

FRIDAY FACTS

Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

January 05, 2018

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

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. All welcome!

FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

The Bible and the Sacraments: Journey through scripture to know why we believe what we believe as Catholics. Starting **Wednesday, January 17th, 2018** from 6:30pm to 8:00pm, and running 11 sessions. The series is run at St. Patrick's Basilica (Scavi), 281 Nepean Street. Fee: \$25 for participant workbooks. Info: Jim Cairney, j-l-cair53@sympatico.ca, 613-229-9484.

Journey of Hope – A Program for Separated and Divorced Catholics: Six week sessions for women (Tuesdays, Mar. 20 – Apr. 24, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.) and men (Thursdays, Mar. 22 – May 3, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.). Fee: \$25. At Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish Hall, 20 Grant St. Register by Mar. 16: www.journeyofhopeottawa.com; Mary Jane Manley (613-294-1308).

VOCATIONS

Epiphany – Jan. 7. That our young people will be open to their unique vocation through prayer and will adore Christ the King by their faithfulness to His call.

FROM THE CCCB

2018 World Day of Migrants and Refugees: The 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated on **14 January 2018**. The theme of Pope Francis' Message is "Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and refugees". In his Message, the Holy Father recalls that the solidarity of the Church "must be concretely expressed at every stage of the migratory experience – from departure through journey to arrival and return. This is a great responsibility, which the Church intends to share with all believers and men and women of good will, who are called to respond to the many challenges of contemporary migration with generosity, promptness, wisdom and foresight, each according to their own abilities." [Link to the Message.](#)

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Celebrated around the world **18 to 25 January 2018**, on the theme "*Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power*" (Exodus 15:6). The theme and biblical texts for this annual Week of Prayer are jointly prepared by the Holy See's Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches. The thematic introduction to the 2018 materials comes from Churches in the Caribbean region. National and regional Councils of Churches adapt the resources for their local context. The resources for Canada are produced by an ecumenical writing team coordinated by the Commission on Faith and Witness of the Canadian Council of Churches (CCC), in collaboration with the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism in Montreal and the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism in Saskatoon. The CCCB is a member of the CCC and is also represented on its Canadian writing team for the Week of Prayer. [Link to Canadian resources.](#) [Link to international version of the resources.](#)

PRO-LIFE

Democracy 101: The non-profit ministry *Human Rights and Freedoms Forever!* has published the book *DEMOCRACY 101: A Voter's and Politician's Manual for Lasting Democracy* to protect religious freedom and human life worldwide. Come to celebrate the publication Fri., **Jan. 12 at 7 p.m.** and then come to read and discuss the book with the author over 6



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

Thursdays (Jan. 18 - Feb. 22, 7-9 p.m.) at *Lasting Democracy Study Nights* at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine, 952 Green Valley Crescent, Ottawa. Refreshments and childcare provided. Call (613)761-0147 for details.

SCHOOLS

Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario Kindergarten Registration: Kindergarten Registration Week for the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario will take place Jan. 15-19, 2018. Our mission is to educate the heart, mind, body and soul of our diverse learners, to nurture and support them through an education rooted in Catholic values! Registration info and listing of Registration Open House events at www.cdsbeo.on.ca.

Academia Stella Maris Workshops - Winter Semester: Registrations now open for Academia Stella Maris Winter Semester Workshops starting Jan. 9: Theology, Latin II, Excellence in Writing, French II, Logical Fallacies, Greek I, Socratic Literary Analysis (White Fang), Bible Study and Intro to Moral Philosophy. Info & registration: www.academiastellamaris.ca; 343-883-6600.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Night of Worship and Ministry: On Friday, Jan. 26, 2018, 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary's, 100 Young street. Speaker: Fr. Robert Arsenuault and Chris Keyes. Prayer teams will be available. A reception will follow. Info: night.worship.ministry@stmarysottawa.ca.

FAITH FORMATION

Alpha Experience on Tuesdays at St. Mary's: Starting on Jan. 9, 2018 and running for nine sessions. Each session starts with a hot dinner at 6:30 p.m. and continues with a dynamic teaching film followed by a period where guests may just listen or raise questions for discussion among other dinner guests. This provides an opportunity to meet others who often become lifelong friends. Located: St. Mary's Church lower hall, 100 Young St., Ottawa K1Y 3P7. Info: <http://stmarysottawa.ca/alpha/>.

CORRECTED: Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible at St. John the Apostle: Thursdays for 8 weeks starting January 18, 2018, 7-9 p.m., this bible study features video lectures & facilitated reflections using Jeff Cavin's "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible." Coffee/tea is served. Open to all. Fee: \$25, cost includes student workbook. Located at: St. John the Apostle Church, 2340 Baseline Road. Info: livesisterhood@gmail.com/613-806-0377 or 613-829-1760/ www.sisterhood.live.

OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS

Save the Date for The New Evangelization Summit: Join Catholics from across North America at the premier conference on the New Evangelization April 27 - 28, 2018. At the Infinity Convention Centre, Ottawa, and webcast to host sites across Canada and the US. World-class Catholic speakers: Michael Dopp, George Weigel, Patrick Madrid, Curtis Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, and more. Fee: \$95. Register online: <https://www.newevangelization.ca/>.

WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

Introduction to Indigenous Awareness Training: On January 20, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. St. Paul University (Room #L120) will offer an introduction to Indigenous awareness training. This training will provide an introduction to culture, history, and contemporary issues impacting Indigenous peoples in an effort to better understand and build respectful relationships moving forward. Facilitator: Ashley Keays, from the Indigenous Awareness Training Unit of the Ontario Provincial Police. Please bring a bag lunch.

Overcoming Anger Seminar: Why just manage anger when you can overcome it? Roots of anger and practical, Bible-based solutions to overcome related compulsions are presented in teaching and small group ministry. On Saturday, Jan 13, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m., at St. Philip's Parish, 127 Burke St, Richmond, Ontario. Fee: \$40 for registrations received before Jan. 6th, \$50 after. To register: edna.dubroy@rogers.com, 613-523-1377.

Bereavement Luncheon with Ian Henderson: On Tuesday, Jan 9th at 11:30 a.m. at St John the Apostle Church, 2340 Baseline Rd, join Ian for this bereavement support talk. Ian works with Bereavement and Support Ottawa and is a grief educator and facilitator who has helped many through their grieving journey. This talk will be held in the Small Assembly Room (entrance back of parking lot). All are welcome. Bring your own lunch. Info: Mary Ellen, 613-224-0030.