



Friday Facts

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FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

ARCHBISHOP'S EASTER MESSAGE: Read the Archbishop's message [here](#).

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.

SYNOD ON YOUNG PEOPLE: FAITH AND VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT – INPUT SESSION: In 2018, the Vatican is holding a Synod on young people and has asked all dioceses to seek input from parishes, groups and movements who are involved with the faith development and vocational discernment of our youth and young adults. The Archdiocese of Ottawa will be hosting four input sessions (April 28, May 4, May 10 & May 16). If you would like to provide input, please consider coming to one of the sessions. **1st session: April 28, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** at Our Lady of the Visitation parish hall, **2nd Session: May 3, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** St. Theresa parish hall. Locations for other meetings will be posted in future Friday Facts. Info: Ted Hurley (thurley@archottawa.ca); (613-738-5025 x231).

NOTE TO PRIESTS RE: CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK MASS: Celebrated at Notre Dame Cathedral on **Tues., May 2, 7:30 p.m.** Priests are invited to concelebrate with Monsignor Daniel Berniquez. Please contact Mark Buccino (mark.buccino@ocsb.ca; 613-224-4455 ext. 2384) so the distribution of Holy Communion can be coordinated.

PASTORAL DAY – RSVP FOR LUNCH: The next Pastoral Day is set for **Thurs., May 18, 9:00 a.m.** beginning with Mass. Lone Star lunch RSVP required by May 11 (thurley@ArchOttawa.ca); (613-738-5025 x231). Session for clergy after lunch.

PRAYERS: For the repose of the soul of Mrs. Doreen McMahon (nee Smith), wife of Deacon Moran McMahon. Mrs. McMahon died Sunday, April 16, 2017 in her 84th year. The Funeral Mass will be held **Fri., May 12, 11:30 a.m.** at St. Leonard Parish, 5332 Long Island Rd., Manotick. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

PRAYERS: For the repose of the soul of Betty-Ann Kealey (nee Rooke), Trustee with the Ottawa Catholic School Board (1985-2017), who died April 17, 2017. Visitation at Hulse, Playfair & McGarry, 150 Woodroffe Ave., **Sun., April 23, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. & 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church, **Mon., Apr. 24, 11:00 a.m.** Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

COLLEGE OF CONSULTORS: As per Diocesan Policy, parishes that are planning any new projects for construction, renovation, restorations, major acquisitions or sales, or major fundraising campaigns, changes to sacred art or to their worship spaces are required to obtain approval from the College of Consultors before carrying out their projects. The College is meeting on **Tues., May 23**. In order to be included on the College's agenda, parishes must submit their project proposals to the diocese's Director of Finance & Administration, Jules Dagenais (centre@archottawa.ca) no later than **12 p.m., Fri., May 12**. The proposal should also be copied to your Regional Consultor, for their input. Proposals to the College

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Events/Deadlines to Note

Apr. 28 – Youth Synod input

May 3 – Youth Synod input

May 11 – March for Life

May 14 – Neophyte Mass

May 14 – Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

May 18 – Pastoral Day

Jun. 4 – Pentecost Confirmations

Jun. 8 – Diocesan Feast Day

Jun. 22 – Gathering of Priests

should include the following: nature and cost of the project, including three quotes with price estimates; how the project is to be financed. Please note: requests to the Loan Fund for Parishes are up to a maximum of 50% of the project cost; requests for diocesan tax exemption apply only to funds raised on a specific project, for a set time and a set amount. If architectural or engineering plans/designs form part of your submission, these should be provided in PDF format. Further info: College of Consultors Policy (catholicottawa.ca/policies-and-protocols) or Jules Dagenais (613-738-5025 x249).

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

THEOLOGY ON TAP: Welcoming young adults 19-39 to an evening at Malone's Lakeside Bar and Grill, 1001 Queen Elizabeth Dr., **April 27, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** Michael Dopp, founder and president of Mission of the Redeemer Ministries and founder of The New Evangelization Summit, will speak on "Truth, Beauty and Goodness - Evangelizing with the Transcendentals". Parking: free for 2 hours. [More info](#); [Poster](#). Contact: Andrew Carvalho (totottawa@gmail.com).

MARRIAGE PREPARATION AT HOLY SPIRIT, STITTSVILLE: The weekend of **Oct. 20 – 21, 2017**. Registrations to the parish office (613-836-8881); (admin@holyspiritparish.ca).

FROM THE CCCB

MESSAGE ON 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONFEDERATION: On the memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Protectress of Canada, **April 17**, the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Bishop of Hamilton and President of the CCCB, has issued a message marking the 150th anniversary of Canadian Confederation. On behalf of his brother Bishops, he offers best wishes and prayers "that God will continue to keep our home and native land glorious and free, and that Canadians, including the Indigenous Peoples whose lands we share, will continue to work toward a better country and a better world." [Read more...](#)

CCCB STATEMENT ON CANADA'S OPIOID CRISIS AND DRUG ADDICTION: It has become increasingly clear in recent years that Canada is facing a serious substance abuse crisis. [Read more...](#)

VOCATIONS

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNERS' GROUP: For any single Catholic man interested in knowing more about the priesthood. **Wed., May 10, 7:00 p.m.** at St. Margaret Mary Parish. Info: Fr. Pierre Champoux (613-558-1445); (vocations@archottawa.ca).

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Fourth Sunday of Easter - May 7 - World Day of Prayer for Vocations. On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, and we pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, we pray to the Lord.

MESSAGE BY POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 54TH WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Celebrated on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 7, 2017. In his Message, Pope Francis states that "Commitment to mission is not something added on to the Christian life as a kind of decoration, but is instead an essential element of faith itself. A relationship with the Lord entails being sent out into the world as prophets of his word and witnesses of his love." ([Link to the Message](#)).

PRO-LIFE

PRO-LIFE MASS: The monthly Mass to pray for the establishment of a Pro-life Centre in Ottawa takes place on **Sun., April 23, 1:30 p.m.** at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 400 St. Laurent Blvd. Celebrate with the Nigerian community. Info: (613-831-2515); (wandawoj@rogers.com).

PRAYER & WORSHIP

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION: Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, 20 Grant St., **Sun., Apr. 23, 2:50 – 4:00 p.m.** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet. All are welcome. Info: (613-728-4935).



FAITH FORMATION

PREPARING FOR ALPHA – A SAMPLE EVENING: For leaders, small group facilitators and pastors. A great opportunity to see a model Alpha evening in person. Begins with dinner and showing of a new Alpha film. Be inspired and informed to start an Alpha course in your parish. Cost: \$20/person. **Sat., Apr. 29, 5:00 – 8:30 p.m.** at Woodvale Pentecostal Church, 205 Greenbank Rd. To register: (www.capitalregionalalpha.ca/preparing-for-alpha).

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

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

EARTH DAY PRAYER FOR WORLD LEADERS: Last year on Earth Day (April 22), world leaders signed the Paris Climate Accord, now opposed by the President of the U.S.A. On Earth Day this year, 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).

GREEN CHURCHES FORUM: In conjunction with Canada's 150th anniversary, at Saint Paul University, **Thurs., May 11, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.** on *Celebrating the Spirit of Creation*. The Hon. Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change will open the forum. Keynote: Right Rev. Mark MacDonald, Canada's first national Indigenous Anglican Bishop. All welcome. Info/registration: (forum.greenchurches.ca); (1-844-490-6464).

PARISH EVENTS

ST. GEORGE PARISH 11TH ANNUAL GALA DINNER: At St. Anthony Soccer Club, 523 St. Anthony St., **Sat., April 29, 5:00 p.m.** Enjoy an evening with cocktails, jazz music, a four-course dinner and silent auction. Proceeds support the parish. Tickets: \$75; purchase online at (www.saintgeorges.ca). Info: (gala@saintgeorges.ca); (613 729-6596).

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL HIP OF BEEF DINNER: **Sat., May 13, 6:00 p.m.** Tickets at the Parish Office, 2340 Baseline. Adults \$20; children \$10 (12 & under); families \$50 (parents & children). Info: (613-829-1760).

SCHOOLS

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK – SUN., APRIL 30 - FRI., MAY 5: 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 staff. Join the Ottawa Catholic School Board community in celebrating the spiritual theme, *Sent to be the Good News* (Luke 4:14-19) in conjunction with the provincial Education Week theme, *Walking Forward Together*. Join the Catholic Education Week Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral, **Tues., May 2, 7:30 p.m.** All are welcome! Visit (ocsb.ca/edweek).

WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST & OTHER

THE SONG OF BERNADETTE: At the Ottawa Family Cinema on **Fri., April 28, 7:00 p.m.** This is the true story of Bernadette Soubirous. Ottawa Family Cinema is located in Notre Dame High School, 710 Broadview Ave. Tickets: \$8 in advance; \$10 at the door. All proceeds will go to help poor families in Ottawa. Tickets/info: (www.familycinema.ca); (613-722-8218).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL: Seeking a part-time Executive Director (volunteer position). Info: (www.ssvp.ca). Resume & presentation letter before **Apr. 29** to (president@ssvp.ca).

