

FRIDAY FACTS

Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

March 30, 2018

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Archbishop's Easter Letter 2018: *'The Easter Mystery is the foundation of Christian faith. Without the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, says St. Paul, "our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain."' (I Corinthians 15.14)*
Available in PDF on our website here: www.catholicottawa.ca.

Parish Lenten Penance Service Schedule, Confession Times & Easter Triduum Schedules: Available at <https://www.catholicottawa.ca/>.

Communion and Liberation - Way of the Cross: On **Good Friday, March 30**, through the streets of downtown Ottawa. Led by Most. Rev. Terrence Prendergast S.J., Archbishop of Ottawa. Departure at 9:30 a.m. from St. Patrick Basilica, 220 Kent St. Arrival around 12:00 Noon at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica. Info: David McConkey (clonottawa@gmail.com).

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.

Diocesan Pastoral Calendar 2018-2019: Now available in PDF on our website under Pastoral Services at <https://www.catholicottawa.ca>. Please note the date of diocesan events in your calendar. Any changes will be announced in the Friday Facts. If priests or staff in parish offices wish access to the Diocesan Pastoral Calendar via Google Calendar, please email abrown@ArchOttawa.ca.

NEW Policies and Resources for Submissions to the College of Consultors: We are pleased to announce new policies and resources for parish submissions to the College of Consultors, approved by Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J., to replace the previous 2010 policy as recommended by the members of the College of Consultors at their February 2018 meeting. These tools are now available on our website at the following link: <http://www.catholicottawa.ca/college-of-consultors>.

Pentecost Confirmations for Adult Catholics: Parishes submitting candidate names for Confirmation on Pentecost, please complete this online form **before Fri., Apr. 20:** <http://www.catholicottawa.ca/pentecost-confirmations-for-adult-catholics>.

Parishes - Wedding Anniversary Mass: An online registration for the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass is online [here](#). Poster & registration forms also available in parishes.



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

CARE FOR CREATION

Liturgical Resource for Earth Day: Earth Day, April 22, falls on a Sunday this year. The Global Catholic Climate Movement (GCCM), supported by Pope Francis, has a program in place where we celebrate creation during Mass on Earth Day. Suggestions and prayers that can be incorporated into the Mass on Earth Day may be found on the [GCCM website](#). Further info: John Dorner (613-738-5025, ext. 251; jdorner@archottawa.ca).

VOCATIONS

Prayer for Vocations: Third Sunday of Easter - April 15. For an increased awareness among our young people of the closeness of the Lord in their vocation discernment, we pray to the Lord.

FROM THE CCCB

Easter Message from CCCB President: In Canada, the celebration of Easter, which coincides with the emergence of spring, is always filled with a sense of new life. As we begin to throw off our winter coats and boots, the days are becoming longer, the sun is getting warmer and new life abounds in the budding trees and the plants that are emerging from the ground. [More...](#)

CCCB President Communicates Important Updates To Indigenous Peoples in a Letter on Behalf of Bishops: The President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), the Most Rev. Lionel Gendron, P.S.S., has issued a [letter to Indigenous Peoples in Canada](#). The letter indicates that Pope Francis, after carefully considering Call to Action # 58 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and discussing the matter extensively with the Bishops of Canada, felt he could not personally respond. [Read more...](#)

Salt + Light TV special schedule for Holy Week and Easter: The Canadian Catholic television channel Salt + Light TV has arranged a special programming schedule for Holy Week and Easter, covering the celebrations by Pope Francis in Rome. [Link to the special broadcasting schedule.](#)

PRO-LIFE

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).

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Morning Prayer at Saint Patrick Basilica Parish: Saint Patrick Basilica (220 Kent St.) extends a warm welcome to anyone who wishes to join Morning Prayer on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday at 8:30 a.m. Info: parish office (613-233-1125); info@basilica.ca.

Divine Mercy Sunday at St. John the Apostle Parish: Receive God's abundant mercy on this feast day that includes a Reflection, Eucharistic Adoration, Veneration of the Image of our Lord, Reconciliation and Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by a reception. All are welcome. St. John the Apostle Parish, 2340 Baseline Rd. **Sun., April 8, 3:00 p.m.** Info: 613-829-1760.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Holy Rosary Parish is inviting everyone to join the Divine Mercy celebration with Adoration & Divine Mercy Chaplet at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary on **April 8, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.** Info: <http://www.queenofmostholyroosary.ca>; 613-728-4935.

Divine Mercy Sunday at Resurrection of Our Lord Parish: Celebrating Divine Mercy **Sunday, April 8, 2:00 p.m.** Confession, St. Faustina's Way of the Cross; Benediction; Chaplet and song. Reception to follow. Info: (613-733-4661).

Divine Mercy Novena Pamphlet: Novena begins Good Friday. The Novena can be found on the John Paul II Centre for Divine Mercy website (<https://jp2centre.com/the-divine-mercy-novena>).

Evening of Musical Prayer at Saint-François d'Assise Church: The Pauvres de Saint-François Brothers, based in Trois-Rivières, will present a choral concert on **Sat., April 21, 7:00 p.m.** Saint-François d'Assise Church (Wellington W. & Fairmont). Freewill offering; CDs available for purchase. Also sing at the Sunday, 11 a.m. Mass. Info: gilles.leclerc7@sympatico.ca; 613-798-0264.

FAITH FORMATION

Marriage and Family Life - Reflections on Amoris Laetitia: Presented by Prof. Chad Glendinning, assoc. professor at Saint Paul University. Addressing important themes in the document, including the more controversial aspects concerning pastoral care for those in irregular situations. Holy Canadian Martyrs Church, 100 Main St., **April 11, 7:30 – 9 p.m.** Free will donation. Info: office@canadianmartyrs.org; 613-232-5347.

OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS

Gregorian Chants for Meditation: Chorus Ecclesiae with Lawrence Harris, **Good Friday, March 30, 7:00 - 10:00pm** (new time). Free admission. Holy Canadian Martyrs Church, 100 Main St. Free parking behind church. Info: ChoirClass@hotmail.com.

Pilgrimage Toward Home, Resurrection Reflections: Reflections on the resurrection experiences of the women at the tomb and the apostles by Dr. Michael Rock. Immaculate Heart of Mary, 1758 Alta Vista Dr., in the Parish Hall, **April 9, 7:00 pm**. Sponsored by the KoC of Immaculate Heart of Mary Canada 150 Council 16762. Info: 613-733-9636.

Women's Facilitated Prayer Dinner & Reflection - The Mysteries of Christ: Share Italian food at Biagio's Italian Kitchen, 1394 Richmond Rd. (private room). **Tues., April 10, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.** Bibles & Catechism helpful to bring. Separate bills for dinner. Registration required. Info: Sister+Hood, Karen-613-806-0377; livesisterhood@gmail.com; www.sisterhood.live.

Men's Breakfast at St. Augustine: "Go into the World and Proclaim." Speaker: Romain Audet, on his mission travels. St. Augustine Parish, 1060 Baseline Rd. **Sat., April 21, 8:00 a.m.** Use entrance on East side of the church. Cost: \$5. Info: RSVP via breakfastformen@gmail.com or Denis Therrien (613-228-7646).

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

SCHOOLS

Maryvale Academy School-Day Open House: Come and discover more about a Maryvale education. Please call the principal to register for part or all of the day (613-321-2186 ext. 2); principal@maryvaleacademy.ca. **Tues., April 10, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** School info: www.maryvaleacademy.ca; facebook.com/MaryvaleAcademyOttawa.

WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

2018 Kanata Ecumenical Good Friday Walk of the Cross: Begins with a short welcome by Fr. John Bridges of the host Church, St. Paul Anglican Church, 20 Young Drive, at 12:00 noon. Scripture reading and reflection at the Kanata Medical Centre parking lot, Holy Redeemer Catholic School, and back at St. Paul Anglican Church. Light refreshments and snacks upon returning. Ends at approximately 1:30 p.m. Info: <https://sites.google.com/view/kanatagoodfridaywalkofthecross/home>.

PILGRIMAGES

Pilgrimage to Italy & Holy Land Information Session: Pilgrimage under the spiritual leadership of Fr. Daryold Winkler, October 15 - 26. Info session on **Wed., April 4, 6:30 p.m.**, 1303 Leaside Ave. Info: st.elizabethparish@rogers.com; 613-725-2242.

CNEWA Holy Land Pilgrimage: Discover places of the Bible in Israel and Palestine, meet local Christians and see CNEWA projects. Priority given to Catholic Women's League members. **June 24 - July 5, 2018**. Cost: \$3,275. Includes airfare from Montreal, hotel (double occupancy), bus, guide, breakfast & supper. Deadline: April 16. Info: mgabriel@cnewa.org; 613-738-9666; www.cnewa.ca/web/cwltrip.