

FRIDAY FACTS



Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

November 30, 2018

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Notre Dame Cathedral's Christmas Concert: The choirs of Notre Dame Cathedral will present a Choral Celebration on **Sun., Dec. 16, 2:30 pm**. Young and old, friends and family, all come together to sing our joy at welcoming Jesus into our world. Free will offering. Followed by a reception in the parish hall. Info: 613-241-7496.

Archbishop Prendergast's Letter for Advent: Now available on our website at <https://catholicottawa.ca>. Please distribute and post in your parish.

Parish Advent Penance Schedules: Now available online at <https://catholicottawa.ca/confession-times>.

FOR THE PARISH OFFICE

Parish Christmas & Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedules: All parishes are asked to submit your Christmas and Solemnity of Mary Mass times before Dec. 5, at catholicottawa.ca/christmas-solemnity-of-mary-mass-times.

FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

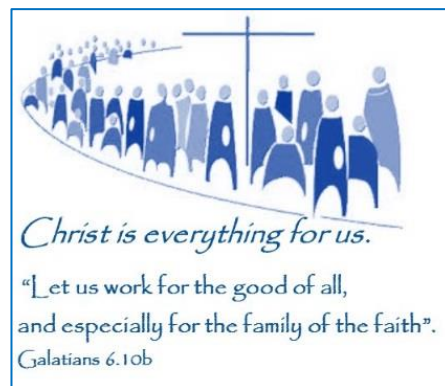
Become a Volunteer: The Family & Youth Ministry Office is looking for six volunteers for 2019. The Events Team will include a Program, Registration, and Logistics Coordinator. The Communication Team will include a Promotion Designer, Social Media Manager, and E-Newsletter Editor. Each role will require approx. 10 hrs/month. Volunteers will be offered training, support, flexible working arrangements, a retreat, a social, and more. Consider applying and encourage others to do the same. Job descriptions, application, and more at www.fymottawa.com/volunteers. Applications due **Mon., Dec. 3**. Contact: skorban@archottawa.ca.

Christmas Concert: Saint Paul University Choir performs a free Christmas Concert plus Christmas Carol Sing along. Songs for the whole family! All ages. Saint Paul University, 223 Main St. in the Mazenod Chapel, **Fri., Dec. 14, 4:45-5:45 p.m.** Info: westenmiriam@gmail.com or 1-613-602-3028.

St. Mary Parish Marriage Preparation Course 2019: On Tuesday evenings, 7:15-9:15 pm, starting **January 22, 2019** (7 weekly meetings, finishing on March 26). St. Mary's Parish, 100 Young St., Ottawa. Cost: \$125. For more information and registration, please contact Howie and Véronique Fohr (613-523-5188).

PRO-LIFE

Monthly Pro-life Mass: Pilgrimage of Masses to pray for the establishment of a Pro-life culture in Ottawa. Followed by a reception. Everyone welcome. St. Patrick's Basilica, 220 Kent St., **Sat., Dec. 8, 9:00 am**. Sponsored by Pro-life Doctors. Info: wandawoj@rogers.com; 613-831-2515.



FROM THE CCCB

Resources for 2019 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be celebrated 18 - 25 January 2019 on the theme "*Justice and only justice you shall pursue*" (Deuteronomy 16:18-20). 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 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. [Canadian resources](#); [International version](#).

Joint statement from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace – Caritas Canada: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) and the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace – Caritas Canada (CCODP) released a joint statement in light of a recent news article containing unauthorized and incomplete information regarding the ongoing joint review of a number of Development and Peace's international partners. The information was obtained without the consent of either the CCCB or the CCODP. The joint statement was prepared to highlight the shared concern by both the CCCB and CCODP that the premature publication of information risks undermining the joint process, the results of the review prior to its completion, and inaccurately casting a negative or false light on all involved. [Joint statement](#).

Message to mark the Sikh celebration of Guru Nanak Prakash Diwas: The Most Reverend Miguel Ángel Ayuso Guixot, MCCJ, Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, has issued a message to mark the birthday of Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism. This year's celebration was held November 23. [Link to the Message](#).

FAITH FORMATION

Advent Day Retreat for Women - Our Lady of the Expectation: The Blessed Virgin and the Word of God in the Interior Life: Come away and be fed as we prepare for the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord. Day retreat includes coffee, tea, buffet luncheon, talks by Dominican Priest, Father Matthew Hysell, fellowship & song, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration & opportunity for Confession. Open to all women. Dominican University College, 96 Empress Ave., **Sat., Dec. 8, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** Cost: \$45. Free parking on-site. Hosted by Sister+Hood. Info: Karen (613-806-0377); (livesisterhood@gmail.com); (www.sisterhood.live).

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Advent Prayer Series at St. George Parish: Three evening workshops on the expressions of prayer, 415 Piccadilly Ave. N. **Nov. 30**, Vocal Prayer: an evening on Praise and Worship with Kristen Meuse; **Dec. 7**, Meditative Prayer: an evening on scriptural meditation with Shatzi Duffy; **Dec. 14**, Contemplative Prayer: an evening on contemplation with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Fr. Tim McCauley. Fridays, 7:00 - 8:30pm after small reception. Register: www.saintgeorges.ca.

Advent Lessons and Carols at Saint Patrick Basilica: The liturgy will be followed by a reception in the Scavi, during which we will be able to exchange greetings anticipating the Christmas season. **Sun., Dec. 9, 3:00 p.m.** Hosted by The Choirs of Saint Patrick Basilica. All welcome. Info: info@basilica.ca.

Advent Evening Prayer at St. Basil Parish: Maitland at the Queensway, **Sun., Dec. 9, 7:30 pm.** Info: Carmel Horan 613-737-3681.

Vespers - What are we waiting for? An evening Advent prayer service: With Sisters of Queenship of Mary, 3rd Sunday of Advent, **Dec. 16, 7:00 pm** at St. Augustine Church, 1060 Baseline Rd at Merivale. Advent is the time for beautiful evening liturgies, light, waiting, anticipation, expectation (note: incense will be used). Info: 613-225-7388.

Advent Carols and Lessons at St. George Parish: A traditional English service that mixes readings with hymns and choir pieces to anticipate the birth of our Saviour. **Sun., Dec. 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**, 415 Piccadilly Ave. N. Choirs include *Coram Deo*, St. George School Performance Choir, and Chesterton Academy. A potluck dessert reception in the parish hall will follow. Info: (613-728-0201); (www.saintgeorges.ca).

Dominican University College - Theology courses: Interest courses in Theology, **January 7 - April 17, 2019**. Fundamental Moral Theology, Mon., 1:30-4:20pm, Professor: Didier Caenepeel, O.P. Theological Anthropology, Tues., 8:30-11:20am, Professor: Aurélie Caldwell. An Introduction to the Study of the Pentateuch, Wed., 8:30-11:20am, Professor: Gilbert Munana, O.P. The Mystery of God II, Thurs., 8:30-11:20am, Professor: Aurélie Caldwell. Info: info@dominicanu.ca; <http://www.dominicanu.ca/interest-courses>.

PARISH EVENTS

Christmas Bake Sale at St. Ignatius The Martyr Parish: Assortment of fruit pies, cookies, loaf cakes, squares, etc. At 518 Donald St. (rear entrance), **Dec. 8, 12-5 p.m.** Refreshments. Raffle: Festive Gift Basket. Hosted by St. Ignatius CWL. Info: 613-744-4889.

EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Archdiocese of Ottawa Accounting Technician – Diocesan Administration: Full-time, permanent position (37½ hrs. /wk.). A recent Canadian Criminal Records check is a requirement. Full job description available here: <https://catholicottawa.ca/documents/2018/11/AccountingTechnician.pdf>. Send C.V. with three professional references to Hélène Le Dorze, Human Resources Officer (hledorze@archottawa.ca). Application deadline: **5:00 p.m., Mon., Dec. 17**. No phone calls please. Only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

Quilts for Sale to Support St. Michael Parish, Fitzroy Harbour: Homemade quilts, donated by long-time parishioner to support restoration of St. Michael's Church and the Rectory. Info: Josie Morrison (613-623-3463); (<https://www.facebook.com/St-Michaels-Fitzroy-Harbour-881574458520018/>).

Chairs to give away: The Archdiocese has 200 school cafeteria chairs to give away. Info: Paul Vallieres (pvallieres@archottawa.ca).