

FRIDAY FACTS

Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

December 1, 2017

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at Notre Dame Cathedral: All are invited to take part in the Eucharistic Celebration presided by Msgr. Terrence Prendergast, **Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m.** on the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patron of the Americas, and National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. Join members of Ottawa's Hispanic community from Sagrada Familia parish in celebrating Mary, Queen of the Americas, and ask her to intercede for us, that she may grant peace and reconciliation to all peoples and nations. Info: Cathedral Office (613-241-7496).



"Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience...above all, clothe yourselves with love!"
(Colossians 3.12,14)

Notre Dame Cathedral Christmas Concert preceded by National Historic Site Designation: The choirs of Notre Dame Cathedral will present a Choral Celebration on **Sun., Dec. 17, 2:30 p.m.** Free will offering. The concert will be preceded by a ceremony for the unveiling of a historical plaque by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada **at 2 pm.** This plaque will confirm the designation of the Cathedral as a national historic site. Representatives of the federal government will be in attendance. The Archbishop's Christmas reception will follow in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome. Info: 613-241-7496.

Archbishop's Luncheon for Priests: During Christmas Week, **Thurs., Dec. 28.** Reception, 11a.m. in his Residence; Buffet Luncheon, 12p.m. in Cathedral Hall. Dress is casual. **RSVP before Fri., Dec. 15:** (arch@archottawa.ca); (613-738-5025 x 233).

All Parishes – College of Consultors: Regarding new parish projects – to be submitted for approval (such as construction, renovation, restoration, major acquisitions, property sales, major fundraising campaigns, changes to sacred art or any changes to the parish's worship spaces). According to diocesan policy, approval must be obtained from the College of Consultors before carrying out these projects. The College is meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 2017. **In order to be included on the College's agenda, parishes must submit their project proposals to the diocese (centre@archottawa.ca) by Fri., Dec. 1, 2017.**

Submitting a Notice or Event to the Friday Facts: Friday Facts notices should be submitted using this [online link](#), by **Tues., noon.** Note that as of Jan. 1, only events or notices received via the [submission form](#) will be considered for the Friday Facts.

FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

World Youth Day 2019: Are you between the ages of 16-35 and would like to learn more about your faith while on an international pilgrimage? Consider coming to World Youth Day 2019 with the Archdiocese of Ottawa. Panama, Jan 19 – 29, 2019. Cost: approx. \$3400. Info: thurley@archottawa.ca.

Movie – 'It's A Wonderful Life': Restored and shown for the first time in the cinema in full colour. All proceeds to the Ottawa Catholic Education Foundation to help needy students. Ottawa Family Cinema at Notre Dame HS, 710 Broadview Ave., **Fri., Dec. 9, 7:00 p.m.** One showing only. Cost: \$6 in advance; \$8 at the door. Special discount for members of OFC. Info: www.familycinema.ca; 613-722-8218.

Journey of Hope – A Program for Separated and Divorced Catholics: Six week sessions for women (Tuesdays, Mar. 20 – Apr. 24, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.) and men (Thursdays, Mar. 22 – May 3, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.). Cost: \$25. At Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish Hall, 20 Grant St. Register by Mar. 16: www.journeyofhopeottawa.com; Mary Jane Manley (613-294-1308).

CARE FOR CREATION

Care for Creation Resource for Advent: Global Catholic Climate Movement has a resource for Advent that reflects on and celebrates creation - an opportunity to take small steps away from consumerism and towards authentic joyful celebration.

Included are an Advent calendar, 4 colouring pages for kids, prayers, and ways to green your Christmas: Link: <http://bit.ly/advent-creation>. Info: John Dorner (613-738-5025, ext. 251; jdorner@archottawa.ca).

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Waupoos Farm Seeking Sponsors for Christmas Hampers: Every year, Waupoos Farm hosts 10 low-income families over the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Seeking a few more sponsors to provide gifts to help make their visit extra special! A list of suggested items is available from Cathy at Waupoos (613-822-2189; contact@waupoos.com). Drop off to Waupoos Farm 2050 Rideau Rd.

VOCATIONS

Prayer for Vocations: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - **December 8**. That young men and women will accept the call of the Lord as Mary responded to the angel Gabriel. Second Sunday of Advent - **December 10**. That those chosen by Christ to "prepare the way of the Lord" as priests, deacons, brothers and sisters will answer His call.

FROM THE CCCB

Pope's Message for World Day of Peace 2018: The Holy See has released the Holy Father's Message for the 51st World Day of Peace, which will be celebrated on 1 January 2018. The theme chosen by Pope Francis is "*Migrants and refugees: men and women in search of peace*". In his message, the Holy Father recalls "that it is not enough to open our hearts to the suffering of others. Much more remains to be done before our brothers and sisters can once again live peacefully in a safe home. Welcoming others requires concrete commitment, a network of assistance and goodwill, vigilant and sympathetic attention, the responsible management of new and complex situations that at times compound numerous existing problems, to say nothing of resources, which are always limited." [Link to the Message](#).

PRO-LIFE

Is someone contemplating euthanasia? Available Prevention Resources: Helpline: 1-855-675-8749; [Compassionate Community Care](#) (CCC) is a national service for people who are seeking advice, help & support regarding euthanasia & assisted suicide prevention, and/or end-of-life treatment issues or concerns. Resources available: half-page flier; business card-sized ad (for social media/website); small poster; [Euthanasia Prevention Coalition](#) wallet card with the helpline.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Vigil of Eucharistic Adoration: All night prayer (33 rosaries) at St. Patrick Basilica, **Fri., Dec. 15, 8:00 p.m. - 6:30 a.m.** Info: Naomi (613-825-9704).

Christmas Novena – Simbang Gabi: 9 days of Novena Masses for Christmas, **Dec. 15 - 23, 6:00 p.m.**, with Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, Rosary, followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m. St. Peter Church, 1640 Heatherington Rd. Christmas Novena or Simbang Gabi is a Catholic tradition that is celebrated across the world. All are invited. Info: 613-733-1553; www.stpetersparish.ca.

Vigil of Mary, Mother of God, 31 December 2017 Sunday Evening: St. Maurice Church, 4 Perry St, Nepean, for a New Year's Eve Celebration of Prayer and Worship in the church. **Dec 31, 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.** Mass at 11:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosaries, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. Info: george@nedoborski.com; 613-225-6529.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Movie Night - Restless Heart: St. Margaret Mary Parish with Friends of Madonna House will be showing *Restless Heart*, the first full-length feature movie on St. Augustine. Popcorn and soft drinks available. St. Margaret Mary Parish, 5 Fairbairn St., **Fri., Dec. 8, 7:00 p.m.** Free admission. Info: stmm@rogers.com; 613-730-5265.

Movie Night at Blessed Sacrament: A public screening of the movie, *Popieluszko: Freedom is Within Us*, a movie about Blessed Jerzy Popieluszko, the Polish martyr, and inspiration for our times. Movie is in Polish with English subtitles. Drinks and snacks provided. Movie runs 3 hours; 30 min. intermission half way. **Dec. 16, 6:30 p.m.**, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 194 Fourth Ave. Good will offering. Info: kolyacarn@yahoo.com.

FAITH FORMATION

St. Elizabeth Advent Retreat: Focuses on the Sunday Gospel readings of Advent. Presentations by Fr. Daryold Winkler. Refreshments. St. Elizabeth Church, **Sat., Dec. 9, 12:30 - 4:00 p.m.** Free will offering. Info: st.elizabethparish@rogers.com.

Bible Study: Sister+Hood, in collaboration with St. John the Apostle Church (2340 Baseline Rd), is pleased to offer Jeff Cavin's "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible." Open to men and women; runs for 8 weeks, every Thursday, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. starting **Jan. 18**. Cost: \$25, includes student workbook. Registration: Karen 613-806-0377; livesisterhood@gmail.com; www.sisterhood.live or at the parish office.

OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS

Resurrection of Our Lord Advent Mission: Theme: The Beatitudes. Led by Fr. Roman Rystar. Starting at weekend Masses, **Dec. 9 - 10** and continuing **Mon. - Wed., Dec. 11 - 13, 7:00 p.m.** 1940 Saunderson Dr. Info: resurrectionchurch@rogers.com.

Marriage Preparation: Annual marriage preparation course **February 23-25, 2018** at Resurrection of Our Lord Parish. If you plan to get married in 2018, and would like to attend, please call the parish office: 613-733-4661 by Dec. 15. Cost: \$100. Info: resurrectionchurch@rogers.com.

SCHOOLS

Family Advent Event: Join Academia Stella Maris for a free family event to await the birth of our King! Adoration, activities for children and Pot Luck dinner. Chili will be provided by Academia Stella Maris. Register at: www.academiastellamaris.ca or 343-883-6600. At The Good Shepherd Parish, **Sun., Dec. 10, 3:00 p.m.** Free. Info: www.academiastellamaris.ca; 343-883-6600.

Ottawa Catholic School Board Choirs Annual Christmas Concert: "GLORIA!" **Mon., Dec. 18, 7:00 p.m.** at St. Basil Church, Maitland Ave. north of the 417 exit. Featuring the OCSB Children's, Boys' and Chamber Choirs and guests. Tickets: \$15 at the door. Refreshments. Info: Lesley Cameron, Publicity Coordinator, OCSB Choirs, www.choirs.ocsb.ca; (613-836-3271).

WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

Sister+Hood Announces '40+ Christian Mingle': 40+ social group for single Christian men & women to meet, socialize, fellowship & perhaps find that special someone, in order to explore the larger plan that God has for their lives. Join at <https://www.meetup.com/meetup-group-pejgpVpj/>. Meet & Greet at Malone's Restaurant, 1001 Queen Elizabeth Dr., **Fri., Dec. 15, 6:30 p.m.** \$10/year membership + event costs. Info: www.sisterhood.live; livesisterhood@gmail.com; 613-806-0377.

Education and Culture, Rampart of Christianity: Presented by Mr. Philippe Maxence (in French), editor-in-chief of the magazine l'Homme Nouveau. Patro d'Ottawa, 40 Cobourg St., **Mon., Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m.** Info: www.conferencesndmc.com.

2nd Annual Multi-Faith Blood Drive: Ottawa's Faith Leaders are calling on all communities to GIVE LIFE by donating blood. When planning your Holiday Season schedule, make time to donate blood: The Carling Clinic, 1575 Carling Ave., **Dec. 21, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm; Dec. 22, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm; Dec. 23, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm; Dec. 24, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm; Dec. 26, 3:30 - 7:30 pm.** Ottawa Christian School, 255 Tartan Dr., **Fri., Dec. 22, 3:30 - 8:30 pm.** The Royal Canadian Legion - Orléans Branch 632, 800 Taylor Creek Dr., **Sun., Dec. 24, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.** Holiday Inn & Suites, 101 Kanata Ave, **Tues., Dec. 26, 1:00 - 3:30 pm & 5:00 - 8:30 pm.** To book an appointment or to learn more: www.blood.ca; 1.888.2DONATE (1.888.236.6283).

St. Patricks' Home of Ottawa: St. Patrick's Home is currently in need of volunteers to assist with Mass, and Mass portering on Sunday, Friday and Wednesdays of each week from 9:30 - 11:30 am. Contact: Kathy Thompson, Manager of Recreation and Volunteers (613-731-0094 ext. 235).

PILGRIMAGES

May Pilgrimage to Poland: Info evening in St. Patrick Basilica basement, **Mon., Dec. 11, 7pm.** Info: Fr. Kennedy 613-614-1632.

Holy Land Pilgrimage/Tour: St Isidore parish, co-led by Fr. Virgil Amirthakumar, Pastor and the Rev. Dr. Stanford Lucyk, United Church of Canada cleric and veteran tour leader, is sponsoring a study/pilgrimage tour to Israel Oct 11-22, 2018. Cost: \$3, 595 plus \$750 airline and airport taxes. Info: amiriontravel@hotmail.com.