

# FRIDAY FACTS



Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

December 14, 2018

## FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

**Auxiliary Bishop Appointed for Alexandria-Cornwall:** His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Fr. Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R., Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall while assigning him the Titular See of Melzi. As Auxiliary Bishop, he will work closely with The Most Reverend Terrence Prendergast, S.J., who is Bishop of the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall and also Archbishop of Ottawa, both of which are united *in persona episcopi*. [Further details.](#)

**Notre Dame Cathedral's Christmas Concert:** The choirs of Notre Dame Cathedral will present a Choral Celebration on **Sun., Dec. 16, 2:30 pm**. Free will offering. Followed by a reception in the 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>.

**Parish Christmas & Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedules:** Now available online at <https://catholicottawa.ca>.



## FOR CLERGY

**Reminder – Luncheon for Priests:** During Christmas week, **Fri., Dec. 28**. Reception at the Archbishop's Residence at 11:00 a.m. Buffet Luncheon at 12:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Hall. Dress is casual. **RSVP by Fri., Dec. 14.** ([arch@archottawa.ca](mailto:arch@archottawa.ca)); (613-738-5025 x233).

## FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

**Don Bosco Gala – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Celebrate Youth Ministry in the Archdiocese of Ottawa! On **Sat., Jan. 19**, join Bob Rice, Catholic speaker, musician, and author at St. Patrick's Catholic High School. Choose from the following events. Missionary Approach to Youth Ministry training, 1:00-4:30 pm for high school and adult volunteers. Don Bosco Supper, 5:30-7:00 pm, open to all. Don Bosco Award Gala and Dance, 7:00-11:00pm, open to all. Tickets range from \$20 - \$50. Tickets and info at [fymottawa.com/youth](http://fymottawa.com/youth). Contact: Sophia ([skorban@archottawa.ca](mailto:skorban@archottawa.ca)); (613-738-5025 ext. 222).

**2019 Journey of Hope – A Program for Separated and Divorced Catholics:** The program, led from a Catholic faith exploration perspective, is designed to help participants find reconciliation, peace and healing by taking positive steps in their daily spiritual life. Women's session begins **Tues., March 19** and men's session begins **Thurs., March 21**. Sessions run 6 weeks, 7:00 - 9:00 pm at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary parish hall, 20 Grant St. (near Parkdale & Wellington). The cost is \$25. Info & registration: [www.journeyofhopeottawa.com](http://www.journeyofhopeottawa.com); Mary Jane Manley (613-294-1308).

## VOCATIONS

**Prayers: Fourth Sunday of Advent – Dec. 23.** That the faithful response, “Behold, I come to do your will, O Lord,” will be voiced by each person discerning a call to serve Christ as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. **Christmas – Dec. 25.** That, just as Joseph “did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him,” young men and women will answer the call of the Holy Spirit to vocations in the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life. **Feast of the Holy Family – Dec. 30.** For all Catholic families, that they will esteem the grace of each child’s vocation and prayerfully encourage their children to consider being a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother, we pray to the Lord.

## CARE FOR CREATION

**The Holy See at COP24:** Cardinal Pietro Parolin spoke on behalf of Pope Francis at the Climate Change Conference (COP24) held in Katowice, Poland. He expressed the need for developed countries “to promote education in sustainability and responsible awareness... with particular attention given to those people most vulnerable to climate extremes.” Cardinal Parolin also stated “A change in mentality is necessary... From this perspective we have a great responsibility towards future generations.” Info & consultation services in environmental stewardship: John Dorner [jdorner@archottawa.ca](mailto:jdorner@archottawa.ca); 613-738-5025 x251.

## PRO-LIFE

**Novena of Masses - 40 Days for Life Campaign:** 40 Days for Life campaign is **Mar. 6 – Apr. 14.** Novena of Masses at Holy Redeemer Parish, 44 Rothesay Dr., Kanata. First nine Wednesdays of 2019 at **9:00 am, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27.** Info: [wanda40daysforlife@clife.ca](mailto:wanda40daysforlife@clife.ca); 613-299-2515; [40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/ottawa](http://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/ottawa).

## FROM THE CCCB

**CCCB Christmas Message 2018:** My dear friends, Christmas! Christmastime again! We love this celebration and get ready for it enthusiastically, hoping everything will be perfect. Our preparations take many forms, spiritual and more interior, material and more external. Too often perhaps, the external preparations can take away from preparing hearts as Advent invites us to do. [Read more...](#)

## FAITH FORMATION

**Alpha at St. Monica Parish:** In the Parish Hall, 2080 Merivale Rd., **Thurs., Jan 17 - Mar 28, 6:30 - 8:45 pm.** Info: [stmonica2080@gmail.com](mailto:stmonica2080@gmail.com); 613-727-1067 (221).

**Alpha Tuesdays with Dinner, Weekly at St Mary's Parish:** Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question and is designed to create conversation. There's no pressure, no follow-up and no charge; it's just an open, informal, and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together. Downstairs Parish Hall, 100 Young St, **6:28 pm each Tuesday, beginning Jan. 22.** Free. Come & See info session: **7:15 pm, Jan 15.** Refreshments. Info: [alpha@stmarysottawa.ca](mailto:alpha@stmarysottawa.ca); [stmarysottawa.ca/alpha](http://stmarysottawa.ca/alpha).

**“My Mother’s Cry”: A Three Half-Day Marian Retreat:** Mass, Adoration, holy rosary, reconciliation, spiritual talks, praise and worship. Speakers: Fr. Matthew Chojna, Fr. Hezuk Shroff and Angelina & Dennis Gerard. Music provided by Queenship of Mary. Cost: \$15. St Peter Celestine Parish, 139 Renfrew St., Pakenham, **Wed., Jan. 9, 10 & 11, at 8:00 am.** Info: Shannon McGruer (613-623-9289); ([ShannonMcGruer@gmail.com](mailto:ShannonMcGruer@gmail.com)).

**Women of Grace:** Discussion and prayer based on Johnnette Benkovic's (EWTN) Foundational Course on what it means to be a Catholic woman today. Video presentations, Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Church

documents, saints and scholars and small group discussion. 12-week course. St Patrick's Basilica, Conference Rm., Scavi. Info meeting: **Thurs., Jan. 10, 9:30am**. Group begins: **Thurs., Jan. 17, 9:30-11:30am**. Cost: \$60 for materials; financial assistance available. Facilitator: Mimi Wilson. All women welcome. Info: [mimiwilson613@gmail.com](mailto:mimiwilson613@gmail.com).

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

**Advent Holy Hour:** Adoration, praise & worship and Advent reflection by Fr. Rob Arsenault. Light refreshments to follow in the parish hall. All are welcome. Annunciation of the Lord parish, **Sun., Dec. 16, 7:30-9:00pm**. Info: [parish@annunciation-ottawa.com](mailto:parish@annunciation-ottawa.com).

**Simbang Gabi:** A series of evening Masses (Christmas Novena) in anticipation of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; a tradition in the Philippines. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, 320 Olmstead St., **Dec. 15 – 23, 7:00 pm (except Dec. 16 & 23 at 12:00 Noon)**. Info: [assumptionparishchurch@outlook.com](mailto:assumptionparishchurch@outlook.com); 613-746-8503.

## SCHOOLS

**Ottawa Catholic School Board Christmas Concert:** The OCSB Children's, Boys' and Chamber Choirs and guests, present their annual Christmas Concert, "Rejoice" on **Mon., Dec. 17, 7:00 p.m.** at St. Basil's Church, (north of Maitland off the 417). Free parking. Refreshments. Tickets: \$15, available at the door. Info: [choirs.ocsb.ca](http://choirs.ocsb.ca).

**Kindergarten Registration Week:** If your child will be 4 or 5 years old by December 31, 2019, it's time to register for the kindergarten program at the Ottawa Catholic School Board. Kindergarten Registration Week is January 14-18, 2019 at your local Catholic elementary school. You can also register anytime throughout the year. All schools offer French programming within a caring, innovative and faith-filled environment. Visit <http://ocsb.ca/register/>. Info: Mardi de Kemp, 613-224-4455 ext. 2326.

## EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Archdiocese of Ottawa – Family & Youth Ministry Officer – English Pastoral Services:** To assist in the strategic planning and ongoing operations of the Family and Youth Ministry Office. Full-time position (37½ hrs/week). A recent Canadian Criminal Records check is required. Send C.V. with 3 professional references to Ms. Hélène Le Dorze, Human Resources Officer ([hledorze@archottawa.ca](mailto:hledorze@archottawa.ca)). Deadline to apply: **5:00 p.m., Jan. 4**. No phone calls. We thank all applicants for their interest; only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

**Miriam Centre Executive Director - full-time position:** Fluently bilingual, compassionate, pro-life person. Must have management skills, experience and computer skills. \$15.00 per hour. Send C.V. to Sr Rita Lacelle, 030 - 2742 St. Joseph Blvd., Orleans, ON K1C 1G5 or [centremiriamcentre@yahoo.ca](mailto:centremiriamcentre@yahoo.ca). Job posting: <https://miriamcentre.ca/contact-us/>. Info: 613-830-8623.

**Full-time Manager of St. Joe's Supper Table:** The St. Joe's Supper Table, the community meal program of St. Joseph's Parish, is hiring a full-time Manager. Involves volunteer coordination, meal planning and budget management skills. Remuneration: \$40,000 per year plus benefits. Info: Christopher Adam ([cadam@st-josephs.ca](mailto:cadam@st-josephs.ca)); (613-233-4095 x223).

## WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

**The University of Ottawa Choir:** Resuming for the winter semester in January. Limited places available for new members. Special invitation to Tenors and Basses. Featured: **On March 21**, the Choir will join the University of Ottawa Orchestra, Calixa Lavallée Ensemble and Choral Ensemble to perform Felix Mendelssohn's grand symphony-cantata (*Lobgesang* or also known as the *Hymn of Praise*) as part of the School of Music's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Info: [info@uottawachoir.ca](mailto:info@uottawachoir.ca); <http://www.uottawachoir.ca>.