

FRIDAY FACTS

Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

February 23, 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.



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

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

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

* **Parish Holy Oil Vials:** If you have not already done so, please return your small Holy Oil vials (3 vials in small black case) to the Diocesan Centre, as soon as possible. Thank you.

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).

PARISH - TEMPORAL GOODS

Fire Proof Safe: St. Ignatius the Martyr Parish is looking for a fire proof safe for the records of the Church (second-hand/new). If anyone can help, please contact the parish office (stignatiusottawa@gmail.com), (613-745-3961) or Fr. Jeremiah Budau (fatherbudau@gmail.com), (613-408-2983).

Weekday Lectionary: The retired Bishops living at the John Paul II Residence are looking for a full-sized edition weekday Lectionary, Year B. This is out of print and unavailable new, so if anyone has an extra copy that is not being used, please contact Pastoral Services (abrown@ArchOttawa.ca); (613-738-5025 x217).

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).

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

Greening Sacred Space Award: Congratulations to Paroisse Sainte-Marie in Orleans and Glebe-St. James United Church, recipients of this year's Greening Sacred Space Awards, given by the interfaith network Faith and the Common Good. The award expresses appreciation to faith communities for their significant actions, such as energy conservation, sound waste management, rideshare and cycling, garage sales, parish gardens, and support of local farmers. Further info: John Dorner jdorner@archottawa.ca; 613-738-5025, ext.251.

A Prayer for Lent: In our consumer society we are encouraged to have more 'stuff' without considering its impact on all life on earth, especially the poor. During Lent let us reflect on how our actions and sacrifices impact on others. Let us pray, 'Lord our God, in our fasting, help us to avoid the temptations of earthly pleasures so that we can see more clearly the treasures of Your Kingdom'. Resources: John Dorner (613-738-5025 x251; jdorner@archottawa.ca).

2017 Paschal Candle Recycling: St. Joseph's Catholic Church is looking for last year's paschal candles to be recycled. Drop them off at the parish office, or they will pick up. If you have a paschal candle you want to donate, please contact Brian Ouellette; bouellette@st-josephs.ca; 613-233-4095 x235.

FROM THE CCCB

Materials for 2018 National Week for Life and the Family: Celebrated across Canada, **13 to 20 May 2018**. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is offering possible [resources and options](#) for planning and organizing local activities. The theme for the 2018 National Week is "Love: Encountering the Other". The resources have been prepared by the [Catholic Organization for Life and Family](#) (COLF) in collaboration and consultation with the CCCB. [Read more...](#)

Online catechesis and other resources for 2018 World Meeting of Families: The Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life has announced that a digital series of seven catecheses on the family is freely available on its website and its YouTube channel, PcFamiglia. The World Meeting of Families (WMF) is in Dublin, Ireland, 21-26 August 2018. [Read more...](#)

VOCATIONS

Prayer for Vocations: Third Sunday of Lent - March 4. For those considering a call to the priesthood or consecrated life, that they will answer the call and proclaim Christ crucified, 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

Palliative Care Focus Groups: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) in collaboration with Pallium Canada and Dominican University College, has initiated focus-groups with some Catholic parishes in Ottawa. The purpose of the focus-groups is to learn from the faithful: which questions are being asked with regards to what palliative care is, what people know about Catholic teaching on end-of-life issues, and the support mechanisms they feel are needed as a person prepares to die, including subsequent bereavement. This first focus group is at the following location: **Sun., Mar. 11, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** at Paroisse Sacré-Coeur. Info: (<http://sacrecoeuottawa.ca>).

FAITH FORMATION

Lenten Day Retreat for Women - "The Paschal Mystery": Includes talks by a Dominican Friar, Mass, Adoration, opportunity for confession, fellowship, refreshments and a buffet luncheon. Free parking on site. Register by March 1, at www.sisterhood.live; livesisterhood@gmail.com; or call Karen at 613-806-0377. All women welcome. Dominican University College, 96 Empress Ave., Ottawa, **Sat., March 3, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Cost: \$30. Sponsored by Sister+Hood.

LENTEN MISSION: Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 7:00 p.m. Presented by Fr Bosco Wong. "Joy of Being a Christian", **Mar. 5.** "Joy of Family", **Mar. 6.** "Joy of Divine Mercy", **Mar. 7** with Penitential Service. Homily at Masses March 3-4 "Joy of The Gospel". Info: (613-722-7661).

33 Days to Morning Glory – 6 Week, Small Group Retreat at St. Maurice Parish: Learn how Marian consecration can change your life. 1st session: 7:00 p.m., Mon., Mar. 5. Info & registration: Retreat Coordinator, Ron Bishop (613-440-2820); (indian.scout@icloud.com). St Maurice Church, 4 Perry St., **Mar. 5, Mar. 12, Mar. 19, Mar. 26, Apr. 2, Apr. 9.** Cost: \$10 book.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Fish Fry: Enjoy a down east feed of fish, fries, coleslaw, baked beans, rolls, dessert and dance to the music of Snap, Crackle, Pop. Net proceeds go directly to the Parish. St. John the Apostle Parish, 2340 Baseline Road, **Fri., Mar. 9,** cocktails at 5:00 p.m., supper at 6:00 p.m. Adults \$18; Children age 12 and under \$10. Hosted by Knights of Columbus. Info: 613-829-1760.

OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS

Maryvale Academy School-Day Open Houses: Come and discover a Maryvale education. **8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Thurs., Mar. 1 & Tues., April 10.** Please call the principal, Mrs. Champion, to register for part or all of the day: (613- 321-2186 ext. 2) . School info: www.maryvaleacademy.ca. Info: principal@maryvaleacademy.ca.