



# Friday Facts

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## FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

**COME SKATE WITH THE ARCHBISHOP – FAMILY DAY:** Celebrate family life with Archbishop Prendergast, **Mon., Feb. 20, 12:15 p.m.** Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica; hotdog lunch. All ages welcome; children 12 & under must be accompanied by an adult. Bring your skates, family & friends. Cost: \$5/person; \$10/family.

**CHRISTIAN INITIATION - RITE OF ELECTION & CALLING CANDIDATES TO LENTEN RENEWAL:** Notre Dame Cathedral. **Sun., March 5, 2:30 p.m.** Family, friends and parishioners are most welcome and encouraged to attend.

**PERMANENT DIACONATE – INFO:** Is the Lord calling you to the Permanent Diaconate? Discover what the diaconate is about. Catholic men in the Archdiocese are invited; married men are encouraged to come with their wives. To attend, contact Deacon Michael Seath (613-324-0007); ([mseath@archottawa.ca](mailto:mseath@archottawa.ca)). 4 info sessions: **Sat., Feb. 25, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.**, St. George Parish, 415 Piccadilly; **Thurs., Mar. 2, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**, St. Isidore Parish, 1135 March Rd.; **Wed., Mar. 8, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**, Good Shepherd Parish; **Mon., Mar. 13, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** St. Augustine Parish, 1060 Baseline.

**REMINDER - PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Deadline to submit is **Feb. 19**. Info: Philippe Courchesne (613-738-5025 x240); ([pcourchesne@archottawa.ca](mailto:pcourchesne@archottawa.ca)) or Alain Trudel ([atrudel@archottawa.ca](mailto:atrudel@archottawa.ca)); (613-738-5025 x209).

## VOCATIONS

**VOCATION FAIR:** To inspire men and women discerning a call. **Sat., Mar. 4, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** at St. Margaret Mary Parish, 5 Fairbairn Ave. Beginning with Mass. Brunch following. Limited parking, consider carpooling. Info: Fr. Pierre Champoux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Ottawa (613-558-1445); ([deont33@hotmail.com](mailto:deont33@hotmail.com)).

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:** First Sunday of Lent - March 5. That prayer, penance and almsgiving will dispose more men and women to follow the Holy Spirit as He leads them to discover their vocations in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

**PRIESTHOOD DISCERNERS' GROUP:** For any single Catholic man interested in knowing more about the priesthood. **Wed., Mar. 8, 7:00 p.m.** at St. Margaret Mary Parish. Info: Fr. Pierre Champoux (613-558-1445); ([vocations@archottawa.ca](mailto:vocations@archottawa.ca)).

**DISCERNMENT RETREAT:** For young/middle-aged men considering a vocation to ministry in the Church, or considering the Jesuit way of life as a possible vocation. Jesuit Ogilvie Residence, Ottawa. Details: Fr. Hasina Rakotoarisoa, SJ (613-850-6029); ([vocation@jesuits.ca](mailto:vocation@jesuits.ca)). Poster: (<http://jesuitvocations.org>).

## FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS – [www.fymottawa.com](http://www.fymottawa.com)

**'JOURNEY OF HOPE' FOR SEPARATED & DIVORCED CATHOLICS:** Women's session begins **Tues., Mar. 21**. Men's session begins **Thurs., Mar. 23**. 6 weeks, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Info: ([www.journeyofhopeottawa.com](http://www.journeyofhopeottawa.com)) or (613-294-1308). Cost: \$25.

**MATERIALS & RESOURCES FOR THE 2017 NATIONAL WEEK FOR LIFE AND THE FAMILY:** Celebrated across Canada, **May 14 – 21**. Theme: "Love Grows by Giving". [Read more...](#)

**The family: home of love,  
mercy and joy.**

*"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,  
peace..." (Galatians 5.22)*

## Events/Deadlines to Note

**Feb. 19** – 2016 Parish Financial Statements due

**Feb. 20** – Family Day with the Archbishop

**Feb. 21** – Presbyteral Council & College of Consultors

**Feb. 25** – 1<sup>st</sup> Permanent Diaconate Information Session

**Mar. 1** – ASH WEDNESDAY

**Mar. 2** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Permanent Diaconate Information Session

**Mar. 4** – Vocation Fair

**Mar. 5** – Rite of Election (form submission by **Feb. 17**)

**Mar. 8** – Priesthood Discerners' Group

**Mar. 8** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Permanent Diaconate Information Session

## FROM THE HOLY SEE

**MESSAGE BY POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2017:** "The Word is a gift. Other persons are a gift." Based on the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (cf. Luke 16:19-31), the Holy Father invites Catholics to find "inspiration in this meaningful story, for it provides a key to understanding what we need to do in order to attain true happiness and eternal life. It exhorts us to sincere conversion." [Link to the Message.](#)

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** At Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, **Thurs., Mar. 2, 11:00 a.m.** Luncheon of dishes from the Philippines, following. Hosted by the CWL. Info: Joan Lepage (613-745-7935); ([joanl@sympatico.ca](mailto:joanl@sympatico.ca)).

## RETREATS

**DAY RETREAT FOR WOMEN:** *Divine Mercy and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.* 2-Part DVD Lecture with Dr. Robert Stackpole. Offered by Sister+Hood, in conjunction with Connemara B&B. **Sat., Mar. 4, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**, 7060 Donwell Dr, Greely. Cost: \$15. Registration: ([livesisterhood@gmail.com](mailto:livesisterhood@gmail.com)); Karen (613-806-0377). Info: (<https://sisterhood.live>).

## PRO-LIFE

**DISCUSSION ON PALLIATIVE CARE:** Notre-Dame Cathedral Hall, 385 Sussex. **Sat., Feb. 18.** Dr. Jose Pereira on "Merely Mortal", **9:00 – 11:00 a.m.** Michel MacDonald on *Euthanasia or Benemortasia? Living and Dying Well*, **11:00 a.m. – noon.**

**MONTHLY PRO-LIFE MASS:** To pray for the establishment of a Pro-life Centre in Ottawa. **Sat., Feb. 25, 10:00 a.m.** at The Good Shepherd Parish, 3092 Innes Rd. Info: (613-831-2515); ([wandawoj@rogers.com](mailto:wandawoj@rogers.com)).

**'JUST MEDICINE FOR THE DYING':** The Augustine College Weston Lecture with Farr Curlin, MD. **Thurs., Mar. 16, 7:30 p.m.** Saint Paul University Auditorium, 223 Main St. Freewill offering. Info: (613-237-9870); ([www.augustinecollege.org](http://www.augustinecollege.org)).

## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

**WHY CARE ABOUT OUR COMMON HOME - LAUDATO SI:** Hosted by St. George Parish. **Sun., Feb. 26, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** With experts from academia, the "Green Churches Network" movement, parishioners, and local MP & Canada's Minister of the Environment, Catherine McKenna. Learn to take practical action as families, parishes & communities. [Info.](#)

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

**L'ARCHE PRESENTATION ON 'BELONGING':** Sponsored by Holy Spirit Parish. **Tues., Mar. 7, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**, 1489 Shea Rd., Stittsville. All are welcome; no charge. To register: (613-836-8881). Info: Richard Konchak (613-831-4569).

**OVERCOMING ANGER SEMINAR:** Why just manage anger when you can overcome it? **Sat., Mar. 11, 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**, St.-Louis-Marie-de-Montfort Church, 749 Trojan Ave. Roots of anger and practical, Bible-based solutions to overcome related compulsions. Registration: Edna Du Broy (613-523-1377); ([edna.dubroy@rogers.com](mailto:edna.dubroy@rogers.com)). Fee: \$40 before Mar. 4.

**EMERGENCY SPIRITUAL CARE ASSISTANCE TEAM:** The Ottawa Hospital needs volunteers to respond to local disaster situations by working alongside responders from other disciplines. An info session regarding recruitment and training will be given on **March 29**. RSVP by March 22 to Linda Miller ([escat@toh.ca](mailto:escat@toh.ca)) or (613-798-5555 ext. 16193).

## FAITH FORMATION

**"MAN OF THE SHROUD" EXHIBIT:** At St. Isidore Roman Catholic Church, Kanata, **April 4-11.** This exhibit is comprised of a life-sized authentic reproduction of the "Shroud of Turin" and 30+ display panels citing historical, scientific and theological

information about The Shroud. Seminars are held daily for students and adults. Groups wishing to attend a seminar are requested to call (613-435-3076) for more info. Lecturers are Mr. Barrie Schwartz, official photographer of the “Shroud of Turin Research Project” and Dr. Phillip Wiebe, Professor of Philosophy, Trinity Western University, Richmond BC. This free event (donations graciously accepted), is made possible by the Vancouver Shroud Association, the Archdiocese of Ottawa and the generous support of St. Isidore parishioners. Everyone is welcome. Info: ([www.theshroud.org](http://www.theshroud.org)).

**LAUNCH OF THEOFORUM:** The Faculty of Theology of Saint Paul University launch of the latest issue of the journal Theoforum which is intended as a homage to four exegetes of the Faculty: Fr. Marcel Dumais, OMI, Fr. Léo Laberge, OMI, Mr. Jean-Paul Michaud, Fr. Walter Vogels, M.Afr. **Mon., Feb. 27, 4:30 p.m.** at the Jean-Léon Allie Library. R.S.V.P. before Feb. 21 to Mrs. Louise Kitts (613-236-1393 x2250): ([lkitts@ustpaul.ca](mailto:lkitts@ustpaul.ca)).

### SCHOOLS

**MARYVALE ACADEMY OF OTTAWA SCHOOL-DAY OPEN HOUSE:** Thurs., Mar. 2, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Mass at 2:00 p.m. Please call the principal to register for part or all of the day: (613-321-2186 x2). School info: ([maryvaleacademy.ca](http://maryvaleacademy.ca)).

### PARISH EVENTS

**COMMUNION & LIBERATION OTTAWA:** Memorial Mass for the 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the death of Father Luigi Giussani and 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pontifical recognition of Fraternity. **Feb. 24, 7:00 p.m.** in the Chapel of Notre Dame Cathedral. Archbishop Terrence Prendergast SJ will preside the Mass. Info: David McConkey ([clonottawa@gmail.com](mailto:clonottawa@gmail.com)).

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**DIRECTOR OF CEMETERIES – ARCHDIOCESE OF OTTAWA:** Reports to the Archbishop’s Delegate for Cemeteries and to the Board of Directors of the two diocesan cemeteries: Notre-Dame & Hope. Details at (<https://www.catholicottawa.ca>).

**SAINT PATRICK BASILICA – EXPERIENCED GIFT & BOOK SHOP MANAGER:** Full-time permanent position with competitive salary and benefits. Details: ([CatholicOttawa.ca/employment-opportunities](http://CatholicOttawa.ca/employment-opportunities)). Deadline: **Mar. 18.**

### PILGRIMAGES

**PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL & SPAIN:** In celebration of 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fatima; led by Fr. Michael Scherrey CC, **Oct.18-30, 2017.** Cost: \$3499/person, double occ. All costs incl. Contact Laurie Courchesne-Dooley (613-732-5739)

### WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - OTTAWA:** The Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est Council (CECCE) has recognized the generosity of the Knights of Columbus, who for the past 6 years have donated hundreds of coats to families in need in CECCE schools. This year, they have received no less than 204 coats for free from this long-time partner. This is an enormous gesture that has a great positive impact on low-income families and newcomers.

**“STABAT MATER”:** By Antonin Dvorak, performed by the choir and orchestra of CAMMAC, **Sun., Feb. 26, 3:00 p.m.,** All Saints' Westboro Church, 347 Richmond Rd., Ottawa, \$20 (\$10 students). Info: Irenka ([irenka@rogers.com](mailto:irenka@rogers.com)).

**STATEMENT ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RELEASED BY THE CHRISTIAN INTERFAITH REFERENCE GROUP:** The Christian Interfaith Reference Group of the Canadian Council of Churches (CCC) has released a statement on religious freedom. [Link to the statement on the CCC website.](#)