

FRIDAY FACTS

Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

February 16, 2018

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Special Request from the Holy Father: Pope Francis announced that **Fri., Feb. 23** will be a day of prayer and fasting for peace, particularly for those affected by the ongoing conflicts in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan. In response to this request, Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J. will offer **Mass for this intention on Fri., Feb. 23, 5:00 p.m.** at Notre Dame Cathedral. All are invited. Let us respond generously to this invitation and pray and fast in solidarity with the Catholic Congolese Community in Ottawa and the people from South Sudan.



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

Presbyteral Ordination: Archbishop Prendergast will ordain John Orban to the Priesthood on **Fri., April 6, 7:30 p.m.** in Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica. Please keep Deacon Orban in our prayers.

Canadian Jewish Experience Exhibition: The Archdiocese of Ottawa is hosting the Canadian Jewish Experience Exhibition at the Diocesan Centre, **Jan. 24 – Feb. 23**.

Pastoral Day: 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 **noon, Feb. 16:** (thurley@ArchOttawa.ca); (613-738-5025 x231); (<https://www.catholicottawa.ca/pastoral-day>). Cost for lunch: \$15 each. Afternoon session for priests and deacons. Packages for parishes. Please consider returning the parish Holy Oil vials today.

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.

Reminder to Parishes: The deadline to submit the 2017 Parish Financial Statements to Diocesan Administration is **Feb. 23**. Further info or questions: Philippe Courchesne (pcourchesne@archottawa.ca) or Alain Trudel (atrudel@archottawa.ca).

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. 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).

Parish Lenten Penance Service Schedule & Confession Times: Now available on our website [here](#). Includes March 2 Day of Confessions schedule.

FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Ottawa Catholic Parenting Challenge: Take the Catholic Parenting Challenge presented by Evango and The Family & Youth Ministry Office. Step 1: Connect with other Parents, **Mar. 1, 6-8 pm**, St. Augustine, 1060 Baseline Road. Step 2: Take the 5 Day Challenge using short videos and simple actions to try at home. Step 3: Join the Facebook Live Chat, **Mar. 8, 8-9 pm**, on the Family & Youth Ministry Ottawa Page to continue the conversation. Info: www.fymottawa.com, skorban@archottawa.ca; (613-738-5025x222).

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).

St. Leonard Youth Mass: Guest speaker (after Mass): Holly Leonard, full-time missionary with Catholic Christian Outreach. Topic: *How Can I Be Real With God Starting This Lent?* St. Leonard Parish, Manotick, **Sun., Feb. 25, 7:00 p.m.** Info: office@stleonardsparish.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. Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 1758 Alta Vista Dr., **Feb. 22, 7:00 p.m.** Hosted by Fr. Estephan Farah. Info: estephan_farah@hotmail.com.

Come join the Children's Choir at Notre Dame Cathedral: Your commitment includes Wednesday rehearsals, 6:00 - 7:30 pm and two Sunday Masses per month at 9:00 am (you don't need to give up your parish). We welcome children from primary grades to high school. No experience needed, no charge, no audition, and free parking. Qualifies as volunteer hours for teens. The conductor can be reached directly at notredameenfantschildren@gmail.com.

CARE FOR CREATION

The Greening of Sacred Spaces (experiences from St. Geneviève's): A light lenten lunch will precede the presentation by Richard Pommerville at St. Basil Church (Maitland/Queensway), **March 4, 12:00 noon**. Sponsored by St. Basil's Green Team with the Mission and Social Justice Committee. Info: margbott@rogers.com; 613-820-9595.

FROM THE CCCB

New Bishop appointed for Nelson, BC: His Holiness Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of the Most Reverend John Corriveau, O.F.M.Cap., as Bishop of the [Diocese of Nelson](#), and has appointed as his successor the Most Reverend Gregory Bittman. At the time of his appointment, Bishop Bittman was Auxiliary Bishop of [Edmonton](#). [Read more...](#)

VOCATIONS

Prayer for Vocations: Second Sunday of Lent – February 25, 2018. That those considering a call to the priesthood or consecrated life will answer the call of the Lord unhesitatingly like Abraham, 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.

PRO-LIFE

Conscience and Why it Matters in the Question of Assisted Suicide: A document of reflections released by the Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF). To read the full document click [HERE](#).

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).

Info Meeting - Campaign Life Coalition: There has been a significant amount of action in Ottawa, Ontario and Canada with the implementation of the bubble zone law, PC Leadership race, and the Summer Jobs program. Find out more information on all of these issues and hear about the National March for Life. Jim Hughes, CLC President will attend. St. Patrick Basilica Scavi, **Feb. 20, 6:30 - 8:30 pm.** Info: debbie@clife.ca; 613-729-0379.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Heart of Worship - Adoration Night: Guest speaker: Deacon James Kubina. Come and worship Jesus in Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament. Praise & worship music, some silent adoration, opportunity for confession followed by food & fellowship. **Tues., Feb. 27, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** at Holy Redeemer Parish, 44 Rothesay Dr., Kanata. Info: (613-836-1764); (reception@holyredeemer.ca); (<http://www.holyredeemer.ca/>).

FAITH FORMATION

Suffering: Where is God? Hear Dr. Barry Whitney, professor emeritus of Windsor University, present this Lenten Reflection. Dr. Whitney, a member of St. Patrick Parish, Fallowfield is a Christian apologist, who has devoted his professional career to the question of suffering and evil in the world. His years of research and writings offer new insights and better ways to understand God and the questions of suffering, sin, and evil in the world. St. Patrick Parish, Monsignor Paul Baxter Hall, 15 Steeple Hill Cres., **Thurs., Mar. 1, 8, 15 & 22, 7:00 p.m.** All are welcome. Info: parish office (613-591-1135).

Lenten Day of Reflection: Contemplation and Dark Night of the Soul. Through guided reflections, silent time and shared conversation at small tables, learn to understand the discernible signs of contemplative prayer and dark night of the soul experiences. St. Isidore Parish Hall, **March 24, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Cost: \$15 includes lunch and new book. Presenter: Sr. Rosemary O'Toole, CSJ. Info: office@stisidorekanata.com; 613-592-1961.

UNBOUND Conference Study Group - West end: At Holy Spirit Parish, Stittsville, Friday evenings and Saturday mornings, April 7-May 12 (excluding April 27 & 28). Includes viewing of the UNBOUND conference DVDs & small group discussions. Participants are required to use two resources; Neal Lozano's book UNBOUND and the UNBOUND: Freedom in Christ Companion Guide. To register: Kim Baudouin (holyspiritunbound@gmail.com). Cost: \$35 to cover cost of materials.

The Jesus We're Aching For: Gospel of Mark Lenten Bible Study: An opportunity for spiritual growth during the season of Lent. St. Elizabeth Parish, 1303 Leaside Ave. (at Merivale), **Tuesdays during Lent, 10:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m., beginning Feb. 20.** No cost. Info: st.elizabethparish@rogers.com; 613-725-2242.

Called and Gifted Spiritual Gifts Introductory Workshop: Presented by Catherine of Siena Institute. **Sat., Feb. 24, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** Cost: \$50 for members of St. Mary's Parish; \$60 for non-member. Discover the charisms the Lord has given you. St. Mary Parish, 100 Young St. Info: spiritual.gifts@stmarysottawa.ca; 613-728-9811 x734.

JULIAN: A One Woman Play featuring Sr. Anne Kathleen McLaughlin, GSIC: Offered as an opportunity for spiritual growth during Lent, JULIAN is a dramatic monologue on the life of Julian of Norwich, the 14th century English mystic. At St. Elizabeth Parish, 1303 Leaside Ave. on **Sat., Feb. 24, 7:00 p.m.** Free will offering. Info: st.elizabethparish@rogers.com; 613-725-2242.

New Life Retreat: Would you like to take part in a life-changing, faith-building experience? Are you looking for more meaning in your life? Are you seeking a personal encounter with the living Jesus Christ? New Life Retreat, **Fri. – Mon., Mar. 9, 10, 11 & 12** at St. Mary Parish, 100 Young St. Info or registration: (613-224-5723); (www.newlifeparishretreat.org).

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

St. Patrick Day Parish Social at St. George Parish: Irish stew, salad and desserts. **Sun., March 11**, doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m. Bar available. Highland Dancing and live music. Cost: \$20 for adults/teens; \$10 for children ages 7-11; children 6 and under are free. Tickets: www.saintgeorges.ca. No tickets at the door. St. George Parish, 415 Piccadilly Ave. Hosted by Knights of Columbus. Info: manager@saintgeorges.ca; 613-724-0086.

OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS

Save the Date for The New Evangelization Summit: Join Catholics from around the World at a conference on the New Evangelization **April 27 - 28, 2018**. At the Infinity Convention Centre, Ottawa, and webcast to host sites across Canada, the US, and beyond. World-class Catholic speakers: Michael Dopp, George Weigel, Patrick Madrid, Curtis Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, and more. Fee: \$95. Register: <https://www.newevangelization.ca/>. Hosted by Mission of the Redeemer Ministries.

EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Campion College at the University of Regina seeks a qualified candidate to fill the position of Campus Minister. Deadline: **Tues., March 13**. Further details and info: <http://campioncollege.ca/about-us/employment-opportunities/campus-minister>.

PILGRIMAGES

Ottawa to Ireland Pilgrimage: Cead Mile Failte! An all-inclusive, Catholic pilgrimage to Ireland, including many religious, historic, and cultural sites. A full religious program provided by Fr. Bryan Sabourin, CC. **May 19 - Jun 2, 2018**. Cost: \$4,895. Sponsored by Joe Walsh Tours. Info: (613-686-6143); (helene.makuch@joewalstours.com); (www.joewalstours.com).

WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

Six Day Meditation Retreat: With Vivianne LaRiviere at Galilee Centre, Arnprior. **Tues., Mar. 6, 13, 20, April 3, 10, 17, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** *The Art of Soul Care: A Pathway to Spiritual Transformation*. Reflection in meditation, silence and artwork. Cost: \$280. Info: (www.galileecentre.com); (613-623-4242 x21); (info@galileecentre.com).

Lent Retreat: The Reverend Kevin Flynn leads a study 'Paschal-Shaped Life: Meditation and the Liturgies of Holy Week'. Silent meditation is included. Trinity United Church, 1099 Maitland Ave. **Sat., March 10, 9:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.** No charge. Sponsored by Ottawa Christian Meditation. Info: cmadventretreat@gmail.com.

Celtic Mass for the Sea: Concert performed by the CAMMAC choir and ensemble. All Saints' Westboro Church, 347 Richmond Rd., **Sun., Feb. 25, 3:00 p.m.** Cost: \$20; \$10 for students. Info: <https://cammac.ca/ottawagatineau/activities/#annual>.