



Friday Facts

Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office
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FROM THE ARCHBISHOP'S OFFICE

ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE: 'Joy to the World, the Lord has come!' Now available in PDF format on the Diocesan website at (<https://www.catholicottawa.ca>).

CHRISTMAS CONCERT & ARCHBISHOP'S RECEPTION AT NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL: A Choral Celebration presented by the choirs of Notre Dame Cathedral on **Sun., Dec. 18, 2:30 p.m.** Archbishop Prendergast will be present at the Reception in the Cathedral Hall following the Concert. Everyone is welcome. Info: (613-241-7496).

LUNCHEON FOR PRIESTS: During Christmas Week, **Thurs., Dec. 29.** Reception at 11:00 a.m. at the Archbishop's Residence; Buffet Luncheon at 12:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Hall. Dress is casual. **Priests are asked to please R.S.V.P. yes/no NO LATER THAN Mon., Dec. 19:** (rsvp@archottawa.ca); (613-738-5025 x 233 - available 24/7).

HOMELANDS MASS: At Notre Dame Cathedral, **Sun., Jan. 22, 2:30 p.m.** All welcome!

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

NEW PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS: Newly ordained Father Lucien Campeau has been appointed associate pastor at St-Pierre Apôtre Parish, Hawkesbury, effective November 25, 2016; Msgr. Peter Schonenbach has been appointed administrator *pro tem* at Senhor Santo Cristo Parish, Ottawa, effective December 1, 2016.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS – UPDATED EDITION: Available from CCCB Publications by mid-January. Now contains the Scripture passages from the translation found in the *Lectionary: Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, Votive Masses, Masses for the Dead.* Some prayers and musical settings have been updated. Pastoral Services will place an order in January for pick-up at the Diocesan Centre on **Pastoral Day, Wed., Feb. 15.** To be included in this order & receive a 15% discount, send request to (abrown@ArchOttawa.ca) by **Fri., Jan. 27.**

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES, CONFESSIONS & CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: Now available on our website at (www.CatholicOttawa.ca).

VOCATIONS

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNERS' GROUP: Open to any man interested in knowing more about the priesthood. Next meeting: **Wed., Jan. 11, 7:00 p.m.** at St. Margaret Mary Parish. Info: Fr. Pierre Champoux (613-558-1445) or (vocations@archottawa.ca); (<http://www.catholicottawa.ca/priesthood>).

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. That through our Blessed Mother's intercession, all those being called to holiness as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, will find joy and faithfulness in their vocations.

FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS – www.fymottawa.com

DIOCESAN YOUTH ADVENT PARTY: Games, snacks, music and a talk. Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place. **Fri., Dec. 16, 7:00-9:00 p.m.** For all youth in grades 6-12. Info: Krista Wawrykow (kwawrykow@archottawa.ca; 613-738-5025 ext. 222).

STEBENVILLE TORONTO 2017 INTEREST MEETING: Steubenville Toronto is Canada's largest Catholic Youth Conference. Youth who will be in Grade 9 in September 2017 up to those who will be graduating high school by the end of 2017 can attend Steubenville Toronto. An interest meeting for parents and youth will be held **Jan. 12, 6:30-9:30 p.m.** at the Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place. Info: Krista Wawrykow (613-738-5025 ext. 222); (kwawrykow@ArchOttawa.ca).

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"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace..." (Galatians 5.22)

PASTORAL CALENDAR 2016-17

<http://www.catholicottawa.ca/pastoral-calendar>

Events to Note

Dec. 16 – Youth Advent Party

Dec. 18 – Concert & Archbishop's Reception

Dec. 29 – Luncheon for Priests

Jan. 22 – Homelands Mass

Submitting a notice for the Friday Fax

- ✓ please ensure all notices include contact details
- ✓ ideally notices should be sent 3 weeks before event date
- ✓ weekly deadline for FF is **Wednesday noon**
- ✓ contact info (abrown@ArchOttawa.ca)

Previous Issues of the FF:
(www.catholicottawa.ca)

FROM THE HOLY SEE

POPE'S MESSAGE FOR WORLD DAY OF PEACE 2017: The Holy See has released the Holy Father's Message for the 50th World Day of Peace, January 1, 2017. Theme: "Nonviolence: a Style of Politics for Peace". [Link to the Message.](#)

FROM THE CCCB

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2016 FROM CCCB PRESIDENT: This past year the Holy Father gave us the gift of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, choosing as its motto "Merciful like the Father" (*Misericordes sicut Pater*). [Read more...](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION – PEACE ON EARTH: Six years ago Pope Emeritus Benedict wrote a World Day of Peace message entitled [If You Want to Cultivate Peace, Protect Creation.](#) In it he stated, "Protecting the natural environment in order to build a world of peace is a duty incumbent upon each and all. It is an urgent challenge, one to be faced with renewed and concerted commitment; it is also a providential opportunity to hand down to coming generations the prospect of a better future for all." During the Christmas season let us pray for peace on earth and meet our duties as protectors of creation. Info: John Dorner (jdorner@ArchOttawa.ca).

PRO-LIFE

LETTER TO ALL MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT RE Bill C-277 – An act providing for the development of a framework on palliative care in Canada. As an organization committed to the development of a culture of life and a civilization of love, the Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF) is firmly convinced that Canadians approaching the end of life will be assured of receiving the kind of life-affirming care and the respect they deserve only through the establishment of a national palliative care strategy. [Read More...](#)

SCHOOLS

MARYVALE ACADEMY OF OTTAWA ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER GALA: "For Love of You" on **Sat., Feb. 4** at St. Elias Centre, 750 Ridgewood Ave. Live & silent auctions, 50/50 draw, musical performances, speeches and dancing. Cocktails & silent auction at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$85/person (\$40 tax receipt). Info/tickets: Maryvale Academy (613-321-2186); (www.maryvaleacademy.ca); (www.facebook.com/MaryvaleAcademyOttawa).

FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION COURSES AT NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL: "How Did Vatican II Change the Church?" Thursdays, **7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Jan. 19 – Apr. 6.** Cost: \$20. Info & registration: (613-241-7496); (<http://www.notredameottawa.com/courses>).

OTTAWA SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND SPIRITUALITY 2016-17 WINTER TERM: The OSTs is a lay and volunteer school supported by the United, Presbyterian, Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches, that offers adult theological and spiritual education courses of interest. Courses begin Mon., Jan. 9, 7:00 p.m., Dominican University College, 96 Empress Ave. Info & registration: (www.osts.ca); (president@osts.ca).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATION, ARCHDIOCESE OF OTTAWA: Full-time, permanent position at 37½ hours/week. Recent Canadian Criminal Records check is a requirement. Job description & details: (www.catholicottawa.ca). Deadline to respond: **12:00 p.m., Fri., Dec. 16.** No phone calls.

DIRECTOR OF MISSION ADVANCEMENT – COMPANIONS OF THE CROSS – HEAD OFFICE, OTTAWA: Giving and Donor relations. Full-time, permanent position. Job description: (<http://www.companionscross.org/latest-news/director-mission-advancement>). C.V. with three references to Fr. Allan MacDonald, CC (humanresources@companionscross.org) by 12:00 p.m., **Mon., Jan. 9, 2017.** No phone calls. We thank all applicants for their interest.

OTHER

IN NEED OF A NATIVITY SET: St. Mother Teresa Syro-Malabar Parish is looking for a nativity set. If any of the parishes have an unused set and are willing to donate it to the parish, please contact Fr. George Danavelil (613-698-2150).