience Christ’s salvation.

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View Archbishop Prendergast’s video message on vocations on our YouTube channel

The Synod on the family 2015

By Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, SJ

In October, the Synod of Bishops will meet with the Pope to continue reflecting on the reality of the family and to discern – with the help of the Holy Spirit – the spiritual and pastoral paths which we should adopt so that the family can live out its vocation and mission in the Church and the contemporary world.

The socio-cultural context in which we live presents many challenges that affect us all. This is especially true of everything relating to marriage and family life. Everywhere, customs, as well as traditional and religious practices are being shaken. And the crises faced by couples can tend to destabilize the family unit.

Faced with this fact, the Church feels the need to speak what is true and hopeful. But, it is not always easy to see which of these to prioritize as we announce the Gospel and welcome those who struggle. In pastoral activity, we need to keep united truth and mercy.

That is why, in considering these issues, the Church, at the beginning of this year, engaged in a consultation process with Catholics in dioceses around the world, including the faithful of the Archdiocese of Ottawa.

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More than 150 couples celebrated their wedding anniversary at Notre Dame Cathedral on Sunday, May 3, courtesy of Heribert Riesbeck

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This year's annual celebration of consecrated life was held at Saint Paul University's De Mazenod chapel on January 31. Photos courtesy of Jean Paul Picard

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And what did this lead to? Mainly, it became clear that pastors need to be concerned about those who are struggling, how we can express our desire to accompany, support and encourage them, while simultaneously continuing our resolve to share the Good News with them.

“Do not be afraid to invite Jesus to your wedding feast, to invite Him to your home, that He may be with us and safeguard the family,” said Pope Francis

in his teaching devoted to marriage and the family delivered during a general audience held in St. Peter's Square on April 29. “And we mustn't be afraid to also invite his Mother Mary! When Christians marry in the Lord, they are transformed into an effective sign of God's love. Christians do not marry for themselves alone: they marry in the Lord for the good of the entire community, society as a whole.” Let's continue to pray for our Canadian bishops and all those who will participate in the Synod this fall.

Homelands Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral – January 25



As a result of Archbishop Plourde's influence, the Mass grew over the years and began to take place at Notre Dame Cathedral under Archbishop Gervais. “I am privileged to continue this tradition of celebrating Mass in several different languages each year, in addition to French, English, and traditional Latin,” said Archbishop Terrence Prendergast. Courtesy of Robert Du Broy

Reconciling with survivors of aboriginal residential schools

By Archbishop Prendergast, SJ

The Catholic Archdiocese of Ottawa welcomes the events surrounding the release of the report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The report and the ceremonies from May 31 to June 3 are of national significance to the restoration of the Church's wounded relationship with aboriginal peoples.

The Government of Canada mandated aboriginal residential schools from the 1840s until the last school closed in 1996. The schools were a part of a policy of cultural assimilation of aboriginal peoples. Over the decades, many of the 150,000 children who attended these schools, often forcibly, suffered abuse. The consequences of the resulting psychological and social harm span generations. Most of these residential schools were operated by 48 communities and dioceses of the Catholic Church. Although the work and witness done by most religious

men and women, as well as laypeople in difficult situations in remote corners of our country was commendable, we recognize a moral responsibility and obligation to repent of the wrongs done to many children.

Your awareness of this history, your presence at events, and your prayers help the Church express its genuine desire to work

with aboriginal communities to build a shared future of mutual respect. In particular, I encourage you to join me on May 31 at the Walk for Reconciliation, starting at the Robert Guertin Arena, 252 Saint-Rédempteur Street in Gatineau. We will gather at 11 a.m. and start walking at noon. Other events are listed at catholicottawa.ca/upcoming-events. Twitter: #2Reconcile.



Join Archbishop Prendergast for the Walk for Reconciliation on May 31. Courtesy of Robert Du Brooy

Sacred places for sacred memories... in the tradition of faith



Catholic Cemeteries
of the Archdiocese of Ottawa

Hope Cemetery
4660 Bank Street
Ottawa ON K1T 3W7
613-822-1212
hopecemetery.ca

Notre-Dame Cemetery
455 Montreal Road
Ottawa ON K1K 0V2
613-746-4175
notredamecemetery.ca

The spiritual benefits of the Mass offered for a special intention

By Father Geoffrey Kerslake, EV

“The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church’s life, for in it, Christ associates his Church and all her members with his sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving offered once for all on the cross to his Father” (*The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, n. 1407). To have a Mass celebrated for a special need is to have that intention brought to the Lord in the most powerful way as the Church offers the most holy gift of Christ himself to the Father.

Traditionally, parishioners have had a Mass offered in their church or in the parish of a family member for the repose of the soul of a loved one. This ancient practice is most helpful for our beloved dead: “the Eucharistic sacrifice is also offered for the faithful departed who ‘have died in Christ but are not yet wholly purified,’ so that they may be able to enter into the light and peace of Christ” (*The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, n. 1371).

Saint Cyril of Alexandria taught his flock about the great benefit of a Mass offered for the repose of the souls of the departed: “it is a great benefit to the souls on whose behalf the supplication [i.e. the Mass] is offered...By offering to God our supplications for those who have fallen asleep, if they have sinned,

we...offer Christ sacrificed for the sins of all, and so render favorable, for them and for us, the God who loves man.”

Masses offered in the parish for a special intention can be public or private depending on the wishes of the donor. The archdiocese observes the canonical regulations for how many Mass intentions can be offered at a Mass in order that we preserve both the availability of this special offering and prevent any potential abuses or a perception that Mass offerings are a money-generating venture. Details can be found on our website – CatholicOttawa.ca (see Revised Policy No. 26).

I encourage you to consider having a Mass offered for the repose of the soul of a loved one, for a special intention or in thanksgiving for God’s blessings. Mass intentions are a wonderful gift for special occasions as well as a comforting condolence and efficacious help to those who are struggling with the loss of a loved one. It is a great blessing to have a Mass offered for a special intention because of the special grace and help that comes to us from the Father through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

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Celebrating the vocation to consecrated life

By Father Geoffrey Kerslake, EV

Religious communities are active in many parishes and ministries in Ottawa and throughout the world, especially in health-care and education, among other social services. Their efforts – often with the most poor and vulnerable members of society – make an inestimable difference. The witness of their lives of service in poverty, chastity and obedience is a crucial part of the New Evangelization.

Consecrated members of our Ottawa community have had a lasting impact on the ecclesial

and social landscape. Our first bishop, Eugène Bruno Guigues, was a member of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. The foundation of social services in our archdiocese was laid by the Sisters of Charity of Montreal by Saint Marguerite d’Youville and Élisabeth Bruyère. Religious women and men from many congregations continue to serve in our archdiocese in numerous capacities and their ministry is invaluable.

At the beginning of this special year, our annual celebration of consecrated life took place at

Saint Paul University. The Mass was very well attended by religious, secular clergy and laypeople. There was a wonderful atmosphere of joy and thanksgiving for the blessings we have received from the witness and ministry of consecrated women and men in our city.

To close the Year of Consecrated Life, at our next annual celebration in early 2016, we will ask the Lord to continue to call people to this special vocation, blessing them and the Church.

For it is in giving that we receive – living the prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

By Mr. Michael Tien Do, in formation for the permanent diaconate

I had to leave behind my family and friends in Vietnam in the early 80s. The unforgettable journey, escaping by boat from the communist regime, brought me to various refugee camps in Southeast Asia before arriving in Canada. I am very grateful for the warm welcome I received in my new country.

Another turning point in my life was when I responded to the call to the diaconate in the summer of 2010. As a member of Our Lady of La Vang Vietnamese parish in Ottawa, I have participated and accompanied many people on their faith journey through the RCIA and the marriage preparation programme. I have also developed deep and lasting friendships with our newly baptised and confirmed adults.

The diaconate formation has been both spiritual and intellectual. It has helped me to grow on different levels. Many people have been there for me and have prayed for me: Vilan – my most cherished spouse, my colleagues in the diaconate programme, the formation team, and the wonderful instructors from Saint Paul University and Dominican University College.

I am constantly encouraged by our Blessed Mother during the ups and downs of my life. By attending the Ottawa pastoral care training programme, being involved in correctional service ministry and pastoral



Michael and Vilan, courtesy of Michael Tien Do

care ministry, working at the Shepherds of Good Hope and volunteering at St. Patrick's Home, I realized that my vocation to the diaconate has its roots in ministering to the family, parish, and community at large.

During my formation, I have discovered my ministerial identity, experienced God's love, understood the meaning of living out the Gospel message of feet washing, experienced compassion in receiving the poor and caring for them, journeyed with people who are hurt, and experienced our common human brokenness and our common need of healing. This has allowed me to experience the Joy of the Gospel.

The role of catechesis in marriage preparation

By Thomas Moloney

Over the past year, the Archdiocese of Ottawa has undertaken a project to examine marriage preparation with a view to evangelize in the context of today's society. An experienced couple who has helped prepare engaged couples for marriage over the course of many years has summed up the feedback that participants used to talk about why God and the Church are important in this sacrament. However, in this day and age, we have to first talk about who God is and then about why he is important in marriage.

In response to this situation, we will be hosting a marriage preparation course this coming August. The purpose is to test a newer methodology, focusing 75 percent of time on catechesis and 25 percent on practical relationship tools which differs from other courses' priorities. The goal is to highlight the Church's unique responsibility to communicate the faith to those preparing for sacraments.

Vatican seeks feedback from our parishes on the family

By Ted Hurley

The Holy Father has called for an Ordinary General Assembly to take place from October 4th to 25th to treat the topic: The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and Contemporary World. In preparation for the Synod, each diocese was asked to respond to a series of questions.

This past January, we asked our pastors to coordinate a response from their parishes. The answers submitted were then compiled into a document that was sent to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. This document is being included in their report to Rome that will help the organizers prepare for the Synod.

Two main concerns were brought to our attention by our parishioners. First, couples are required to take a marriage preparation course,



Two sisters at the Homelands Mass on January 25, courtesy of Robert Du Broy

but after they are married, there is little support for them during the difficult times in family life. The second concern is the lack of understanding of the teachings

of the Church. There seems to be a gap between what the Church teaches and the perception of what it teaches. Please keep the Synod and its participants in your prayers.

Environmental stewardship guide for dioceses and parishes

By John Dorner

The entire world awaits the upcoming encyclical from Pope Francis on the environment. As responsible stewards of creation, it is critical that we – as individuals, families, and as parish communities – act now to ensure that we care for and reduce the risks to the most vulnerable – the poor, our children, and for the future generations.

In order to meet our responsibility as stewards of creation, the Archdiocese of Ottawa is working with the Social Affairs Commission of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario to develop an environmental stewardship guide for dioceses and parishes. This guide should help parishes with practical applications to help build a “new culture” consistent with

the central themes of recent church teachings on the environment. The draft document will be reviewed and edited once the papal encyclical is published, and will then be shared with dioceses and parishes across the province.

The Archdiocese of Ottawa appreciates all parishes that have been actively involved in environmental stewardship as a visible part of parish life. Your efforts have helped in large measure in the development of the guide.

All parishes are welcome to contact me by email: jdorner@archottawa.ca or by phone: 613-738-5025, ext. 251 for more information on moving forward in environmental stewardship.

Parish-based seniors' ministry

By Patricia Marsden-Dole

This past long and hard winter might help us understand the difficult process of aging for many of our senior citizens. Within the boundaries of our archdiocese, we will soon live in an aging society where publicly funded health and social services are and will be a significant challenge because of a rapidly aging population's increasing needs.

Growing older is a time of change; downsizing the material and upsizing the spiritual dimensions of life. It is when we review our hopes and examine the roots of our faith and hope in the journey of aging. It's a time to forgive and accept, and to share our lives and care for those who need our love and attention.

We are hoping to assist in establishing a seniors' ministry in selected parishes to explore some of these issues. A number of parishes have events or activities in place. We would like to look at their needs,

how they are currently being met, and new things we might be able to offer.

If there is a need for this type of ministry in your parish or if you would like to help us explore what we can do for seniors, please contact me by email at: pmarsdendole@archottawa.ca.



Seniors serving neighbourhood seniors at Saint Theresa's parish, courtesy of Patricia Marsden-Dole

Looking at young adults' needs in the Archdiocese of Ottawa

By Ted Hurley

On March 21st, the Youth Office began a process to identify what is on the hearts and minds of Catholic young adults in Ottawa – whether single, married, or religious. In order to better serve this group, the Youth Office – with the help of the diocesan youth ministry team – organized an evening called *The Hub* for men and women aged 18 to 35.

This event began with prayer. Then, participants divided into small groups, with each group focusing on a specific need. For example: the need to grow in faith, for social activities, for prayer experiences, and to learn how to live the Catholic faith in a secular world.

The small groups discussed ways to respond to these needs. Then, participants returned to a large group to continue the discussion. The conversations and input were very constructive. The diocesan youth ministry team is in the process of reviewing this material and will gather the group together



for further planning with regard to young adult ministry. If you are a young adult and would like to be involved, please contact me by email at: thurley@archottawa.ca.



Ottawa's third annual Vocation Fair Breakfast draws in 40 people

By Sister Anna Chan, SC

The annual Vocation Fair Breakfast, an initiative for discerning men and women to learn about different religious communities in the area, was held on Saturday February 14, 2015.

Archbishop Prendergast first approached me with the idea of a Vocation breakfast in 2013, modeled from a similar initiative in the US. It began as an event for women. However, being the Year for Consecrated Life, Episcopal Vicar Father Geoffrey Kerslake and I thought it fitting to open the event to both men and women. Each year, for the past three years, we've connected 40 to 75 people with the following communities: the Sisters of Charity, the Dominicans, the Queenship of Mary, the Claretians, and

the Servants of the Cross. To date, at least 18 communities have participated in the Fair. In the hopes of promoting the Consecrated Life as a way that the Lord calls His people to live for Him, we will continue to hold this event annually.

This is a testimony from a young lady, Melissa Monette, who attended the Vocations Fair and who is now an Applicant with the Servants of the Cross: "I first thought about religious life 11 years ago. I ignored the promptings of the Holy Spirit partially because I had no idea what religious life genuinely was! In 2013, working as a youth minister at Blessed Sacrament parish, I brought some teens to the Breakfast. During Mass, at the end of the homily,

Father Galen Bank, CC said very simply: "If you feel God calling, what are you waiting for?" I was stunned; I felt something stir in me. I realized I didn't know what I had been waiting for. God was always there, waiting for me to listen and respond. I contacted the Servants of the Cross and began the discernment process. Last August, I entered the community and haven't looked back since."



Religious sisters and participants gathered together, courtesy of Sister Anna Chan

The Queenship of Mary – a religious community after Mary's heart

By Mother Mary Bernadette, QMC

In 2007, the Queenship of Mary Community was established in Ottawa under the guidance of Archbishop Prendergast.

The community's charism is to love with the heart of Mary, promoting

our Blessed Mother as Queen of Heaven and Earth. Through modelling Mary's devotion and service to her Son, Jesus, we feel called to pray for and to assist priests in various forms of ministry. A typical day consists of our mornings being primarily spent in silent Adoration, Mass and prayer, while our afternoons are filled with various works of charity. Our day is also intertwined with devotional prayers, such as the Angelus and Divine Mercy chaplet.

As a semi-contemplative community, our vision is to create an environment that will promote a personal encounter with Christ. We believe that it is through loving

with the heart of Mary that we will be answering the call of the new evangelization. We are presently in the process of acquiring land on the outskirts of Ottawa, where we plan to build our motherhouse and a future chapel and quiet haven dedicated to our Blessed Mother. In the peace and beauty of nature and through dedicated perpetual Adoration, we will be praying for a spiritual revitalization for the world. We live on Divine Providence, and therefore welcome donations of time, talent and treasure. We believe that "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10).



The Queenship of Mary, courtesy of the community

The Sisters of Charity of Ottawa are celebrating 170 years

By Sister Yolande Campbell, SCO

Sister Élisabeth Bruyère, who was first associated with the Grey Nuns of Montreal, and her five companions arrived in Bytown on February 20, 1845. They travelled most of the way in sleds, on the ice of the Ottawa River, and were accompanied by guides. It was thanks to the promptings of Father Adrien Telmon, OMI, who had a desire to serve his people, that they agreed to go to this part of the country.

The nuns began to work as soon as they arrived. Trusting in Providence, on March 5, 1845, they opened the first bilingual school in Ontario, where 100 children registered. On May 10, they opened a small hospital that became the Ottawa General Hospital. At first,

it provided medical care to a diverse clientele, including many injured loggers, and shortly after that, a hospice for the elderly and infirm, as well as an orphanage were added to the hospital.

Filled with compassion, the Sisters of Charity continue their mission today in many countries in the following domains: education, hospital care, and social services. In addition to Canada, they are present and active in Brazil, Cameroon, the United States, Japan, Lesotho, Malawi, the Republic of South Africa, Thailand, and Zambia. They have also been doing missionary work in Haiti for 40 years and in Papua for 10 years. Despite declining numbers in North America, the congregation is still actively involved in many

projects to help the poor and ensure greater social justice, and they often collaborate with other religious communities. The nuns are also involved in school and parish ministry.

Today, the Sisters of Charity of Ottawa and their Associates are of various nationalities. They continue to witness to the spirituality, mission, and charism of compassion that Élisabeth Bruyère entrusted to them.



Photo taken at the February 22, 2014 meeting, courtesy of the Sisters of Charity

Sisters of l'Institut Jeanne d'Arc



Sr. Béatrice Pomerleau (left) celebrates her 100th birthday with Sr. Elisabeth Bujold who is 101 years old



Sr. Doris Gascon; Sr. Monique Côté, who is celebrating 50 years of religious life; Sr. Yvette Papillon; Sr. Monique Robert and Sr. Denise Montpetit



Sr. Annette Bissonnette with Sr. Denise Montpetit

Photos courtesy of l'Institut Jeanne d'Arc

Community gathering



Fraternal meeting: Sisters of l'Institut Jeanne d'Arc, Franciscan Sisters of Halifax and the Servants of the Cross



The New Evangelization Summit reaches thousands of people

By Kathleen Boskill

The New Evangelization Summit (NES)'s premier site in Ottawa sold out with 800 people in attendance, and was webcasted to 20 host sites in Canada and the U.S., reaching about 3,000 Catholics in total. The conference was held April 24th and 25th at the Ottawa Conference and Event Centre on Coventry Road.

During the weekend, participants had the opportunity to attend Mass on the Saturday morning at Sheng Shen parish, celebrated by Archbishop Prendergast on the 20th anniversary of his episcopal ordination – a very special occasion for our local Church!

Michael and Linda Dopp, founders of *Mission of the Redeemer Ministries*, began planning the event in 2013, after listening

to an audio talk by Bill Hybels, founder and senior pastor of Willow Creek Community Church. Each year, Willow Creek hosts a Global Leadership Summit – an annual training event for church, ministry, and community leaders to sharpen their leadership skills. Michael Dopp believes that Catholics around the world needed to have access to a similar conference, bringing together world-renowned speakers on the New Evangelization to inspire, form, and connect Catholics with new ideas, programs, and ways of looking at evangelization within the context of their everyday life.

The NES featured eight world-renowned speakers: Dr. Scott Hahn, Dr. Ralph Martin, Father Michael Gaitley, Patrick Coffin, JoEllen Gregus, Ken Yasinski, Father James Mallon, and Michael Dopp.



Praise and worship during the NES, courtesy of Carling Sinclair

The Ottawa leadership team is already planning next year's conference, making the NES an annual event. Additional host sites will be added, attracting more people every year and reaching a larger audience. The goal is to reach out to all of North America and, eventually, have host sites participating from around the world. To check out some of the speakers for next year and for more information about the NES, please visit our website – newevangelization.ca.

Sisters of Sainte-Marie de Namur



From left to right: Sr. Marie-Pierre Delorme, Sr. Réjeanne Roussel, Sr. Claudette Brunet, Sr. Françoise Berthiaume, the late Sr. Suzanne Bergeron (in front), Sr. Mona Mreiche (behind), Sr. Françoise Sabourin and Sr. Fernande Levac, courtesy of the Sisters of Sainte-Marie de Namur

Catholic Perspectives formation prepares young adults to defend the Catholic faith

By Katherine Church

I'm a far cry from a habitual "yes-man." However, on a few occasions, I've agreed to participate in something without knowing the full implications. One of those instances was when I was invited to participate in an initiative with Father Tom Rosica at Salt and Light Media.

I travelled to Toronto last spring to participate in a training session with about 15 other young adults, learning how to be more media apt. This initiative called *Catholic Perspectives* was modelled after similar groups in the UK and was trialed at World Youth Day (WYD) 2002 in Toronto.

The goal is to encourage the media to speak with young adults, instead of restricting interviews to clergy. These Catholics who have regular jobs and don't have theology degrees are more relatable to the general public, and are a powerful witness.

Our first meeting last year focused on the canonizations of Popes John Paul II and John XXIII that were

coming. Having experienced my own conversion through JPPI's WYD in Toronto, after another "yes-man" incident, I was so moved by our discussions that I travelled to Rome for the canonizations.

The group met again this past February to discuss the Synod on the family, and Pope Francis' ability to "walk the walk."

Catholic Perspectives has helped me learn more about the Church, strengthen my faith, prepare me to do a couple of interviews with Carleton University journalism students, and has given me useful skills in my volunteer ministry with the Ottawa Catholic Challenge Movement.



Catholic Perspectives formation last February

The Catholic Women's League's 92nd annual Ottawa diocesan convention

By Marie-Claire Patterson

Dozens of Catholic Women's League (CWL) members from the 25 councils across Ottawa gathered at St. Ignatius Martyr parish on Saturday, May 2nd to enjoy a full day of sharing, prayers and fellowship.

Listening to inspiring stories from council representatives affirmed how blessed and rich the archdiocese is because of each member's involvement. With the League's patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel, participants united their hearts and voices to address issues of concern to all Canadians, notably, the numerous social injustices faced by our First Nations sisters.

Colleen Martin, Director of Programs and Services at the National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association (NACCA) led participants through an enlightening workshop entitled: "Building Bridges." A passionate speaker, she challenged us to reflect on and explore what can be done to support aboriginal peoples' quest to preserve their culture and nationhood, while living in harmony with all Canadians. The workshop was an excellent preparation for the ensuing beautiful prayer service to remember our missing aboriginal sisters. The League will also be encouraging CWL members to light a candle at the Sisters in Spirit

Vigil, to be held on October 4th: www.october4th.ca.

The CWL Ottawa Diocesan Council President, Sharon St. Jean, closed the convention with expressions of gratitude for the selfless and joyful service of the eight outgoing executive officers. The newly elected executive officers were warmly congratulated and thanked for accepting their new leadership role. Participants left the convention uplifted with a renewed sense of purpose. Learn more about the CWL by visiting the national CWL website at: www.cwl.ca.

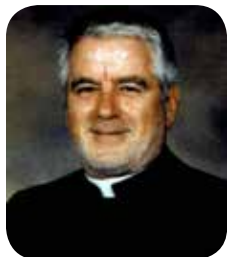
Jubilarians 2015

Father Aelred Daley – 50 years



Father Aelred Daley was born on July 5, 1935 in Osgoode Station, Ontario, and was ordained a priest on June 10, 1965 at St. Mary's parish by Auxiliary Bishop of Ottawa Joseph Raymond Windle. Over the years, he served the following parishes as Assistant Pastor: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary and Saint Patrick's Basilica. He also served at St. Theresa's parish. He now resides at the John Paul II Residence for retired priests.

Father Robert Jenkins – 50 years



Ottawa native Father Robert Jenkins was born on January 8, 1941, and was ordained a priest on June 10, 1965. He was a professor at St. Pius X Seminary, and became head of its Religion and History departments. He was chaplain at St. Patrick's and St. Peter's high schools and coached several sport teams at St. Pius X. He also served the following parishes as Administrator, Assistant Pastor or Pastor: St. Monica's, Hunt Club Catholic Community, St. John the Apostle, Our Lady of Fatima, St. Michael's, St. Gabriel's Mission, Holy Name of Mary and St. Declan's. In 1986, he was honoured with a Silver pin by the Ottawa-Carleton Association for Persons with Developmental Disabilities for his work with the mentally challenged.

Father Joseph Vayalil – 50 years



Born in Cheruvally, India, on November 29, 1938, Father Joseph Vayalil was ordained a priest on October 3, 1965. After immigrating to Canada, he became a chaplain in the Canadian Armed Forces: Base Borden, Base Galetown, NB, Golan Heights, Damascus (United Nations), Air Force Base Port Hardy, BC. He served the following parishes as Assistant Pastor or Pastor: Saint Patrick's Basilica, St. John the Apostle, St. George's, St. Michael's, St. Peter Celestine, St. Catherine, Good Shepherd, Annunciation of the Lord, and St. Peter. He retired on July 31, 2014.

Father Ernst Schoenhammer, OMI – 50 years



Born in Bamberg, Germany on May 16, 1938, Father Ernst Shoenhammer was ordained a priest on December 18, 1965. The following year, he began serving the German-speaking Catholic immigrants in Ottawa. He served as Chaplain to St. Albertus Pfarrgemeinde and is Pastor of the parish since 1977. He has also served the Archdiocese of Ottawa as Regional Vicar for the pastoral ministry of Region II of the English Sector. He received the Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany awarded on October 31, 2003, by the President Johannes Rau for serving German-speaking Immigrants since 1966.

Father Daryl Kennedy – 40 years



Born on April 11, 1947, Father Daryl Kennedy was ordained a priest on June 7, 1975 at Assumption parish. He served the following parishes or communities as Administrator, Assistant Pastor or Pastor: Assumption, Blessed Sacrament, Holy Cross, St. John the Apostle, St. Philip's, St. Clare's, Holy Family, St. Michael's, St. Gabriel's Mission, St. Edith Stein, St. Margaret Mary, St. Jude, and Our Lady of Divine Love. He was Associate Rector of Saint Patrick's Basilica. He served as Assistant Chaplain or Chaplain of: the Knights of Columbus – Nos. 5558 and 13049, the Queensway-Carleton Hospital, and the Ottawa Hospital at the Civic and Riverside campuses. He also worked at the Ottawa Ecclesiastical Tribunal. He retired in November 2013.

Father Béla Pesznyák – 40 years



Ordained a priest at the Vatican by Pope Paul VI on June 29, 1975, Father Béla Pesznyák served Hungarian communities in Yugoslavia as Administrator prior to arriving in Canada. He served a large number of Hungarians in Canada as Chaplain, Pastor or Administrator in the dioceses of London, Hamilton, Winnipeg, Vancouver and Ottawa. He is currently Chaplain for the Hungarian community at St. Elizabeth's parish in Ottawa.



Father Glicerio Jimenez – 40 years



Born in the Philippines on October 22, 1949, Father Glicerio Jimenez was ordained a priest in Rome by Pope Paul VI on June 29, 1975. He first served as Assistant Pastor and as Pastor to parishes in the Philippines. When he arrived to Canada, he first served as Assistant Pastor to St. Margaret Mary and Holy Family in Hamilton. He then served the following parishes in the Archdiocese of Ottawa as Assistant Pastor, Administrator or Pastor: Saint Patrick's Basilica, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Catherine of Sienna, Our Lady of Fatima, St. Michael's, St. Gabriel's, and St. Peter Celestine. He has made pilgrimages to 23 countries, which include up to eight cities per country.

Father John DeCoste – 40 years



Father John DeCoste was born on June 2, 1943 and was ordained a priest on August 23, 1975 at Notre-Dame de l'Assomption parish, Arichat, Nova Scotia by Archbishop of Halifax James Hayes. He studied at Dayton University, at the University of Ottawa and at Saint Paul University. He was a missionary in Africa and served as parish priest at Cheticamp, Nova Scotia before moving to the Ottawa region. He served the following parishes as Pastor: St. Edith Stein, Rockland, and St. Margaret Mary, Ottawa. He was Chaplain at the Ottawa Hospital, and of the Knights of Columbus – Council 13049. He returned to his native Nova Scotia in 2012.

Father Daniel Dubroy – 25 years



Ottawa native Father Daniel Dubroy was born on May 20, 1949. Ordained a priest on December 15, 1990 by Archbishop Gervais, he served the following parishes as Assistant Pastor, Administrator, Associate Pastor or Pastor: Divine Infant, St. John the Apostle, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Our Lady of Fatima, St. Elizabeth, and St. Monica. He served as Chaplain of the NAIM Ministry, of the Knights of Columbus – Ottawa Council No. 485, of the Ottawa Civic Hospital, and of Queensway Carleton Hospital. He served as Spiritual Director of the John Paul II Centre for Divine Mercy. He began to live as a hermit last August.

Father Richard Jaworski, CC – 25 years



Born on October 25, 1961, Father Richard Jaworski, CC was raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba. One of the earliest members of the Companions of the Cross, he was ordained a priest in Ottawa at Notre Dame Cathedral on December 15, 1990 by Archbishop Gervais. He served the following parishes as Assistant Pastor, Associate Pastor, or Administrator: St. Patrick's Fallowfield, Our Lady of the Visitation, St. John the Evangelist, St. Bridget's, and Divine Infant, as well as Holy Family Catholic Community. He was appointed Pastor to Queen of the Most Holy Rosary parish on July 1, 2013, where he continues to serve in this capacity.

*These are our English sector Jubilarians for this year. Please see *Catholique Ottawa – édition du printemps / été* for our French sector Jubilarians' biographies. Our Francophone Jubilarians are: (55 years) Bishop Gilles Cazabon, OMI; Father Guy Levac, OMI; Father André Fortin; (50 years) Father Jacques Poirier; and Father Gaétan Ouimet, SMM.*

Other priests in our archdiocese celebrating their anniversaries are: (70 years) Father Robert Lechat, OMI; (55 years) Father Pierre Hurtubise, OMI; (50 years) Father Eugene King, OMI; and Father André Laroche, OMI.

Marriage Consent: Part II

By Father Vincent Pereira, JCD

The Church in her legislation has always been cognizant of the sacred nature of marriage as a sacrament. To safeguard the common good of all who are involved in this marriage, the Church has established the appropriate canonical form, that is, the consent expressed in the vows. When this form is appropriately executed by the couple, the validity and specific effects of the marriage take place. [The legality of this canonical form has been explained in part I in our previous issue]. The Church has simplified this juridical consent expressed in the marriage vows while retaining all the essential elements. She has selected a form of consent that comprises “the statement of intentions” and “the declaration of consent” and “the exchange of rings.” Marriage involves two mature adults – a man and a woman – who accept each other for the rest of their lives in the presence of two witnesses and the officiating Church. This signifies the “marriage covenant” as the “marriage contract.”

Since the marriage vows have legal implications, nobody should attempt to rewrite these vows or tamper with them or exclude any part of them: otherwise, it may lead to an invalid marriage. There is a Roman law that indicates: “consent makes marriage.” Marital consent is a mutual juridical act elicited by the couple. In the eyes of the Church, this consent contains all that is necessary to effect a valid sacramental marriage binding on the spouses. This marital consent is a pivotal moment in their lives, an important choice that opens up a new pathway for their interpersonal relationship. Do not take it lightly. Be enthused for the marriage preparation course that opens the prospect of an ever better understanding of this great sacrament.

This is the second of two articles on marriage consent. Please consult Catholic Ottawa and the archdiocesan website – CatholicOttawa.ca – for other tribunal articles.

New rules for charitable donations upon death

By Ted Prowse

Under the present rules, charitable donations made under the provisions of one’s will, including designated gifts where, in part, the asset such as an insurance policy has a registered charity as a beneficiary, are deemed to be made in the taxation year of the deceased’s death and the donation can be used for non-refundable donation tax credit purposes in that year and the previous taxation year of the deceased.

In some cases, the ability to use the full income tax advantage of the tax credit is lost because of the amount of the donation and the net incomes of the deceased in his/her final two taxation years.

Under the new rules that commence January 1, 2016, the charitable donation is deemed to be made when the property being donated is actually transferred to the registered charity as opposed to at the time of the individual’s death. The amount of the donation is the value of the asset when the property is transferred.

Where the estate qualifies when the donation is made, then the income tax benefits of a charitable donation can be used by the estate in the year the donation is made, a previous taxation year of the estate, the last two taxation years of the deceased and, any unused credit can be carried forward by the estate for five taxation years. If the estate does not qualify then, only

the estate can use the donation for tax credit purposes and it cannot be carried back.

An estate qualifies when:

- it is a testamentary trust that has been created under the will (only one trust will qualify),
- it is not older than 36 months from the creation under the will, and,
- a proper election has been made.

Thus, it is important that the estate qualifies and that the donation is deemed to be made in the three-year period of qualification. It should be noted that the benefit of capital gains’ exemption on the donation of publicly traded securities by your estate to a qualified charity should continue to apply.



Recent Diocesan Activities

Top: Rite of Election; middle: Jubilarian Dinner; bottom: Chrism Mass



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Archbishop's Charity Dinner

Wednesday, October 21, 2015
at 7 pm

The Ottawa Conference and Event
Centre on Coventry Road

