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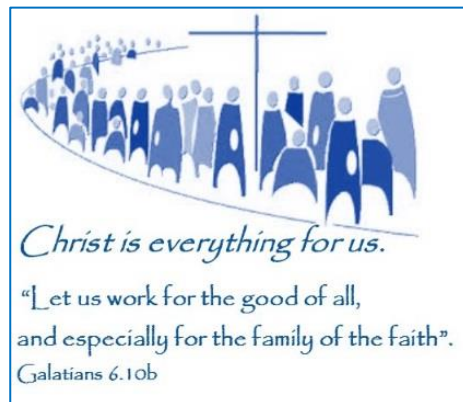
Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

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## FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

**The Website's New Look Is Here:** The Archdiocese of Ottawa has launched its newly renovated diocesan website. Check it out now: [CatholicOttawa.ca](http://CatholicOttawa.ca).

**Diocesan Celebration of Consecrated Life:** Archbishop Terrence Prendergast SJ invites all members of religious communities and consecrated persons, all members of the clergy and the faithful of the Archdiocese to a Mass at Saint-François-d'Assise (20 Fairmont Avenue) on **Sat., Feb. 2, 11:00 a.m.** followed by a reception in the parish hall. Please RSVP to [abrown@ArchOttawa.ca](mailto:abrown@ArchOttawa.ca) by Jan. 31.



**Rite of Election:** The parish participation form for the Rite of Election on **Sun., Mar. 10** is now available online at <https://catholicottawa.ca/rite-of-election-parish-form>. Deadline: Tues., Feb. 26. Info: [abrown@ArchOttawa.ca](mailto:abrown@ArchOttawa.ca).

**Pastoral Day:** The next Pastoral Day is **Wed., Feb. 20** at the Diocesan Centre. Watch here for further details.

**World Youth Day:** A delegation of 58 pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Ottawa is preparing to leave for World Youth Day 2019 in Panama, January 22-27. This may be one of the largest World Youth Days on record! Please keep Archbishop Prendergast and our pilgrims in your prayers.

## FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

**FOCCUS Facilitator Training:** For any individual or couple interested in becoming a marriage preparation FOCCUS facilitator in their parish. Training is **Sat., Mar. 30, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** at St. Basil Parish, 940 Rex Ave. Cost: \$125 per person (lunch and training manual included). Registration closes Feb. 25. To register: <https://catholicottawa.ca/foccus-training>. Info: 613-738-5025.

**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: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Feb. 3, World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life.** For those called to service for the Lord as priests, sisters and brothers, that they will be encouraged to follow the Lord and faithful to His choice of them, we pray to the Lord.

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## FROM THE CCCB

***New Science and Catholic Faith Booklet Now Available:*** The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, through its Commission for Doctrine, has released a new document, titled *Science and Catholic Faith*. It is intended for students at the secondary school level, who, when learning about their faith, often ask the question, "Are faith and science compatible?" It can be read on its own or can be used as a tool to support science and religious education courses. Now available from CCCB Publications: [here](#) or [publi@cccb.ca](mailto:publi@cccb.ca); (1-800-769-1147).

***New Resource on Family Catechesis:*** Recently developed by the CCCB Office for Evangelization and Catechesis. The intended audience is those who work in evangelization and catechesis with children and who are seeking to find new ways to engage parents in the process. It provides insight in to the value of family catechesis as a means to evangelization not only of children, but of adults who accompany them. Includes tips for planning family catechesis and links to websites that offer resources. Further info & the resource: <https://www.cccb.ca>.

***Joint Letter Published by the Canadian Council of Churches Regarding the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons:*** The members of the Canadian Council of Churches (CCC) published a joint letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and to leaders of all political parties in the House of Commons. [Link to Letter](#).

***Statement by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on the 2019 Canada Summer Jobs Program:*** The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is pleased with the positive revisions which the Government of Canada has made in the 2019 version of the Canada Summer Jobs application and welcomes the same changes, which not only indicate a willingness to listen seriously to faith-based organizations, but likewise the importance of respect of conscience and freedom of religious expression. It is certainly a step in the right direction as the controversial language associated with the 2018 attestation was removed. [More...](#)

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

***Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - An Ecumenical Prayer Service:*** Hosted by the Christian Council of the Capital Area at Saint Basil Church, 940 Rex Ave. (Maitland at Carling) **Sun., Jan. 20, 4:00 p.m.** A reception will follow; all are invited. Free parking. Info: Fr. Jacques Kabangu, Saint-Gabriel Parish, 613-745-4342 ([jacqueskabangu25@gmail.com](mailto:jacqueskabangu25@gmail.com)).

***Taizé Prayer for Unity:*** This month's Taizé prayer coincides with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. It will be held **Thurs., Jan. 24, 7:15 p.m.**, at Sacré-Coeur Church, 591 Cumberland, Ottawa. All are welcome. Info: [taize@101parent.ca](mailto:taize@101parent.ca), 613-241-7515.

***Heart of Worship:*** Evening includes short spiritual talk, praise and worship music, silent adoration, confession, food and fellowship. Guest speaker: Fr. Hezuk Shroff. **Tues., Jan. 29, 7-9 pm.** Holy Redeemer Parish, Kanata. Info: [reception@holyredeemer.ca](mailto:reception@holyredeemer.ca).

## FAITH FORMATION

***Call for Candidates:*** The Missionaries of Prayer and Presence is an apostolate committed to fervent prayer for the souls of the dying, those willfully turned from God and for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. At St. John the Apostle Parish, **Thurs., Jan. 31, 7:00 p.m.** Info: 613-322-8707; [mppapostolate@gmail.com](mailto:mppapostolate@gmail.com).

### Coming Events – Dates to Note

- **Sat., Feb. 2** Celebration of Consecrated Life
- **Wed., Feb. 20** Pastoral Day
- **Wed., Mar. 6** Ash Wednesday
- **Sun., Mar. 10** Rite of Election
- **Tues., Apr. 16** Chrism Mass
- **Sun., May 5** Wedding Anniversary Mass
- **Sun., May 12** Neophytes Mass
- **Thurs., May 16** Pastoral Day
- **Sat., June 1** Gathering with Archbishop of Deacons & Wives
- **Thurs., June 6** Diocesan Celebration
- **Sun., June 9** Pentecost Confirmations
- **Thurs., June 13** Gathering of Priests

**2019 National Conference on Evangelization and Catechesis:** Hosted by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, through the Episcopal Commission for Evangelization and Catechesis. **April 4-6, 2019**, at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel - Ottawa Airport. Theme: *He Thirsts for You*. Keynote speakers: the Most Reverend William McGrattan, Father Ron Rolheiser, O.M.I., and Dr. Josephine Lombardi. [Conference Flyer](#); [Registration Form](#); [Online Registration](#). Questions: Mrs. Marg Shea-Lawrence ([m.shea-lawrence@cccba.ca](mailto:m.shea-lawrence@cccba.ca)); (613-241-9461 x109).

**Month-long Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius of Loyola:** For those who have already made an Ignatian retreat. With the Jesuits at Villa Saint-Martin in Montreal, **June 23 - July 26**. Space limited; early application deadline Jan. 31. Registration: <https://goo.gl/9rP4Vk>. Questions: [programmation@villasaintmartin.org](mailto:programmation@villasaintmartin.org). Info: [villasaintmartin.org](http://villasaintmartin.org). Cost: \$3,200 (financial assistance possible for young adults under age 29).

## PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

**Spaghetti and Karaoke Fundraising Dinner:** Open to everyone. Proceeds to the St. Theresa Building Maintenance fund. St. Theresa Parish Hall, 95 Somerset St. West, **Sat., Feb. 23, 5:00 - 10:00 p.m.** Cost: \$15 adults; \$5 children under age 10. Hosted by The Knights of Columbus, St. Theresa the Little Flower Council 16005. Info & tickets: Roger Richard (613-277-5423); [roger-richard@rogers.com](mailto:roger-richard@rogers.com) or George McKenna (613-745-6953).

**Irish Kitchen Ceili:** Annual Irish music night with light refreshments. Free will offering at door is appreciated. St. Augustine parish hall, Baseline at Merivale. **Sat., Jan. 26, 7-10 pm**. Info: [www.staugustineparish.ca](http://www.staugustineparish.ca).

## OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS

**Find Your Voice – For Women:** Are you nervous about speaking in public? Learn effective public speaking techniques in a safe, supportive and fun environment on **Sat., Feb. 23, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm** at Annunciation of the Lord Parish hall. Cost: \$10. Bring a brown bag lunch. All women over the age of 16 are welcome. Sponsored by CWL Ottawa Diocesan Council. Info & registration: Lynn Lavictoire (613-833-1742); ([aolpcommunications@bell.net](mailto:aolpcommunications@bell.net)).

**2019 Lift Jesus Higher Rally:** Be inspired, encouraged and healed at the largest single day Catholic event in Canada, the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally. Theme: “Hope In The Midst of Suffering”. **Sat., March 2, 9:00 am - 5:30 pm** at Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St. W. Talks by Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, SGL and guest speaker Fr. Mark Goring, CC. Cost: \$25 adults; \$15 youth. Info: [contact@lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca](mailto:contact@lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca), [www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca](http://www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca), (647-243-9441).

## SCHOOLS

**Maryvale Academy of Ottawa Fundraising Dinner Gala:** ‘No Greater Love’ on **Sat., Feb. 9** at Tudor Hall, 3750 N Bowesville Rd. Live & silent auctions, 50/50 draw, musical performances. Cocktails & silent auction 5:30 p.m., dinner 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$95/person (\$45 receipt). Info/tickets: Maryvale Academy (613- 321-2186); ([www.maryvaleacademy.ca](http://www.maryvaleacademy.ca)); ([www.facebook.com/MaryvaleAcademyOttawa](https://www.facebook.com/MaryvaleAcademyOttawa)). Poster available [here](#).

## EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Miriam Centre Executive Director:** Full-time position for fluently bilingual, compassionate pro-life person. Must have management skills and experience and computer skills. \$15/hr. Send CV to Sr Rita Lacelle, 030- 2742 St. Joseph Blvd., Orléans, ON K1C 1G5 or [centremiriamcentre@yahoo.ca](mailto:centremiriamcentre@yahoo.ca). Info: [www.miriamcentre.ca](http://www.miriamcentre.ca).