

FRIDAY FACTS

Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

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FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

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 – 7:00 p.m.** (Mass at 7:30 p.m.); **after Mass - 10:00 p.m.** Hosted by Catholic Christian Outreach, Archdiocese of Ottawa and Jesuits in Canada. Info: <https://cco.ca/relic/>; 613-736-1999.

Canadian Jewish Experience Exhibition: The Archdiocese of Ottawa is hosting the Canadian Jewish Experience Exhibition at the Diocesan Centre, **Jan. 24 – Feb. 23**. It was launched Jan. 24 by Archbishop Prendergast and Rabbi Reuven Bulka, Emeritus Rabbi of congregation Machzeikai Hadas. Introduction to the exhibition from its website: *'Jews have lived in Canada for nearly 200 years. Our numbers were few at first, but grew with immigration. Our entry was not easy. Canada until the 1960's had professional, educational and immigration barriers – and prejudices – targeting Jews. Happily, things have changed. Now nearly 400,000 Jewish people live in all the provinces and territories in Canada... This amazing Exhibition, prepared by volunteers and funded by private donations, presents a powerful sample of Jewish contribution to our country.'*

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 requirement 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 and that you not indicate any support for the attestation. Instead, please include the alternate attestation prepared by the Archdiocese and [available here](#).

Permanent Diaconate – Information Sessions: Is the Lord calling you to the Permanent Diaconate? Come and discover what the diaconate is all about. All men in the Archdiocese are invited; married men are encouraged to come with their wives. If you wish to attend a session or get more info, please contact Deacon Michael Seath (613-324-0007); (mseath@archottawa.ca). 3 info sessions: **Mon., Feb. 26, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, 20 Grant St. in the hall. **Wed., Mar. 7, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** at Holy Cross Parish, 685 Walkley Rd., in the hall. **Sat., Mar. 10, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.** at Annunciation of the Lord Parish, 2414 Ogilvie Rd., the hall.

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.



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

REQUEST - Parish Lenten Penance Schedule & Easter Triduum Times: The Parish Confession & Easter schedule [submission form](#) is available online [here](#). Parishes, please submit no later than Feb. 7. Note: Diocesan Day of Confessions is Fri., Mar. 2.

Prayers: For the repose of the soul of Ms. Eleanor Manning, sister of Deacon Moran McMahon. She died January 19, 2018 at the age of 80 in Miramichi, New Brunswick. Please pray for her and her family.

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).

St. Anthony Parish Marriage Preparation Course: On **Sat., Feb. 3, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.** at Saint Anthony Church, Ottawa. To register, please contact Deacon Eduardo Rivas (613-236-2304).

St. Joseph Parish Marriage Preparation Weekend: For engaged couples. Cost: \$150 for the weekend. Pot-luck brunch on Sunday. Info & registration: <http://www.st-josephs.ca/marriage-preparation-at-st-joes-2/>. 174 Wilbrod Ave., **Apr. 14-15, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** Info: bouellette@st-josephs.ca; 613-233-4095 x235.

Nazareth Family Summer Retreats: Week-long family retreats. Daily Mass, morning program for children, shared cooked lunch, presentations and discussions for parents, evening prayer times, and lots of free recreation time. July 15-21, July 22-28, July 29-August 4. At Dominus Vobiscum Centre for Marriage and Family, Mandeville, QC. Info: www.nazarethfamily.com.

VOCATIONS

Prayer for Vocations: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 4. For those consecrated to God by the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience, that they may seek to live their baptismal promises more intensely and have the grace to persevere in their commitment to the Lord and serve with open hearts and willing spirits, 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? 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, **Thurs., Feb. 1, 7:00-9:00 pm** at St. Margaret Mary Church Hall (5 Fairbairn Ave). Info: Fr. Pierre (613-558-1445) or vocations@archottawa.ca. Read our vocations blog articles at vocationsottawa.com for general questions that you may have about the priesthood.

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

PRO-LIFE

Call for Conscience Campaign: The Archdiocese of Ottawa, in agreement with the Association of Ontario Bishops, is helping in the initiative of the *Call for Conscience Campaign* organized by the Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience. This initiative is seeking the participation of Catholic parishes in raising awareness of euthanasia/assisted suicide and the discriminatory position in which doctors, caregivers, and healthcare providers find themselves. To be involved in notifying your local MPP concerning the protection of healthcare workers wishing to abstain from any involvement in euthanasia/assisted suicide, all parishes have more information. Be a part of the *Call for Conscience Campaign* here: www.canadiansforconscience.ca.

FAITH FORMATION

Ethical Evangelization: 'Not by Proselytizing' An Evening Conference with Professor Catherine E. Clifford. Saint Paul University, 223 Main Street, Room 201, **Jan. 31, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Sponsored by Faculty of Theology (Prof. Mark Slatter). Info: msslatter@ustpaul.ca.

Lenten Day Retreat for Women - "The Paschal Mystery": Includes talks by Father Martin Wallace. Dominican University College, 96 Empress Ave., Ottawa, **Sat., Mar. 3, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, opportunity for Confession. To register: <https://sisterhood.live/formationprograms>.

OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS

Servants of the Cross - Perpetual Promises: The Servants of the Cross cordially invite you to the Perpetual Promises of Sisters Monique Bisson, Anna Chan, and Melinda Schenher received by Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J. at St. Mary Church, 100 Young St., **Thurs., May 3, 5:30 p.m.** with dinner reception to follow in the parish hall. To help with the dinner preparations, confirm your attendance before Apr. 20 at scpromises@servantsofthecross.ca or 613-729-8710. All are welcome.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Men's Breakfast: Breakfast with Prayer for Christian Unity. Speaker: Jonathan Hutchison, the Peace Tower lead pastor. "Live in Peace and Be Holy". St. Augustine Church, 1060 Baseline Rd., **Sat., Feb. 10, 8:00 a.m.** Continental breakfast. Cost: \$5. Info: confirm by calling Denis (613-228-7646); (breakfastformen@gmail.com).

Special Needs Family Buffet Brunch at Our Lady of the Visitation: For the families of children with special needs in the spirit of the Autism Eats initiative in the US. A safe & judgement free environment that will allow families to enjoy a meal out with their loved ones and an opportunity to socialize with other families who share the same joys and challenges. OLV Banquet Hall, **Sat., Mar. 24, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** Cost: \$15. Info: events@olvottawa.ca; 613-822-1777 (leave a message).

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Share Lent – Development and Peace – Caritas Canada Workshop: Representatives from all parishes are invited to attend a D&P Share Lent Workshop as Tara Hurford, the new animator, introduces the theme, *Together for Peace*. Come and find out about the resources. St. Basil Parish Hall, 940 Rex Ave., **Wed., Feb 7, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** Assumption Parish Hall, 320 Olmstead Ave., **Thurs., Feb. 8, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** Info: Angela Davis (613-237-0093).

SCHOOLS

CDSBEO High School Information Nights & Open House: At St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School, Hammond on **Thurs., Feb. 8, 6:30 p.m.** At St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School, Russell on **Thurs., Feb. 8, 7:00 p.m.** Any students interested in registering for September 2018 are welcome! Info: www.cdsbeo.on.ca.

EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

L'Arche Ottawa Volunteer Event: L'Arche Ottawa is seeking volunteers to join prayer, community meals and events of the L'Arche community. We are also looking for volunteers who would like to share their talents in administration, fundraising, companionship with an adult with developmental disabilities, or people who would simply like to become friends of one of the L'Arche homes in Ottawa. Info: HenriettaKelemen@larcheottawa.org; 613-228-7136 x33; www.larcheottawaa.org.

MAP (Mentorship, Aftercare, and Presence): a Christian organization helping the reintegration of ex-convicts released from Prison into the society. Are you interested in becoming a volunteer providing hands-on support, encouragement, and empowerment for our brothers and sisters who are trying to reintegrate into the society after they leave prison? Please prayerfully consider it and contact MAP if you can spend few hours a month with a small team of volunteers. For more details contact Deacon Mathew N Mathew (613-355-6023); (mathewmned@gmail.com).

WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

Celebrate Alpha Event: Celebrate the success of the recent Capital Region Alpha campaign and the plans for a concerted city-wide effort in 2018. **Sun., Feb. 11, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.** at Kanata Baptist Church, 465 Hazeldean Rd. Info & registration: [here](#).

Excel Breakfast: With Dave Jaworski, former Microsoft Executive. An insider's view of the rocket ride from worst to first and lessons learned on the journey. **Thurs., Feb. 15.** Tickets & further info: [GET TICKETS](#).

St. Patrick's Home of Ottawa Foundation – 5th Annual Soirée "A Night in Casablanca": Gourmet dinner, silent and live auctions, entertainment. St Patrick's Home Foundation raises funds to support the critical needs of residents in care. Infinity Convention Centre, **Mar. 8, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.** Tickets: \$125 each. Info: www.stpatssoiree.com.