

FRIDAY FACTS

Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

February 9, 2018

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Archbishop's Letter for Lent 2018: Archbishop Prendergast's Letter for Lent 2018 is now available on our website [here](#) or from your parish.

Ordination: Archbishop Prendergast has called to the Sacred Order of Priesthood, John Orban, who is serving as deacon at Holy Spirit Parish, Stittsville. The ordination will take place on Friday evening, **April 6, 7:30 p.m.** in Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica. Let us keep Deacon Orban in our prayers. Priests are asked to place this celebration in their agendas so as to welcome this newest member to the Ottawa Presbyterate.

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.

Permanent Diaconate – Info Sessions: Is the Lord calling you to the Permanent Diaconate? Come 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, 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.; **Wed., Mar. 7, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** at Holy Cross Parish, 685 Walkley Rd.; **Sat., Mar. 10, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.** at Annunciation of the Lord Parish, 2414 Ogilvie Rd.

Christian Initiation - Rite of Election & Calling of Candidates to Lenten Renewal: Notre Dame Cathedral. **Sun., February 18, 2:30 p.m.** All family & friends are welcome.

Pastoral Day: The next Pastoral Day is **Wed., Feb. 21**. Mass at 9:00 a.m. Speakers include Fr. Matthew Keshwah on his mentorship with Fr. James Mallon, experiencing Divine Renovation parish renewal in Halifax. Lunch catered by *Sheng Shen Chinese Parish*. Lunch RSVP required by **Feb. 13:** (thurley@ArchOttawa.ca); (613-738-5025 x231). Cost for lunch: \$15 each. Afternoon session for priests and deacons. Packages for parishes. Please consider returning the parish Holy Oil vials today.

Reminder to Parishes: The deadline to submit the 2017 Parish Financial Statements to Diocesan Administration is **February 23, 2018**. For further info or any questions, please contact Philippe Courchesne (pcourchesne@archottawa.ca); (613-738-5025, ext. 240) or Alain Trudel (atrudel@archottawa.ca); (613-738-5025, ext. 209).

College of Consultors: For any new projects: construction, renovation, restorations, major acquisitions, property sales, major fundraising campaigns, changes to sacred art or to worship spaces. According to diocesan policy, approval must be obtained from the Archbishop before carrying out these projects, once presented to the College of Consultors. Next meeting: **Tues., Feb. 27**. To be included, parishes must submit project proposals to (centre@archottawa.ca) **no later than Fri., Feb. 16** and copy your Regional Consultor. Info: (<https://www.catholicottawa.ca/college-of-consultors>); (613-738-5025 ext. 244).

Norms for Lenten Observance: Available from the Chancery on our website [here](#).

FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Family Day with the Archbishop: At Waupoos Family Farm, 2050 Rideau Rd. on **Mon., Feb. 19, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** The day includes Mass, hot dog lunch, skating, sledding and a bonfire, or relaxing inside the lodge. All families welcome! Goodwill



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

donation. Limited space. Register at www.fymottawa.com/family. Sponsored by Family & Youth Ministry Office. Info: skorban@archottawa.ca; www.fymottawa.com/family.

Marriage Preparation Course: St. Theresa Parish, 95 Somerset St. West, **Fri., April 13, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. & all day Saturday, April 14.** Cost: \$100 per couple (includes lunch). Info: sttheresa@rogers.com; 613-235-5119.

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).

Steubenville Toronto 2018 Registration: Registration is now open for youth Grades 9-12, chaperones, and clergy interested in attending Steubenville Toronto with the Archdiocese of Ottawa, **July 13-15.** This is Canada's largest conference for Catholic Youth. Cost including bus: \$390. Registration and non-refundable deposit of \$100 due by **Feb 28.** Priests only pay bus fee. More info: www.fymottawa.com/youth or contact Sophia Korban (skorban@archottawa.ca).

Youth pilgrimage to Taizé-France: Interested in joining 4000 other young people (18-35) from 80 countries for a week of prayer, Bible teaching, small group sharing, workshops on faith in real life, and lots of fun ? We plan on going to Taizé (France) in August (exact dates TBC). Call or write: Sr. Marie-Pierre, 613-241-7515, taize@101parent.ca.

Young Adult Faith Group: For all Catholic young adults ages 15-35 from any parish. Variety of activities including prayer, spiritual discussions and presentations, socialization and fellowship. Bring family and friends. Open to all. Immaculate Heart of Mary, 1758 Alta Vista Dr., **Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.** Info: Fr. Estephan Farah (estephan_farah@hotmail.com).

Free Cinema Forum Night: Film viewing and discussion on the lives of the saints. Featuring St. Joseph of Cupertino. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, 320 Olmstead St., Vanier, **Fri., Feb. 23, 6:30 p.m.** Every last Friday of the month. Free. Info: assumption@rogers.com; (613-746-8503).

VOCATIONS

Prayer for Vocations: First Sunday of Lent - February 18. That prayer, penance and almsgiving will enable more men and women to follow the Holy Spirit as He leads them to discover their vocations in Christ, 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. You will hear a priest give a brief testimony of his call story, followed by a question and answer period and a social. Please mark your calendar for **Thurs., Mar. 8, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** at St. Margaret Mary Church Hall (5 Fairbairn Ave.). Further info: Fr. Pierre (613-558-1445); (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.*

FROM THE CCCB

Message by Pope Francis for Lent 2018: The 2018 Message of Pope Francis for Lent is titled "*Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold*" (Matthew 24:12). In his message, the Holy Father invites the entire Church to experience this time of grace anew, with joy and in truth. "Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew." [Message.](#)

Message from CCCB for 50th anniversary of Charismatic Renewal in Canada: To mark the 50th anniversary of the Charismatic Renewal in Canada which is being celebrated during 2018, the Episcopal Commission for Doctrine of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops released a message, dated 25 January 2018, Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle. [Read more...](#)

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.

Dying Healed Workshops: Comprehensive education on palliative care/end of life issues and preliminary training for palliative and hospice care volunteers. For those wishing to provide compassionate love and support to those in need, particularly at end of life. **April 7 & 14, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** St. John the Apostle Parish, 2340 Baseline Rd. Cost for both sessions: \$35; incl. lunch. Registration required: Anastasia Bowles (613-722-1552); (info@lifecanada.org); (www.maketimeforlife.ca).

Monthly Pro-life Mass: A continuation of the pilgrimage of Masses to pray for the establishment of a Pro-life Center in Ottawa. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, 320 Olmstead St., Vanier, **Sat., Feb. 24, 10:00 am.** Sponsored by Pro-life Doctors. Info: wandawoj@rogers.com or 613-831-2515.

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

Night of Worship and Ministry: Worship Team: Warren Scherr. Speaker: Chris Currie. M.C.: Michael Sarich. Prayer teams will be available. Reception will follow. St. Mary Church, 100 Young St., **Feb. 23, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** Info: 613-728-9811, ext. 720; night.worship.ministry@stmarysottawa.ca.

Vigil of Eucharistic Adoration: Pray 33 Rosaries throughout the night. Saint Patrick Basilica, **Fri., Feb 16.** Info: Naomi Visser (613-825-9704).

LENTEN MISSIONS

Lenten Mission with Fr. Ryan Holly: 'Faith, Hope and Love: Living the Call to Holiness'. St John the Apostle Church, 2340 Baseline Rd., **Sun. – Tues., Mar. 4-6, 7:00 p.m.** Fr. Holly is a priest of the Diocese of Renfrew. Info: 613-829-1760.

Holy Redeemer Parish Lenten Mission: Holy Redeemer Parish Lenten Mission will be held **Mon., Mar. 12, Tues., Mar. 13, and Wed., Mar. 14, 7:00 p.m.** with Fr. Lester Mendonsa as the guest speaker. Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Info: reception@holyredeemer.ca.

FAITH FORMATION

Too Much of a Stretch? Can or Should Christians Practice Yoga? Evening Conference by Professor Kevin Flynn. Saint Paul University, 223 Main Street, Room 201, **Wed., Feb. 28, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.** Info: www.ustpaul.ca. Sponsored by Faculty of Theology, Saint Paul University. Info: Mark Slatter (613-851-1348); (msslatter@ustpaul.ca).

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Peru Mission Fundraiser - St. Philip Parish, Richmond: St. Philip Church, Richmond is hosting their 5th Peru Fundraiser. All monies raised go to projects. St. Philip Church Hall, **Sat., Mar. 3, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.** Spaghetti Dinner with live entertainment. Tickets: Janet Seward (613-838-5864). Cost: \$25. Sponsored/hosted by St. Philip Parish. Info: 613-838-5864.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner: All are invited to a meal of pancakes, sausages, beans, dessert, coffee and tea at St. John the Apostle Parish, 2340 Baseline Road, Main Hall, **Tues., Feb. 13, 5:30-7:00 p.m.** Free will offering with all profits donated to the Parish. Hosted by Catholic Women's League and Knights of Columbus. Info: 613-829-1760.