

# FRIDAY FACTS



Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

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## FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

**Archbishop Prendergast's Christmas Letter:** Now available on our website [here](#).

**Parish Advent Penance Schedules:** Now available online at <https://catholicottawa.ca/confession-times>.

**Parish Christmas & Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedules:** Now available online at <https://catholicottawa.ca>.

**Diocesan Offices:** The diocesan offices will be closed for Christmas as of Mon., Dec. 24 and will **re-open on Mon., Jan. 7**. *Merry Christmas to all!*

**Homelands' Mass:** At Notre Dame Cathedral, **Sun., Jan. 13, 2:30 p.m.** Flags will be in the Cathedral balconies as a visible sign of your participation. Traditional dishes to share at the Reception in the Cathedral Hall following the Mass should be brought to the hall before 2:15 p.m. Those in national dress are to be in the hall before 2:00 p.m. All are welcome!

**Website's New Look:** The Archdiocese of Ottawa is excited to announce that our website is currently undergoing a renovation. The website renovation will be unveiled in the New Year. Watch coming Friday Facts issues for more details on the unveiling of the website's new look.



## FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

**Don Bosco Gala – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Celebrate Youth Ministry in the Archdiocese of Ottawa! On **Sat., Jan. 19**, join Bob Rice, Catholic speaker, musician, and author at St. Patrick's Catholic High School. Choose from the following events. Missionary Approach to Youth Ministry training, 1:00-4:30 pm for high school and adult volunteers. Don Bosco Supper, 5:30-7:00 pm, open to all. Don Bosco Award Gala and Dance, 7:00-11:00pm, open to all. Tickets range from \$20 - \$50. Tickets and info at [fymottawa.com/youth](http://fymottawa.com/youth). Contact: Sophia ([skorban@archottawa.ca](mailto:skorban@archottawa.ca)); (613-738-5025 ext. 222).

**NET Canada - Ottawa DSA Retreat:** Do you know someone who doesn't know Jesus? Do you love them and want them to know Jesus in a personal way? 24 hour DSA Retreat to grow closer to God, acquire tools for evangelization, and to learn more about what being a NET Missionary is all about! Register today at: [dsa.netcanada.ca/dsa](http://dsa.netcanada.ca/dsa). Annunciation of the Lord Parish, **Fri., Feb. 1, 7:00pm – Sat., Feb. 2, 4:30pm**. Cost: \$25/person. Info: (613-841-4141).

**2019 Journey of Hope – A Program for Separated and Divorced Catholics:** The program, led from a Catholic faith exploration perspective, is designed to help participants find reconciliation, peace and healing by taking positive steps in their daily spiritual life. Women's session begins **Tues., March 19** and men's session begins **Thurs., March 21**. Sessions run 6 weeks, 7:00 - 9:00 pm at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary parish hall, 20 Grant St. (near Parkdale & Wellington). The cost is \$25. Info & registration: [www.journeyofhopeottawa.com](http://www.journeyofhopeottawa.com); Mary Jane Manley (613-294-1308).

## VOCATIONS

**Prayers: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – Jan. 1.** That Mary, the Mother of God and patroness of Vocations will nurture, guide and protect all those called to the priesthood, diaconate and the consecrated life. **Epiphany – Jan. 6.** That, just as the Magi were inspired by the Holy Spirit, young men and women will be inspired to follow in the footsteps of the Lord as priests, deacons and consecrated religious. **Baptism of the Lord – Jan. 13.** That, like John the Baptist, all those called by the Lord to serve his church will accept his invitation. **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Jan. 20.** That all

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those especially chosen by Christ for the unique paths of holiness as priests, deacons or in the consecrated life, will heed our Blessed Mother's counsel to do whatever He tells them in loving obedience.

## CARE FOR CREATION

**PRAYER IN CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS:** As we celebrate His birth, let us pray for wisdom as we seek ways to care for all God's creation in our daily lives, expressing gratitude to our Creator for all the gifts he has given us, especially his Son, our Saviour. Info: John Dorner (613-738-5025, #251; [jdorner@archottawa.ca](mailto:jdorner@archottawa.ca)).

## PRO-LIFE

**Novena of Masses - 40 Days for Life Campaign:** 40 Days for Life campaign is **Mar. 6 – Apr. 14**. Novena of Masses at Holy Redeemer Parish, 44 Rothesay Dr., Kanata (Ad Orientem) and at St. Isidore Parish, 1135 March Road, Kanata. First nine Wednesdays of 2019 at **9:00 am, Jan. 2** (Holy Redeemer only), **9, 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 & Thurs., Mar. 7** (St. Isidore only). Info: [wanda40daysforlife@clife.ca](mailto:wanda40daysforlife@clife.ca); 613-299-2515; [40daysforlife.com/](http://40daysforlife.com/).

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

**Vigil of Mary - Mother of God New Year's Eve:** La Pieta Prayer Group invites you to join them for a New Year's Eve Celebration of Prayer and Worship at St. Maurice, 4 Perry St. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8-11pm, Rosaries, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, concluding with Vigil Mass. Reception to follow. Info: 613-225-6529.

## OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS

**Inner Healing Retreat for Men & Women - "I've Got Your Baggage, Now Come Follow Me":** "We are not called to hide or ignore our wounds" (Pope Francis). Learn ways to find healing of your emotional hurts. Presented by Heather MacPhail of Divya Kiran International, in collaboration with Sister+Hood. Lunch provided. St. John the Apostle, 2340 Baseline Rd. (downstairs), **Fri., Jan. 18, 6:30 - 9:00 pm & Sat., Jan. 19, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**. Free will offering. Info & pre-registration (required): Karen (613-806-0377); [livesisterhood@gmail.com](mailto:livesisterhood@gmail.com); Heather (613-216-9413); [sisterhood.live](http://sisterhood.live).

## SCHOOLS

**Kindergarten Registration Week, Jan. 14-18:** If your child will be 4 or 5 years old by December 31, 2019, it's time to register for the Ottawa Catholic School Board kindergarten program at your local Catholic elementary school. Visit <http://ocsb.ca/register/>. Info: Mardi de Kemp, 613-224-4455 ext. 2326.

## EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Archdiocese of Ottawa – Family & Youth Ministry Officer – English Pastoral Services:** To assist in the strategic planning and ongoing operations of the Family and Youth Ministry Office. Full-time position (37½ hrs/week). A recent Canadian Criminal Records check is required. Send C.V. with 3 professional references to Ms. H  l  ne Le Dorze, Human Resources Officer ([hledorze@archottawa.ca](mailto:hledorze@archottawa.ca)). Deadline to apply: **5:00 p.m., Jan. 4**. No phone calls. We thank all applicants for their interest; only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

**Employment Opportunity - Companions of the Cross:** Executive Assistant to work with General Superior. Part-time (Tues-Thurs, 8:30am-4:00pm). Valid driver's license, access to vehicle, and criminal records check required. Send cover letter, CV, and 3 references to [humanresources@companionscross.org](mailto:humanresources@companionscross.org) by **Dec. 24**. Start date: Feb 5, 2019. [Details here.](#)

**St. Theresa Parish - Organist:** Requires competence on the pipe organ, experience with Catholic liturgical music and proven ability to work and direct adult choir members. 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays and an evening rehearsal once a week, along with weddings and funerals. Info: parish office (613-235-5119).

## WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

**Irish Society National Capital Region Fundraiser:** Ottawa Senators vs Calgary Flames, **Sun., Feb. 24, 5:30 pm**. Game ticket in the Ledge on the Gallery level. Includes dinner. Cost: \$80. Tickets: ([cartwrightb@ottawasenators.com](mailto:cartwrightb@ottawasenators.com)); 613-599-0309; <https://fevo.me/irishnight>.