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FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

"MAN OF THE SHROUD" EXHIBIT: At St. Isidore Church, Kanata, **April 4-11**. Life-sized authentic reproduction of the "Shroud of Turin" and 30+ display panels citing historical, scientific and theological information about The Shroud. Daily seminars for students and adults; please call (613-435-3076). Free; donations graciously accepted. Exhibit opens to the public **each day at 10:00 a.m.** Info: (www.theshroud.org).

NOTES FOR HOLY WEEK FROM THE CHANCERY: The 'Notes for Holy Week' for parishes are available online at (<https://www.catholicottawa.ca>).

LENTEN VIDEO SERIES: Archbishop Terrence Prendergast and Bishop Christian Riesbeck have prepared videos to help the faithful explore various aspects of Lent and Holy Week. Click [here](#) to view the latest video, in which Archbishop Prendergast speaks on fasting.

WILLS, POWERS OF ATTORNEY, PROBATE, EXECUTORS; TAX TIPS FOR SENIORS; CATHOLIC CEMETERY SERVICES; PLANNED GIVING: On **Sunday, April 2, 1:00 p.m.**, a presentation covering the foregoing topics will be given at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, 194 Fourth Ave., by professionals in their field and will take about 1 ½ hours. Refreshments will be served; all welcome. Please indicate your attendance with Aisha Poitevien of the Archdiocese of Ottawa at (613-738-5025 x202; dev@ArchOttawa.ca).

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS OF THANKSGIVING: Notre Dame Cathedral, **Sun., May 14, 2:30 p.m.** For couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 + years of marriage in 2017. Families & friends are most welcome. [Registration details now available in parishes](#) or on our website (<https://www.catholicottawa.ca/pastoral-services-forms>). Deadline to register: Wed., May 3.

WAY OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY: Led by Most. Rev. Terrence Prendergast S.J., Archbishop of Ottawa, **April 14**, through the streets of downtown Ottawa. Departure at 9:30 a.m. from St Patrick Basilica (220 Kent). Arrival 12:00 Noon at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica. Organized by Communion and Liberation. Info: David McConkey (clonottawa@gmail.com).

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: From a letter to Bishops from Leonardo Card. Sandri, Prefect, The Congregation for the Oriental Churches. *Our sense of communion in the suffering and risen Christ moves us again this year to undertake the important initiative that is the Collection for the Holy Land. On the occasion of the Assembly of Organizations for Aid to the Oriental Churches (ROACO), on June 16, 2016, ... Pope Francis recalled the value, not only of the presence of the Church in the Holy Land, but also of the "[maintenance of] the holy places and shrines, also with the help of the yearly Good Friday Collection providently instituted by Blessed Paul VI". ... This enables the Catholic communities of the Holy Land – the Latin Patriarchal Diocese of Jerusalem, the Franciscan Custody and other jurisdictions, especially Eastern ones (Greek-Melkite, Coptic, Maronite, Syrian, Chaldean, Armenian) along with religious communities and organizations of all kinds – to help, in their turn, the poor and suffering of every ethnicity and every faith, without distinction.*

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

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

Lent & Holy Week in Ottawa

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Events/Deadlines to Note

Mar. 31 – Day of Confessions

Apr. 4-11 – 'Man of the Shroud'

Apr. 11 – Penitential Service for
Priests & Jubilarian Celebration

Apr. 11 – Chrism Mass

May 11 – March for Life

May 14 – Neophyte Mass

May 14 – Wedding Anniversary
Mass ([note change of date](#))

May 18 – Pastoral Day

Jun. 4 – Pentecost
Confirmations

Jun. 8 – Diocesan Feast Day

VOCATIONS

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Easter Sunday - April 16. That more men and women will joyfully answer the call of the Lord to proclaim His life, death and resurrection as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS – www.fymottawa.com

EWTN FAMILY CELEBRATION IN OTTAWA THIS SATURDAY: Don't miss EWTN Canada's FREE Family Celebration at Centrepointe Theatre in Ottawa this **Saturday, April 1**. Be renewed in your faith with inspirational talks by your favourite EWTN hosts, Johnnette Benkovic, Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J., and Fr. Larry Richards. Most Reverend Terrence Prendergast, S.J., Archbishop of Ottawa will celebrate Mass. Free admission; limited seating. Info: (ewtn.com/familycelebration).

DIOCESAN WORLD YOUTH DAY: At Notre Dame Cathedral, **April 8, 3:00 – 6:30 p.m.** Youth and young adults 14-35 will gather for a time of celebration, encounter and fellowship, ending with the 5:00 p.m. bilingual Palm Sunday Mass. Info: Krista Wawrykow (613-738-5025 ext. 222); (kwawrykow@archottawa.ca).

YOUTH SUMMIT 2017: Young adults 18-35 are invited to take part in the Youth Summit in Sherbrooke, QC **May 19-22**. The Family & Youth Ministry Office is organizing transportation from Ottawa. For info about the Youth Summit, click [here](#). To sign up for transportation, click [here](#). Contact: Krista Wawrykow (k.wawrykow@gmail.com, 613-738-5025 ext. 222).

STEUBENVILLE TORONTO: Steubenville Toronto is Canada's largest conference for Catholic youth, taking place **July 28-30** for youth currently in grades 8-12. It is still possible to register with the Ottawa group at a cost of \$390, including transportation. Info: Krista Wawrykow (kwawrykow@archottawa.ca, 613-738-5025 ext. 222).

PRO-LIFE

DIOCESAN WEEK FOR LIFE/NATIONAL WEEK for LIFE and FAMILY: Pro-Life Sun., May 7 – Sat., May 13. **Annual General Meeting, Wed., Apr. 5, 7:30 p.m.** at St. John the Apostle Parish, 2340 Baseline Rd. Guest speaker: Fr. Geoffrey Kerslake, Episcopal Vicar. Topic: Euthanasia & Assisted Suicide – Church Teaching and Pastoral Practice. [Pro-Life Sunday resources for Reps will be available there](#). All welcome. Info: Deborah La Riccia (613-820-3580); (deborahlariccia@rogers.com).

LENTEN EVENTS, MISSIONS & RETREATS

'MAN OF THE SHROUD' EXHIBIT: Are you looking for a special way to spiritually prepare for Holy Week and Easter Triduum? The Man of the Shroud Exhibit will be on display at St. Isidore Church, Kanata, **April 4-11** (www.TheShroud.org). You are invited to come and meditate upon the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus before the Shroud and Jesus reposed in the Tabernacle. Come, pray and do spiritual readings. The Exhibit will be on display within the Church and sacred music will be playing throughout its duration. Come and rest a while.

GREGORIAN CHANTS FOR MEDITATION: Chorus Ecclesiae with Lawrence Harris. **Good Friday, April 14, 7:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.** Free admission. Drop in for a while or stay all evening. Holy Canadian Martyrs Church, 100 Main St. Free parking behind church. Info: (ChoirClass@hotmail.com).

FAITH FORMATION

'FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING SERIES': St. Theresa Parish is pleased to welcome Dr. Andrew Taylor who will give a talk on "Physician Assisted Suicide in Canada: Does Conscience Play a Role?" on **Sun., April 23** after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome. Info: (613-235-5119).

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT 2017: Featuring 8 world-class Catholic speakers including: Bishop Robert Barron, Patrick Sullivan, Tom Corcoran and more. **May 12 & 13** at the Infinity Conference Centre in Ottawa with live-stream video to host sites across Canada, the US and beyond. Limited seating. Register online today (<https://www.newevangelization.ca/>).

WORKSHOP - CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS & CHILDREN: Sr. Sheila Finnerty, gsc, Fr. Bosco Wong and Fr. C. Ross Finlan lead reflections on RCIA and RCIC with a practical focus on the role of the Christian community, sponsors and catechists. **Sat., May 27, 9:40 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**, Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Pre-register: info@fatima.ca; (613-722-7661).



RETREAT FOR DEAF CATHOLICS: Theme: "Rest in God". Presenter: Deacon Patrick Graybill, Rochester, NY. **April 21-23.** Must be fluent in ASL. Contact: Maureen Cerroni (maureen.cerroni@gmail.com).

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

RESPONSIBILITY OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN REDUCING CLIMATE CHANGE: U.S. President Donald Trump has signed an executive order that reverses the environmental regulations set by the previous administration resulting in significant concern worldwide. As stated by our Canadian Bishops in their document, [A Church Seeking Justice](#), "Developed countries, like Canada, have the greatest responsibility for environmental devastation and climate change, while the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world are the ones who are suffering most from the effects of climate change." The bishops challenge us to ask ourselves, "As people of faith, how will we lower our greenhouse gas emissions here in Canada? How can we affect change and make a difference as individuals, in families and communities, and in government policy." Info: John Dorner (jdorner@archottawa.ca; 613-738-5025 x251).

SCHOOLS

SAINT THOMAS MORE ELEMENTARY FIRST ANNUAL CRAFT & VENDOR SALE: 1620 Blohm Dr., Ottawa on **Sun., Apr. 2, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Proceeds being raised for the school and CHEO. Free parking; free admission. Over 30 vendors; local handmade products. Info: Sonia Mullins-Forget (stmcraftsale@hotmail.com).

COMMUNITY WALK/FOOD DRIVE IN ROCKLAND: Hosted by Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario Catholic Education Coalition, **Wed., May 10, 11:00 a.m.** Gather at St. Patrick School, Rockland, walk to the Rockland Food Bank and back to the school for a liturgy and luncheon. School and parish community are welcome. Info: (www.cdsbeo.on.ca).

PARISH EVENTS & OTHER

16TH ANNUAL CHARITY AUCTION: Our Lady of the Visitation Banquet Hall, 5338 Bank St., **Sat., April 8, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** With The James Family Auctioneers; live and silent auction items. Donations gratefully accepted. Proceeds to Our Lady of the Visitation. Info: (www.olvottawa.ca) or Marie (613-769-7570); (fundraising@olvottawa.ca).

FASHION SHOW BENEFITS LOCAL PALLIATIVE CARE: Holy Spirit Parish Catholic Women's League is holding a Fashion Show on **Sat., May 6, 12:30 p.m.**, benefitting local palliative care. Tickets: \$15 each. Contact: Claudette Langdon (613-831-1286).

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CELEBRATION: To mark the Centennial of the Apparition, Our Lady of Fatima Parish will have a Mass in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary on **Sat., May 13, 9:00 a.m.**, followed by a community breakfast. Breakfast tickets: \$15, in advance only; contact Don Yantha (613-225-9124) or Peter Cromwell (613-829-4295). All are welcome.

WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST & OTHER

ADVANCE SCREENING OF 'FAITHKEEPERS': A documentary film on the persecution of Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East. Speakers: Rev. Majed el Shafie, Raheel Raza & Tony Clement. **Mon., Apr. 3, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.**, Sir John A. Macdonald, Room 100, 144 Wellington St. Info: (zach@faithkeepersmovie.com).

'PICTURE YOURSELF' EXPRESSIVE ARTS WORKSHOP: Galilee Centre, Arnprior, with Jadzia Romaniec & Michelle Reis-Amores. **April 14-16.** Cost: \$210 Commuter; \$290 Single occupancy. Info: (www.galileecentre.com); (613-623-4242 x21).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL IS SEEKING AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Volunteer position. Details: (www.ssvp.ca/vacant-position). Résumé and presentation letter by Apr. 22 to (president@ssvp.ca).