

# FRIDAY FACTS

Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

December 15, 2017

## FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

**Archbishop's Christmas Message:** Archbishop Prendergast's Christmas Message is now available [here](#) on our website ([www.CatholicOttawa.ca](http://www.CatholicOttawa.ca)).

**Notre Dame Cathedral Christmas Concert & National Historic Site Designation:** Notre Dame Cathedral, **Sun., Dec. 17, 2:30 p.m.** Preceded by the unveiling of a historical plaque by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada at **2:00 p.m.** The Archbishop's Christmas reception will follow in the parish hall. Free will offering. Everyone is welcome. Info: 613-241-7496.

**Archbishop's Luncheon for Priests:** During Christmas Week, **Thurs., Dec. 28.** Reception, 11a.m. in his Residence; Buffet Luncheon, 12p.m. in Cathedral Hall. Dress is casual. **RSVP before Fri., Dec. 15:** ([arch@archottawa.ca](mailto:arch@archottawa.ca)); (613-738-5025 x 233).

**Homelands' Mass:** At Notre Dame Cathedral, **Sun., Jan. 14, 2:30 p.m.** Flags will be in the Cathedral balconies as a visible sign of your participation. Traditional dishes to share at the Reception in the Cathedral Hall following the Mass should be brought to the hall before 2:15 p.m. Those in national dress are to be in the hall before 2:00 p.m. Please confirm group attendance and the name of the person responsible to Deacon Gilles Ouellette ([gouellette@archottawa.ca](mailto:gouellette@archottawa.ca)) before Jan. 5. All welcome!

**Advent Penance/Confession & Christmas Mass Schedules in Parishes:** The Advent Penance Service/Confession schedule in parishes of the Archdiocese are available by date [here](#) and by location [here](#). The Christmas & Solemnity of Mary (Jan. 1) Mass schedules in parishes are also available [here](#). Website: (<https://www.catholicottawa.ca/>).

**Submitting a Notice or Event to the Friday Facts:** Friday Facts notices should be submitted using this [online link](#), by **Tues., noon**. Note that as of Jan. 1, only events or notices received via the [submission form](#) will be considered for the Friday Facts.

**Appointment:** Archbishop Prendergast has appointed Fr. Timothy Coonen, O.M.I. as pastor of Holy Canadian Martyrs Parish as of January 1, 2018, in replacement of Fr. James Fiori, O.M.I.

**Appointment:** Archbishop Prendergast has appointed Fr. Stephen Amesse as Associate Rector of Saint Patrick Basilica as of December 23, 2017.

**New Diocesan Staff:** Sr. Monique Bisson has joined the Archbishop's Office as Administrative Assistant, replacing Chantal Langlois during her maternity leave. Chantal Vaillancourt has joined Diocesan Administration as Administrative Assistant. Welcome and best wishes to you both!

## CARE FOR CREATION

**Care for Creation - World Day of Peace:** In his message for the [World Day of Peace 2018](#), Pope Francis asks us to have compassion for those forced to leave their homelands due to discrimination, persecution, poverty and environmental degradation. He states that there has been 'a tragic rise in the number of migrants seeking to flee from the growing poverty caused by environmental degradation' and that global migration is 'an opportunity to build peace.' Info: [jdorner@archottawa.ca](mailto:jdorner@archottawa.ca); 613-738-5025, ext. 251.

## VOCATIONS

**Prayer for Vocations: Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 24.** For a deeper trust and openness to the Holy Spirit in people discerning a call to serve Christ as a priest deacon or in the consecrated life. **Christmas - December 25.** That, as Joseph and



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

Mary welcomed the gift of the Child Jesus, all mothers and fathers will prayerfully nurture their children's vocations in Christ and especially welcome His call for priests, brothers and sisters.

## FROM THE CCCB

**New Bishop appointed for Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatière:** His Holiness Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of the Most Reverend Yvon Joseph Moreau, O.C.S.O., as Bishop of the Diocese of Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatière, and has appointed as his successor Fr. Pierre Goudreault. [More...](#)

**Pope's Message for 51<sup>st</sup> World Day of Peace 2018:** Celebrated January 1, 2018. Theme: "Migrants and refugees: men and women in search of peace". [Link to the Message](#)

**Christmas Message 2017 from CCCB President:** At Christmas and New Year's, we enjoy sharing our very best wishes with those we love. [Read more...](#)

**CCCB Office for Evangelization and Catechesis issues its fall edition of Encounter:** The e-newsletter features articles about evangelization and catechesis with children, youth, and adults, and facilitates the sharing of ideas and resources. [Link](#).

**Web-based Video Resource to assist with the Study of 'Amoris Laetitia'.** From the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis (OEC) and the Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF). Nine 7-8 minute [videos](#) & [discussion guides](#).

## PRO-LIFE

**Is someone contemplating euthanasia? Available Prevention Resources:** Helpline: 1-855-675-8749; [Compassionate Community Care](#) (CCC) is a national service for people who are seeking advice, help & support regarding euthanasia & assisted suicide prevention, and/or end-of-life treatment concerns. Resources available. [Euthanasia Prevention Coalition](#).

## FAITH FORMATION

**Wisdom in the City:** Talks and discussion to expand mind, heart and spirit for youth and young adults (15+) by professors from Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College, in partnership with St. George Parish. Cost: \$60 for all 4 Monday evenings (**Jan. 29, Feb. 26, Mar. 26, Apr. 23, 7:00 - 9:15 p.m.**), which will also include dessert and prayer. Info: [www.saintgeorges.ca](http://www.saintgeorges.ca). Registration by **Jan. 19** to [wisdom@saintgeorges.ca](mailto:wisdom@saintgeorges.ca). St. George Parish, 415 Piccadilly Ave.

## SCHOOLS

**Ottawa Catholic School Board Kindergarten Registration:** If your child will be 4 or 5 years old by December 31, 2018, then it's time to register for the kindergarten program. Kindergarten Registration Week is **Jan. 15-19** at your local Catholic elementary school, or anytime throughout the year. We welcome all. All schools offer French programming within a caring, innovative and faith-filled environment. Visit <http://ocsb.ca/register/>.

**Ottawa School of Theology and Spirituality:** Registration for winter term, **Mon., Jan. 8, 7:00 p.m.**, Dominican University College, 96 Empress Ave. Once weekly classes on understanding temptation, faith and women writers, mysticism, being spiritual versus being religious, and more. Cost: \$75. Info: ([www.osts.ca](http://www.osts.ca)).

## WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

**Benefits for those caring for critically ill adults or children:** New government benefit for those who need to take time from work to care for a critically ill adult, and improvements to existing benefits to care for critically ill children or family members at end of life. Info: [canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/campaigns/ei-improvements/adult-care.html](http://canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/campaigns/ei-improvements/adult-care.html).

**Christmas CD - Sing the Story of Christmas:** Produced by St. Theresa Parish. 17 well-known hymns & carols, with introductions narrated by Fr. Vincent Pereira. Showcases the composition of a new Ave Maria melody composed by Fr. Vincent Pereira and sung by soloist, Rachael Dillman. Professionally produced by St. Francis Studios, Ottawa. Sample: [app.box.com/v/OHolyNight](http://app.box.com/v/OHolyNight). For sale at St. Theresa, 95 Somerset St. W., after Mass, **Dec. 16-17**. Cost: \$15. Info: 613-235-5119.

**Communion and Liberation:** New York Encounter 2018 Edition "The impossible unity". **Jan. 12-14**, Metropolitan Pavilion, 125 W 18th St., New York. Admission is free. Info: David McConkey [clonottawa@gmail.com](mailto:clonottawa@gmail.com); [www.newyorkencounter.org/](http://www.newyorkencounter.org/).