

# FRIDAY FACTS

Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

February 2, 2018

## FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

**Diocesan Celebration of Consecrated Life & Solemn Mass for the Dedication of the New Altar at Notre Dame Cathedral:** Archbishop Terrence Prendergast SJ invites all members of religious communities and consecrated persons, all members of the clergy and the faithful of the Archdiocese to participate on **Fri., Feb. 2, 7:30 p.m.** at Notre Dame Cathedral. A reception will follow the Mass. Also on that day, the relic of Saint Francis Xavier will be displayed for veneration at the Cathedral, **1:00 – 7:00 p.m.** (Mass at 7:30 p.m.); **after Mass - 10:00 p.m.**

**Ordination:** Archbishop Prendergast has called to the Sacred Order of Priesthood, John Orban, who is serving as deacon at Holy Spirit Parish, Stittsville. The ordination will take place on Friday evening, **April 6, 7:30 p.m.** in Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica. Let us keep Deacon Orban in our prayers. Priests are asked to place this celebration in their agendas so as to welcome this newest member to the Ottawa Presbyterate.

**Canadian Jewish Experience Exhibition:** The Archdiocese of Ottawa is hosting the Canadian Jewish Experience Exhibition at the Diocesan Centre, **Jan. 24 – Feb. 23.** It was launched Jan. 24 by Archbishop Prendergast and Rabbi Reuven Bulka, Emeritus Rabbi of congregation Machzeikai Hadas.

**Permanent Diaconate – Info Sessions:** Is the Lord calling you to the Permanent Diaconate? Come discover what the diaconate is all about. All men in the Archdiocese are invited; married men are encouraged to come with their wives. If you wish to attend a session or get more info, contact Deacon Michael Seath (613-324-0007); ([mseath@archottawa.ca](mailto:mseath@archottawa.ca)). 3 info sessions: **Mon., Feb. 26, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, 20 Grant St.; **Wed., Mar. 7, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** at Holy Cross Parish, 685 Walkley Rd.; **Sat., Mar. 10, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.** at Annunciation of the Lord Parish, 2414 Ogilvie Rd.

**Christian Initiation - Rite of Election & Calling of Candidates to Lenten Renewal:** Notre Dame Cathedral. **Sun., February 18, 2:30 p.m.** Parish participation form [available here](#), to be submitted **by Tues., Feb. 6.** All family & friends are welcome.

**Pastoral Day:** The next Pastoral Day is **Wed., Feb. 21.** Mass at 9:00 a.m. Speakers include Fr. Matthew Keshwah on his mentorship with Fr. James Mallon, experiencing Divine Renovation parish renewal in Halifax. Lunch catered by *Sheng Shen Chinese Parish*. Lunch RSVP required by **Feb. 13:** ([thurley@ArchOttawa.ca](mailto:thurley@ArchOttawa.ca)); (613-738-5025 x231). Cost for lunch: \$15 each. Afternoon session for priests and deacons. Packages for parishes. Please consider returning the parish Holy Oil vials today.

**Request - Parish Lenten Penance Schedule & Easter Triduum Times:** The Parish Confession & Easter schedule submission form is available online [here](#). Parishes, please submit no later than **Feb. 7.** Note: Diocesan Day of Confessions is Fri., Mar. 2.

**Reminder to Parishes:** The deadline to submit the 2017 Parish Financial Statements to Diocesan Administration is **February 23, 2018.** For further info or any questions, please contact Philippe Courchesne ([pcourchesne@archottawa.ca](mailto:pcourchesne@archottawa.ca)); (613-738-5025, ext. 240) or Alain Trudel ([atrudel@archottawa.ca](mailto:atrudel@archottawa.ca)); (613-738-5025, ext. 209).

**College of Consultors:** For any new projects: construction, renovation, restorations, major acquisitions, property sales, major fundraising campaigns, changes to sacred art or to worship spaces. According to diocesan policy, approval must be obtained from the Archbishop before carrying out these projects, once presented to the College of Consultors. Next meeting: **Tues., Feb. 27.** To be included, parishes must submit project proposals to ([centre@archottawa.ca](mailto:centre@archottawa.ca)) no later than Fri., Feb. 16 and copy your Regional Consultor. Proposals should include: the nature and cost of the project (with 3 quotes & price estimates); how the project is to be financed (parish reserve, fundraising or loan). Requests to the Loan Fund for Parishes are up to a maximum of 50% of the project cost; requests for diocesan tax exemption apply only to funds raised on a specific project, for



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

a set time and a set amount. If architectural or engineering plans/designs form part of your submission, please provide in PDF format. Info: (<https://www.catholicottawa.ca/college-of-consultors>); ([centre@archottawa.ca](mailto:centre@archottawa.ca)); (613-738-5025 ext. 244).

**Prayers:** For the repose of the soul of Fr. Reginald McNeil who died January 31, 2018 at the age of 95. He served with the Military Ordinariate and was active in the Cursillo Movement in Ottawa for many years. The funeral will be on **Sat., Feb. 10, 10:30 a.m.** at Our Lady of Fatima. Please pray for him and his family.

**Prayers:** For the repose of the soul of Mrs. Noreen Ann (nee Provost) Plant, mother of Fr. Gerard Plant, Associate Pastor of St. Andrew & St. Monica parishes. Mrs. Plant died on Thursday, January 25, 2018, in her 72<sup>nd</sup> year. The Funeral Mass was held at The Good Shepherd Parish on January 30, 2018. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

## **FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS**

**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](http://www.journeyofhopeottawa.com); Mary Jane Manley (613-294-1308).

**Marriage Preparation Course:** Holy Redeemer Parish, **Fri., April 27 & Sat., April 28.** Cost: \$100/couple. Info: [reception@holyredeemer.ca](mailto:reception@holyredeemer.ca).

**St. Joseph Marriage Preparation Weekend:** For engaged couples. Cost: \$150 for the weekend. Pot-luck brunch on Sunday. Info & registration: <http://www.st-josephs.ca/marriage-preparation-at-st-joes-2/>. Info: Brian Ouellette ([bouellette@st-josephs.ca](mailto:bouellette@st-josephs.ca)); 613-233-4095 x235. 174 Wilbrod Ave., **Apr. 14-15, 9:30-4:00 p.m.**

## **VOCATIONS**

**Prayer for Vocations: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 11.** That the Holy Spirit will assist all those discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life to discover the truth of God's call, we pray to the Lord.

## **FROM THE CCCB**

**"The state has a legitimate interest in protecting the unborn": Statement on the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Morgentaler Decision:** Exactly thirty years ago, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that existing abortion provisions in our nation's Criminal Code violated a woman's Charter rights to the security of person, and were thus unconstitutional. Since that ruling, there has been no criminal law regulating abortion in Canada. Yet, Mr. Justice Gerard Mitchell, retired Chief Justice of Prince Edward Island, has noted that at the time of the 1988 Morgentaler decision, "none of the seven judges held that there was a constitutional right to abortion on demand". In fact, "all of the judges acknowledged [that] the state has a legitimate interest in protecting the unborn". Despite the heroic efforts of countless Canadian citizens and organizations to secure in law that full protection for the unborn, a succession of federal governments has failed to take any decisive action. Canada today is one of the only countries in the world in which abortion continues to be permitted at every stage of pre-natal development and for any motive. [Read more...](#)

**Life and family suggestions for homilies and prayers of the faithful for February 2018:** The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops continues to post 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 can be easily adapted for family prayer, as well as for personal prayer or for use with other groups or organizations. Link to the text for this month: "[Documents and activities proposed by the CCCB](#)".

**Faith Leaders Ask Government to Revise Canada Summer Jobs Requirements:** We the undersigned leaders of diverse faith communities and organizations in Canada, call on the Prime Minister and the Government of Canada to amend the Canada Summer Jobs guidelines and application process so that it does not compel agreement or belief, and allows religious organizations to stay true to their communal identity and beliefs. The new application requires each organization to give non-negotiable and unqualified affirmation of certain beliefs held by the current government. [Link to inter-faith statement.](#)

## **PRO-LIFE**

**Call for Conscience Campaign:** The Archdiocese of Ottawa, in agreement with the Association of Ontario Bishops, is helping in the initiative of the *Call for Conscience Campaign* organized by the Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience. This initiative

is seeking the participation of Catholic parishes in raising awareness of euthanasia/assisted suicide and the discriminatory position in which doctors, caregivers, and healthcare providers find themselves. To be involved in notifying your local MPP concerning the protection of healthcare workers wishing to abstain from any involvement in euthanasia/assisted suicide, all parishes have more information. Be a part of the *Call for Conscience Campaign* here: [www.canadiansforconscience.ca](http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca).

**Dying Healed Workshops:** Comprehensive education on palliative care/end of life issues and preliminary training for palliative and hospice care volunteers. For those wishing to provide compassionate love and support to those in need, particularly at end of life. **April 7 & 14, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** St. John the Apostle Parish, 2340 Baseline Rd. Cost for both sessions: \$35; incl. lunch. Registration required: Anastasia Bowles (613-722-1552); ([info@lifecanada.org](mailto:info@lifecanada.org)); ([www.maketimeforlife.ca](http://www.maketimeforlife.ca)).

**Monthly Pro-life Mass:** A continuation of the pilgrimage of Masses to pray for the establishment of a Pro-life Center in Ottawa. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, 320 Olmstead St., Vanier, **Sat., Feb. 24, 10:00 am.** Sponsored by Pro-life Doctors. Info: [wandawoj@rogers.com](mailto:wandawoj@rogers.com) or 613-831-2515.

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

**Our Lady of the Visitation Parish Mission:** Father Lester Mendonsa, will be hosting Our Lady of the Visitation's Parish Mission, **Sat., Mar. 3, 4:30 p.m., Sun., Mar. 4, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m., Mon., Mar. 5 – Wed., Mar. 7, 7:00 p.m.** Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday. Info: [office@olvottawa.ca](mailto:office@olvottawa.ca).

## OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS

**Communion and Liberation:** Memorial Mass for 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the death of Father Luigi Giussani and the 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pontifical recognition of the Fraternity of Communion and Liberation will be on **Feb. 21, 7:00 p.m.** in the Chapel of Notre Dame Cathedral. H.E. Terrence Prendergast will preside the Mass. Info: David McConkey ([clonottawa@gmail.com](mailto:clonottawa@gmail.com)).

**Save the Date for The New Evangelization Summit:** Join Catholics from across North America at a 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/>. Sponsored by Mission of the Redeemer Ministries.

## PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

**The Trinity and the Incarnation:** One day Lenten retreat with talk on the Holy Trinity by Fr. Hezuk Shroff and talk on the Incarnation by the Sisters of the Queenship of Mary. Confessions, Holy Eucharist, Divine Mercy, Stations of the Cross, hymn singing by Maureen Brannan accompanied by Jeanne Joinette on the piano, prayer and fellowship. Breakfast, lunch and refreshments. Holy Redeemer Church, 44 Rothesay Drive, Kanata, **Sat., Feb. 17, 7:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.** Cost: \$20; \$25 after Feb. 10. Sponsored by Holy Redeemer Knights of Columbus Council 9544. Info: [www.kofc9544.ca](http://www.kofc9544.ca) or 613-591-3641.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

**Share Lent – Development and Peace – Caritas Canada Workshop:** Representatives from parishes are invited. Tara Hurford, the new animator will introduce the theme, *Together for Peace*. Info on resources available. St. Basil Hall, 940 Rex Ave., **Wed., Feb 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m.** Assumption Hall, 320 Olmstead Ave., **Thurs., Feb. 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m.** Info: Angela Davis (613-237-0093).

## EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**St. Maurice Parish Seeking Part-time Coordinator of Parish Ministries:** The position could begin as early as April of this year. The parish will receive applications until February 28 at ([office@stmauriceparish.com](mailto:office@stmauriceparish.com)). No phone calls please. We thank all applicants for their interest, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

## WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

**Canadian Military Psychological Trauma Speakers' Event:** Author Adam Montgomery explores how war and peacekeeping trauma affected Canadian soldiers from 1914 to 2014. Books will be available for signing. (Some listeners may find this event disturbing.) Holy Name of Mary Church, Almonte, **Feb. 24, 12:00 p.m.** Info: [recce100@gmail.com](mailto:recce100@gmail.com).