



Friday Facts

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FROM THE ARCHBISHOP & AUXILIARY BISHOP'S OFFICE

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT: Equipping Catholics to witness to our faith with family and friends. The New Evangelization Summit is being held in Ottawa **April 15 & 16** this year to help equip pastors, pastoral workers and lay faithful in the mission of the New Evangelization. **Learn from leading experts how to become more effective in sharing the Gospel in our contemporary society.** Priests who register online at newevangelization.ca receive a special discount. Speakers include Angele Regnier on *Actually Evangelizing: Best Practices in sharing Christ so that People can Respond*, Christopher West on *Theology of the Body and the New Evangelization*, Bishop Christian Riesbeck CC on *Key Principles of Parish Renewal: A Pastor's Experience*, Sherry Weddell on *Parish Renewal: The Fruit of Forming Intentional Disciples*, Fr. Cantalamessa on *The Holy Spirit and the New Evangelization*, Dr. Peter Kreeft on *The Big Three Questions (Looking at the three questions an evangelist must be able to answer in our postmodern culture)* and Michael Dopp on *Living our Mission*. **REGISTER NOW TO ENSURE A SPOT!**

142ND ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO SAINTE-ANNE-DE-BEAUPRÉ AND CAP-DE-LA-MADELEINE, AUGUST 13-14, 2016: Weekend celebrant: Archbishop Paul-André Durocher, Archdiocese of Gatineau. Pope Francis has encouraged all to make a pilgrimage during the Year of Mercy. This Pilgrimage is one such opportunity. The Archdiocese of Québec has designated a Door of Mercy at the Shrine of Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré. Participate Saturday evening in a "Stations of Mercy" at Ste-Anne. Info: Mike Budge (613-224-8110); (www.ste-anne-de-beaupre.com).

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

NEOPHYTE MASS: All those who have completed their initiation at the Easter Vigil are invited to come together during Easter for a celebration of the Eucharist on **Sun., April 10, 12:00 noon** at Notre Dame Cathedral. All are welcome.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS OF THANKSGIVING: Notre Dame Cathedral, **Sun., May 1, 2:30 p.m.** For couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 + years of marriage in 2016. Families & friends are most welcome. Registration details now available in parishes. **Deadline to register: Wed., April 20.**

VOCATIONS

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 17. That the coming of the new heaven and new earth will be hastened through the holy lives and faithful witness of all those called to serve the Lord as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

The family, home of
love and mercy.
"Be merciful, just as your Father
is merciful" (Luke 6.36)

PASTORAL CALENDAR 2015-2016

Available online at:

<http://www.catholicottawa.ca>

Dates to Note

Apr. 10 – Neophyte Mass

Apr. 30 – Hike for Life

May 1 – Wedding Anniversary
Mass

May 12 – March for Life

May 19 – Pastoral Day

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**

How parishes can benefit most from the Friday Fax

- ✓ make a note of important dates in the parish & priest calendars
- ✓ skim the FF – the sub-headings are used to assist you in finding the info you may find helpful
- ✓ 'cut & paste' items of interest and important notices into your parish bulletin
- ✓ print and keep the FF in a binder, for future reference
- ✓ feel free to post, print, distribute and forward

FROM THE CCCB

LIFE AND FAMILY SUGGESTIONS FOR HOMILIES AND PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL DURING APRIL 2016: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) posts possible homily ideas and prayers of the faithful to help link the Sunday liturgy with the national pastoral initiative for life and family. As usual, the suggestions for homilies and prayers can be easily adapted for family prayer, as well as for personal prayer or for use with other groups or organizations. Link to the suggestions: ([Documents and activities proposed by the CCCB](#)).

PRO-LIFE

EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE - URGENT QUESTIONS. An invitation to Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall, 153 Woodroffe Avenue to hear Louise Harbour, Executive Director of Action Life speak on these crucial issues, including the Parliamentary Report on Physician-assisted dying. **Thurs., April 21, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.** Free. Info: Catherine Swimmings (613-729-1869) or Jennifer Jones (613-726-6738).

PRO-LIFE MASS: To continue our pilgrimage of prayer for the establishment of a Pro-Life Centre in Ottawa. This month we celebrate with the Nigerian community on **Sun., April 24, 1:30 p.m.** at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 400 St. Laurent Blvd. Info: (613-831-2515).

ACTION LIFE – 27TH ANNUAL HIKE FOR LIFE 2016: Raising funds for pro-life education. **Sat., Apr. 30.** Registration: 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. at Saint Patrick Basilica (in the basement). Official kickoff: 9:00 a.m. Further info: (www.actionlife.org).

MARCH FOR LIFE 2016: Parliament Hill, **Thurs., May 12.** Info: (<http://www.marchforlife.ca/>). YouTube promotional video: (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8x3wyCFGzxc>).

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

CARE FOR CREATION - COFFEE: What are good choices for our parishes and our homes? Consider these alternatives to stimulate discussion. (1) Where does the coffee come from: it may come from areas that involve the destruction of rainforests, or from Fair Trade sources that ensures respect for the earth and fair wages for workers (2) How is it made: in non-recyclable coffee pods or in machines that allow for easy composting of coffee grinds with no landfill waste (3) How is it served: in reusable mugs or in Styrofoam cups that pollute and never decompose in landfill. Many drink coffee every day. Let us consider its impact on creation? Info: John Dorner (613-738-5025, ext. 251; jdorner@archottawa.ca).

FAITH FORMATION

SPIRITUAL MOTHERHOOD OF PRIESTS APOSTOLATE INFO SESSION: Villa Marconi Library, 1026 Baseline Rd. on **Mon., Apr. 18, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** All women, single, consecrated, married, widowed and religious sisters are invited to attend. Learn more about interceding for our beloved priests. Info: Maria Pirrone (613-225-6067); Maria Nicastro (613-875-6279); (spiritualmotherhoodottawa@gmail.com); (www.spiritualmotherhoodofpriests.ca).

'OUR SEARCH FOR MEANING AND SPIRITUALITY IN LIFE': This talk looks at the 'truths' of the spiritual life, as gleaned from major world religions. It seeks to engage participants in ways to bring peace of mind to the spiritual side of life. Presenters are Dr. Martin Rovers, Theologian, Psychologist, and Marriage/Family Therapy and Caitlin Sigg MA, (PhD Candidate, Saint Paul University). **Thurs., April 28, 7:00-9:00 p.m.** Details at (<http://www.relationshipsmatter.ca/>).

YEAR OF MERCY DAY OF REFLECTION: By Fr. Denis Lemieux, Madonna House Apostolate, on *Mercy: God's True Name and Ours*. St. John Chrysostom Parish, Arnprior. **Sat., May 21;** Mass at 9:00 a.m.; ending by 3:30 p.m. Sponsored by the newly forming group of St. Maximilian Kolbe. Bring a bag lunch; free-will offering. Info Gerry or Jane Whalen (613-623-8330).

PRAYER & WORSHIP

A DIVINE LITURGY (MASS) IN THE BYZANTINE RITE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: Celebrated at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 153 Woodroffe Ave., **Sun., April 10, 10:00 a.m.** The 35-voice Sheptytsky Institute Choir will sing the Divine Liturgy in English with music composed predominantly by Ukrainian composers. This is a unique opportunity to experience one of the other Rites of the Catholic Church and to pray for peace in Ukraine. Info: Fr. Peter Galadza (pgaladza@ustpaul.ca).

NIGHT OF WORSHIP AND MINISTRY: St. Mary Parish, 100 Young St., **Fri., Apr. 22, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** Guest speaker: Fr. Charles Orchard, CC. M.C.: Chris Keyes. Worship: St. Mary's Heart of Worship Choir. A reception will follow. Info: Lise Going (613-824-9038).

SCHOOLS

THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF OTTAWA – BENEFIT PRODUCTION: *'The Marvelous Wonderettes'* at The Gladstone Theatre, May 11 - 14 (7:30 p.m.; 2:30 p.m. matinee on May 14). This off-Broadway musical comedy features classics of the 1950's and 60's. Cost: adults \$39; seniors (65+) \$35; students (18 & under) \$25; groups of 10+ receive 10% discount. Tickets: online at (www.thegladstone.ca); (613-233-4523). CEFO is a registered charity whose mandate is to support students of the Ottawa Catholic School Board who are living in poverty.

PARISH EVENTS & SOCIALS

WINE & CHEESE TO SUPPORT 101 PARENT YOUTH MINISTRY: At the Relais Plein Air, 397 Cité-des-Jeunes Boulevard, Gatineau (Hull Sector) on **Sat., Apr. 16, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.** Cost: \$50 (includes tax receipt for the value of the donation). Info or tickets: (613-241-7515). Contribute to the ministry online at (<http://www.101parent.ca/>).

PILGRIMAGES & TOURS

PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND AND SCOTLAND: Two weeks, **Sept. 25 – Oct. 8, 2016** with Fr. Bryan Sabourin CC; includes return air fare from Ottawa, coach, tour guide, hotels & breakfasts, all attractions, daily Mass, numerous holy places as well as popular scenic and cultural landmarks. Info: Frank Barrett (Franknightscompanions@gmail.com); (613-424-1724).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR: For Blessed Sacrament Parish. Regular part time position (24 hours/week). Duties include general parish office administration, correspondence, parish bulletin, sacramental correspondence, etc. Requirements include proficiency with Microsoft Office, general administration proficiency, a valid Ontario driver's license, a clear Canadian criminal records check or willingness to obtain. Send C.V. with 3 written references to office@blessedsacrament.ca - attention Fr. Galen Bank, no later than April 17. We thank all applicants for their interest, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Details: (<http://www.catholicottawa.ca>).