



Friday Facts

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FROM THE ARCHBISHOP'S OFFICE

For insertion in the Parish Bulletin: **A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST ABOUT THE RELIEF EFFORT FOR FORT McMURRAY:** Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we are all aware of the tragedy that is unfolding in Fort McMurray and the surrounding area since early last week. I encourage all the faithful to pray for all those affected by this catastrophe. The archdiocese has made a financial contribution to the Diocese of Saint-Paul as part of the relief effort. I ask that you consider making a donation to the Diocese of Saint-Paul (www.dioceseofstpaul.ca/images/docs/News/FortMcMurray-WILDFIRES.pdf) or to the Canadian Red Cross in support of our brothers and sisters in Alberta.

DIOCESAN FEAST DAY: Each year we joyfully gather around our archbishop to celebrate and give thanks for the foundation of the diocese of Bytown on June 25, 1847 and the anniversary of its elevation to an archdiocese on June 8, 1886. The celebration this year will take place at Notre Dame Cathedral on **Thurs., June 9, 7:30 p.m.** Details have been sent to parishes. All are most welcome to attend.

DIACONATE CELEBRATION: In appreciation for the faithful ministry of our deacons. Sat., May 28. Details have been sent by mail. **RSVP by May 20** (613-738-5025, ext. 217); (abrown@archottawa.ca).

ORDINATION TO THE PRESBYTERATE: Archbishop Prendergast will ordain to the presbyterate Deacon Tavis Goski on **Fri., June 3, 7:30 p.m.** at Notre Dame Cathedral. All are welcome.

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

PASTORAL DAY: For priests, deacons, parish staff, chaplaincy leaders and members of Parish Pastoral Councils. Discussion on the pastoral implications of the proposed new legislation on euthanasia & assisted suicide with experts working in healthcare and pastoral care in hospitals. Introduction to the new Handbook of Canonical Norms for Parishes. **Thurs., May 19, 9:30 a.m.** Session for priests & deacons only, after lunch. Lunch from Lone Star: \$15. **RSVP for lunch by May 13:** (thurley@ArchOttawa.ca); (613-738-5025 ext. 231).

NEW - PASTORAL CALENDAR FOR 2016-2017: Available online at: (<http://www.catholicottawa.ca>).

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

NEW!! PASTORAL CALENDAR FOR 2016-2017

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

Dates to Note

May 19 – Pastoral Day

May 28 – Diaconate Celebration

June 9 – Diocesan Feast 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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS PHOTOGRAPHS: The photos taken at the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass are now available for download at: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/132971279@N02/albums/72157667952091305>.

INVITATION TO PRIESTS: The Spiritual Motherhood of Priests Apostolate invites all priests to concelebrate at the 6th annual Mass and Induction Ceremony on **Sat., May 21, 11:00 a.m.** at St. Maurice Parish, 4 Perry St. (at Meadowlands). Main celebrant: Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC. There will be new women professing their life-giving promises to become spiritual mothers of priests and the renewal promises of current spiritual mothers. Refreshments to follow. Info: (613-225-6067) or (613-875-6279); (spiritualmotherhoodottawa@gmail.com); (www.spiritualmotherhoodofpriests.ca).

VOCATIONS

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: The Most Holy Trinity - May 22. That those chosen to share the mercy of God as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers will be faithful to the Spirit of Truth who has called them and guides them.

FROM THE CCCB

MESSAGES TO DIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL FROM POPE FRANCIS AND PRESIDENT OF THE CCCB: Pope Francis and the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Bishop of Hamilton and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), have sent a message to the Most Reverend Paul Terrio, Bishop of Saint-Paul. Both texts concern the wildfire disaster in Fort McMurray and surrounding region. [Read more...](#)

ONLINE RESOURCES TO CELEBRATE THE JUBILEE FOR CATECHISTS: On September 25, 2016, Pope Francis will celebrate with catechists around the world the Jubilee for Catechists. The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis has prepared an online resource *The Jubilee for Catechists: Announcing the Mercy of God*, available at (<http://www.cccb.ca>), for use in dioceses and parishes. [Read more...](#)

THE MOST REV. JOHN PAZAK APPOINTED BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHIAL BISHOP: His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed the Most Reverend John Pazak, C.Ss.R., as Eparchial Bishop of the Holy Mary of Protection Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix, Arizona. The Holy Father has also appointed Bishop Pazak Apostolic Administrator "*sede vacante*" of the Eparchy for Catholic Slovaks of the Byzantine Rite in Canada -- that is, while the See in Toronto is vacant. [Read more...](#)

2016 PENTECOST MESSAGE FOR CANADIAN CATHOLIC MOVEMENTS AND ASSOCIATIONS: The Standing Committee for Relations with Movements and Associations of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has issued its annual Pentecost message. Referring to how grace is always both a gift and a responsibility, the Standing Committee says that the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy is an invitation to Catholic Movements and Associations to be open "to the gift of mercy" and "to take up the responsibility of promoting mercy. Our membership in the various Movements and Associations gives each of us unique opportunities to both experience God's mercy and be ambassadors of God's mercy." [Link to message.](#)

FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016: Two spots have opened up for the Archdiocese of Ottawa's pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2016 to Krakow, Poland at the end of July. For young adults age 18-35. Cost: \$3400. Second spot includes 3 night Rome extension at the end (Cost: \$4150.00). Info: Ted (613-738-5025 x231); (thurley@archottawa.ca).

STEBENVILLE TORONTO: Encounter Christ at Steubenville Toronto, Canada's largest Catholic Youth Conference, July 22-24! Open to those entering Grade 9 through those finishing Grade 12 and chaperones (21+). Estimated cost: \$350 including bus. **Registration and payment due Mon., May 16.** Contact the Family & Youth Ministry Office for more info or to register: (skorban@archottawa.ca). Need more reasons to come? Check out (steubenvilletoronto.com).

YOUTH RETREAT: The Youth Group of Sheng Shen (Holy Spirit) Chinese Parish will hold a retreat for youths, jointly with the Youth Group of the Vietnamese community on **Sat., May 21** at Sheng Shen Chinese Church, 1187 Michael St. Fr.

Francis Ching CC will coordinate the programme. Workshop (2:00-4:00 p.m.), reconciliation and Eucharist (4:00-6:00 p.m.), potluck dinner (6:00 p.m.) and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (7:00-9:00 p.m.). Free. Info: (613-747-2080).

NET CANADA THANKSGIVING MASS & BANQUET: Celebrating the end of their 2015-2016 mission year. **Sat., May 28, 9:30 a.m.** at Senhor Santo Cristo Parish. Tickets & info: (sara@netcanada.ca); (613-841-4141) to RSVP by May 15.

PRO-LIFE

SAFEGUARDING PERSONS MOST AT RISK: Bill C-14 is now before the Parliament of Canada. No matter how it may be amended, it is an affront to human dignity, an erosion of human solidarity, and a danger to all vulnerable persons -- particularly the aged, disabled, infirm and sick who so often find themselves isolated and marginalized. Moreover, it is a violation of the sacrosanct duty of healthcare providers to heal, and the responsibility of legislators and citizens to assure and provide protection for all, especially those persons most at risk. For information to share with others about the negative impact of physician-assisted suicide: (<http://www.cccb.ca>).

STAMP SALE FOR MIRIAM CENTRE: Miriam Centre is a bilingual charity that helps pregnant women in difficulty and their families by offering emotional support and practical help. Annual stamp sale **Sat., May 14, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. & Mon., May 16, 4:00 – 9:00 p.m.** at the Centre, 2742 St-Joseph Blvd. Orléans. Wide selection of world stamps for collectors of all ages. Info: (613-830-8623); (info@miriamottawa.org).

PRO-LIFE MASS: The next Mass in the pilgrimage to pray for the establishment of a Pro-life Centre in Ottawa is **Sat., May 21, 10:00 a.m.** at Holy Canadian Martyrs Parish, 100 Main Street, Ottawa. Info: (613-831-2515).

ST. LEONARD'S CWL PRESENTS "EUTHANASIA & ASSISTED SUICIDE - WHAT LIES AHEAD FOR CANADA?" In St. Leonard Church, 5332 Long Island Dr., Manotick on **Tues., May 31, 7:00 p.m.** Guest Speaker: Louise Harbour, Executive Director of Action Life. Everyone is warmly invited. Refreshments & fellowship. Info: Carol Dailey (613-825-6485).

RALLY OPPOSING EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE: Organized by [Physicians' Alliance against Euthanasia](#) together with [Living with Dignity](#) and the [Euthanasia Prevention Coalition](#). On Parliament Hill, **Wed., June 1, 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m.** Theme: *Caring, Not Killing: Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide are not the answer.*

ERIC GENUIS IN "CONCERT OF HOPE": Classical compositions performed live by Catholic composer & concert pianist. Life-affirming message of hope. All welcome. **Fri., June 3, 7:30 p.m.** at St. Brigid's Centre for the Arts, 310 St. Patrick St. Cost: \$10 (+ \$2 online fee). Details & tickets: (www.canadiancatholicphysicians.com). Info: (cds.ottawa@gmail.com).

DR. PETER KREEFT ON LIFE ISSUES – A PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES: At the Elizabeth Bruyère Hospital, 1st floor auditorium, 43 Bruyère St. on **Sat., June 4.** "Two Philosophies of Human Dignity in Western Culture" at 2:30-3:30 p.m.; "Grappling with the Meaning of Suffering Amidst Calls for Euthanasia" at 4:00-5:00 p.m. Cost: \$10/lecture; \$20 for both sessions. Details and tickets: (www.canadiancatholicphysicians.com). Info: (cds.ottawa@gmail.com).

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

GREENING SACRED SPACE AWARD: Congratulations to Paroisse Sainte-Geneviève and Sheng Shen (Holy Spirit) Parish for having been announced as two of the recipients of the Greening Sacred Space Award for this year. Sponsored by the interfaith network Faith and the Common Good, the award recognizes the inspiring work of faith communities in demonstrating care for God's creation. Info about the Greening Sacred Spaces Program: www.greeningsacredspaces.net.

FAITH FORMATION

FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING SERIES: St. Theresa Parish, 95 Somerset St. West, is pleased to welcome Rabbi Reuven Bulka who is giving a talk "We Are in This Together", **Sunday, May 22** after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited. Info: (613-235-5119).

PRAYER & WORSHIP

VIGIL OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: For priests, world peace, the end of abortion, and the reunion of Christians. Saint Patrick Basilica (downstairs). **Fri., May 20, 8:00 p.m. – 6:30 a.m.** Rosaries, Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:00 a.m., Litany of Reparation to the Blessed Sacrament. Masses in Basilica at 7:00 & 8:00 a.m. Info: Naomi (613-825-9704).

SCHOOLS

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OCSB CHOIRS (Ottawa Catholic School Board) & SPRING CONCERT: Concert, titled “Celebrate” at Sacred Heart Catholic High School, 5870 Abbott St., Stittsville, **June 4, 7:30 p.m.** Ample free parking. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Info: Lesley Cameron, OCSB Choirs (ocsb.choirs.publicity@gmail.com).

PARISH EVENTS & SOCIALS

QUEEN OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY PARISH – DOORS OPEN OTTAWA: Come learn about the history behind this Hintonburg church. Tours offered **Sat., June 4, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. & Sun., June 5, noon – 4:00 p.m.** Sunday Mass at 10:00 a.m. Info: (613-728-4935).

ST. ISIDORE PRESENTATION & DINNER: A fundraiser for the Kanata Food Cupboard & Hospice Care Ottawa. Evening includes roast beef dinner and a special presentation on the Camino de Santiago by the author Guy Thatcher. **June 4, 7:00 p.m.** in the parish hall. Cost: \$25. Tickets: St. Isidore parish office (613-592-1961).

RETREATS & CONFERENCES

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT: At Glen House Resort, Gananoque, **Fri., Sept. 16, 7:45 p.m. – Sun., Sept. 18, 1:30 p.m.** Theme: *Blessed are the Merciful*. Speaker: Maureen DuFour. Cost: \$325 p/p double, \$425 single. Info: Annette Lamour (613-259-7885); (info@womensfallretreat.com); (www.womensfallretreat.com).

WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

FAMILY ENRICHMENT OTTAWA: Presents a seminar by Dr. Andrew Mullins from Australia entitled “Parenting for Character in Today’s World” on **Mon., May 30, 7:30 p.m.** at Ben Franklin Place. \$25/person or \$40/couple. Tickets & more info: (www.familyenrichmentottawa.ca).

THE COUNCIL ON AGING OF OTTAWA 7TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON SPIRITUALITY AND AGING: Growing Through Grief... Its Spiritual Dimensions. Especially for seniors and caregivers. Keynote speakers: Rita Myres, MSW, RSW, Dr. John Flood, Dr. Zijad Delic. **Wed., June 1, 9:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** at 1247 Kilborn Pl. Cost: \$12 non-members/\$10 members. Advanced registration by noon, Wed., May 25: Lise-Michèle Bouchard (613-789-3577 ext. 11); (l-m.bouchard@coaottawa.ca).

CHAIRS AVAILABLE: St. Isidore parish in Kanata is replacing its parish hall chairs and has 200 plastic stacking chairs available to anyone wanting them. Free will offerings are welcome. Call the office at (613-592-1961).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

PARISH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR: Holy Canadian Martyrs parish is accepting applications for the position of Parish Office Administrator. If you are interested, please email (pastor@canadianmartyrs.org) to receive a job description. Deadline for applications: May 31. Further info: (613-232-5347) to contact Fr. Jim, Fiori or Jane Staples.