

FRIDAY FACTS

Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

January 19, 2018

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Summer Job Application Process: Some members of our archdiocesan community might be in the process of considering submitting an application for grants from this federal government program. There is a new twist to the application this year. The new application for funding for a summer student requires that an organization attest: "both the job and the organization's core mandate respect individual human rights in Canada, including the values underlying the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms as well as other rights. These include reproductive rights..." We cannot agree to this attestation. We ask that you not apply online as you are required to agree to the attestation for submission. Instead, we ask that you use the form for mailing or delivering your application, that you not indicate any support for the attestation and that you include an alternate attestation which we are in the process of preparing for you. If you are applying and wish to receive our attestation, contact Deacon Gilles Ouellette at gouellette@archottawa.ca after Tuesday of next week.



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

Diocesan Celebration of Consecrated Life & Solemn Mass for the Dedication of the New Altar at Notre Dame Cathedral: Archbishop Terrence Prendergast SJ invites all members of religious communities and consecrated persons, all members of the clergy and the faithful of the Archdiocese to participate on **Fri., Feb. 2, 7:30 p.m.** at Notre Dame Cathedral. A reception will follow the Mass. Also on that day, the relic of Saint Francis Xavier will be displayed for veneration at the Cathedral.

St. Francis Xavier Relic Tour: The famous relic of St. Francis Xavier is here in North America for the first time in generations. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to venerate the incorrupt first class relic of one of the greatest missionaries and evangelists since St. Paul the Apostle. Opportunity for public veneration of the relic will be available as follows: Sainte-Marie d'Orléans, **Wed., Jan. 31, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.**; St. John the Apostle, **Thurs., Feb 1, 12:30 – 5:00 p.m.**; Notre Dame Cathedral, **Fri., Feb. 2, 1:00 – 10:00 p.m.** Hosted by Catholic Christian Outreach, Archdiocese of Ottawa and Jesuits in Canada. Info: <https://cco.ca/relic/>; 613-736-1999.

3rd Leadership Day for Priests: Refresh what you already know, renew your energy and discover useful ideas on leadership and management specific to priests, in sessions at the Diocesan Centre. 3rd session: **Thurs., Feb. 8, 10:15 a.m. to lunch.** Info: abrown@ArchOttawa.ca. Lunch **RSVP by Feb. 1:** <https://www.catholicottawa.ca/leadership-development-for-priests>.

Christian Initiation - Rite of Election & Calling of Candidates to Lenten Renewal: Notre Dame Cathedral. **Sun., February 18, 2:30 p.m.** Parish participation form, [available here](#), to be submitted **by Tues., Feb. 6.** All family & friends are welcome.

Diocesan Day of Confessions: In response to the Holy Father's invitation for Catholics to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Archdiocese of Ottawa is asking parishes to provide a time for drop-in confessions, in addition to the regularly-scheduled times on **Friday, March 2.** Neighbouring parishes may wish to combine their efforts. **The Parish Confession & Easter schedule [submission form](#) is available online [here](#). Please submit no later than Feb. 7.**

Appointment: Deacon James Kubina has been appointed to Holy Redeemer Parish, Kanata, as of February 1, 2018.

FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

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.). Fee: \$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).

Marriage Preparation Course: For engaged couples planning to be married in the Catholic Church. St. Theresa Parish Hall, 95 Somerset St. West, **Fri., Apr. 13, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. & Sat., April 14, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.** Cost: \$100 per couple (includes lunch). Hosted by St. Theresa Parish. Info: sttheresa@rogers.com; 613-235-5119.

VOCATIONS

Prayer for Vocations: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 28. That all those discerning or pursuing a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life will find encouragement through our prayers and sacrifices on their behalf, we pray to the Lord.

Attention - All Men Considering a Calling to the Priesthood: Have you ever considered a calling to the priesthood, but simply don't know where to begin? Or what to ask? If you're a man over 18 and have been thinking about what the priesthood is about, and how to become one, consider coming to the Priesthood Discernment Evening Please mark your calendar for **Thurs., Feb. 1, 7:00-9:00 pm** at St. Margaret Mary Church Hall (5 Fairbairn Ave). For more info about this event, contact Fr. Pierre (613-558-1445) or vocations@archottawa.ca. I also encourage you to read our vocations blog articles at vocationsottawa.com for general questions that you may have about the priesthood. Fr. Pierre Champoux, Ottawa Vocation Director.

DIOCESAN DATES TO NOTE

Feb. 2 – Celebration of Consecrated Life & Dedication of the new altar at Notre Dame Cathedral

Feb. 8 – Priest Leadership Day

Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday

Feb. 18 – Rite of Election

Feb. 19 – Family Day

Feb. 21 – Pastoral Day

Mar. 2 – Day of Confessions

Mar. 27 – Chrism Mass

FROM THE CCCB

News release following the meeting of the national Evangelical and Roman Catholic dialogue of Canada: The national Catholic – Evangelical Dialogue met for its semi-annual meeting on 13 December 2017 in Mississauga, Ontario. Dialogue participants discussed questions relating to evangelization, vocation, and mission... [Read more...](#)

Canada Summer Jobs: CCCB concerns and statement: Employment and Social Development Canada posted information on its website, dated 19 December 2017, announcing a major change to its requirements regarding applications for federal funding under its [Canada Summer Jobs program](#) for youth employment. Attestation must now be included that *"both the job and the organization's core mandate respect individual human rights in Canada, including the values underlying the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms as well as other rights. These include reproductive rights and the right to be free from discrimination on the basis of sex, religion, race, national or ethnic origin, colour, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation or gender identity or expression."* [More...](#)

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 & WORSHIP

Heart of Worship Adoration Night: Spend time with Jesus in Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament. Short spiritual talk by guest speaker Fr. Paul Cormier of Opus Dei on the topic of *Sowers of Peace and Joy*. Praise & worship music, silent adoration, opportunity for confession followed by food & fellowship. Holy Redeemer Parish, 44 Rothesay Dr, Kanata, **Tues., Jan. 30, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** Info: 613-836-1764.

Mass for the Sick: The Sacrament of the Sick will be offered at Divine Infant Parish, 6658 Bilberry Drive, Orleans on **Sat., Feb. 10, 10:00 a.m.**; Rosary & Sacrament of Reconciliation at 9:30 a.m. All are invited, especially those who are elderly, seriously ill or preparing for surgery. A brief reception will follow in the hall after Mass. Info: Divine Infant Parish (613-824-6822); di.pastoralcare@gmail.com. Hosted by Divine Infant Parish Pastoral Care team.

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish looking for a 5-day Candle Stand: Our Lady of the Visitation in Gloucester is looking for a 5-day Votive Candle Stand to be put near the altar. If anyone is looking to donate one or willing to give one away for a sum, please contact the Parish Office (613-822-2197); (office@olvottawa.ca).

FAITH FORMATION

Celebration Alpha Event: Celebrate the success of the recent Capital Region Alpha campaign. Hear the stories of how Alpha made a difference in churches and in individual lives in 2017 and the plans for a concerted city-wide effort in 2018. Catered dessert reception. **Sun., Feb. 11, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.** at Kanata Baptist Church, 465 Hazeldean Rd. Info & registration: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/celebrate-capital-region-alpha-tickets-42139026964>.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Irish Kitchen Ceilidh: And some good Irish music. All proceeds to St. Augustine parish music ministry. St. Augustine Parish Hall, 1060 Baseline Rd., **Sat., Jan. 20, 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.** Goodwill offering at the door. Info: 613-225-7388.

Breakfast Talk: Given by Pierre Lemieux, former Member of Parliament and Parliamentary Secretary, on the importance of faith, family and life values within society and the need to engage elected representatives on these issues. Open to everyone. Annunciation of the Lord Parish, 2414 Ogilvie Rd., **Jan. 27.** Breakfast 9:00 a.m. (Mass 8:00 a.m.). Cost: \$10 adults, \$5 students, children under 5 free. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 8008. Info: dscottmillan@gmail.com; 613-837-5861.

SCHOOLS

Maryvale Academy of Ottawa Annual Fundraising Dinner Gala: 'With Hearts Open' on **Sat., Feb. 10** at St. Elias Centre, 750 Ridgewood Ave. Live & silent auctions, 50/50 draw, musical performances, speeches and dancing. Cocktails & silent auction at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$85/person (\$40 tax receipt). Info/tickets: Maryvale Academy (613- 321-2186); (www.maryvaleacademy.ca); (www.facebook.com/MaryvaleAcademyOttawa).

EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Archdiocese of Ottawa (Archbishop's Residence) - Cook: The Archdiocese of Ottawa is looking for a Cook, to work mainly on Thursdays and on weekends, for the Archbishop's Residence located at 143 St. Patrick St., Ottawa. Minimum of 20 hours per week, averaging 30-35 hours per week, depending on availability for replacement during the week and special events. A copy of the job description can be found on the Archdiocese of Ottawa web site at www.catholicottawa.ca. Please send your C.V. along with three professional references to Ms. Colette Legault, Human Resources Officer (clegault@archottawa.ca). Deadline for applications is 12:00 p.m., January 19, 2018. No phone calls. We thank all applicants for their interest, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

PILGRIMAGES

11 Day Marian Pilgrimage to Mexico City & Quito, Ecuador - May 19-29, 2018: With Fr. Matthew Keshwah. Info session at Divine Infant Parish, 6658 Bilberry Dr., Orleans, **Jan. 21, 2:30 p.m.** Cost: \$2,999 /person double occupancy; \$3,259 /person single occupancy. Info: David Hnatiw, Voyages Terra Natura Travel (613-620-1196); (david@voyagesterranatura.ca).

WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - An Ecumenical Prayer Service: Hosted by the Christian Council of the Capital Area at Knox Presbyterian, 120 Lisgar St., Ottawa on **Sun., Jan. 21, 4:00 p.m.** A reception will follow. All are invited to pray for Christian unity and for fellowship. Street parking free on Sundays. City Hall Parkade on Sundays: \$2. Info: Father Jacques Kabangu, Saint-Gabriel's Parish, 613-745-4342 (jacqueskabangu25@gmail.com).

Workshop at Galilee Centre, Arnprior: "Wonder will Guide Us: Conversations on Faith in an Unfinished Universe". Viewing of the documentary *The Journey of the Universe* followed by discussion & collaborative exercises. Wednesdays, **Feb. 7-28, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** Facilitated by Gerry Kelly. Good will donation. Info: www.galileecentre.com; 613-623-4242 ext. 21.

Centering Prayer Retreat at Galilee Centre, Arnprior: With Anglican Deacon Christine Jannasch. **Feb. 22, 7:00 p.m. – Feb. 25, 11:00 a.m.** A three-day immersion into silence led by Contemplative Outreach of Eastern Ontario. Cost: \$350. Info: (613-623-4242 ext. 21); (info@galileecentre.com).