

FRIDAY FACTS



Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

March 1, 2019

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Archbishop's Letter for Lent 2019: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, This Lent, I invite you to focus on family prayer. It will strengthen your home life, promote personal holiness, and advance world peace. Read letter [here](#) or CatholicOttawa.ca.

Congratulations Bishop Guy Desrochers C.Ss.R.: Consecrated Auxiliary Bishop for Alexandria-Cornwall on February 22 at a lovely Mass at St. Finnan's Cathedral in Alexandria. Please keep him and his episcopal ministry in your prayers.

Invitation to Priests – Steubenville Toronto: All priests in the Archdiocese of Ottawa are invited to join the young people in your parish attending Steubenville Toronto. Visit www.steubenvilletoronto.com to learn more about the conference. Cost: \$110 for the bus; Steubenville Toronto fees do not apply. Info: adeluca@archottawa.ca.

Permanent Diaconate – Info Session: Is the Lord calling you to the Permanent Diaconate? Come and discover what the diaconate is about. All men in the Archdiocese are invited; married men are encouraged to come with their wives. **Sat., Mar. 9, 9:00 - 11:00 am** at Divine Infant Parish, 6288 Bilberry Dr., Orleans (meet in Parish Office). If you wish to attend or get more info, please contact Deacon Michael Seath (613-324-0007); (mseath@archottawa.ca).

Parish Lenten Reconciliation Schedule: The parish Lenten reconciliation schedule is now available [here](#) and on the home page of CatholicOttawa.ca. Note: Diocesan Day of Confessions is **Fri., April 5**.

Parish Holy Oil Vials: If you have not already done so, please return the Holy Oil vials to Diocesan Centre Reception.

FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

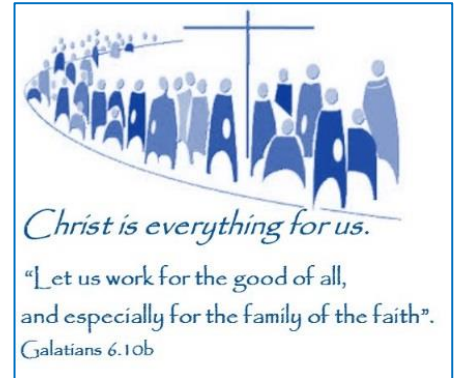
Steubenville Toronto: Join the Archdiocese of Ottawa this **July 12-14, 2019** at Steubenville Toronto. Dive into the theme "Belong" at Canada's largest conference for Catholic high school students. If you are 21 years+ consider applying as a chaperone. Visit www.fymottawa.com/steubenville-toronto-2019 to register and www.steubenvilletoronto.com to learn more. Info: adeluca@archottawa.ca.

FOCCUS Marriage Preparation Facilitator Training: For any individual or couple interested in becoming a marriage preparation FOCCUS facilitator in their parish. Training is **Sat., Mar. 30, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** at St. Basil Parish, 940 Rex Ave. Cost: \$125 per person (lunch and training manual included). Registration closes Feb. 25. To register: <https://catholicottawa.ca/foccus-training>. Info: 613-738-5025.

2019 Journey of Hope – for Separated and Divorced Catholics: To help participants find reconciliation, peace and healing. Women, **Tues., Mar. 19**; men, **Thurs., Mar. 21**. 6 weeks, 7:00 - 9:00 pm at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary parish hall, 20 Grant St. Cost: \$25. Info & registration: www.journeyofhopeottawa.com; Mary Jane Manley (613-294-1308).

Marriage Preparation for Engaged Couples: Offered by Holy Redeemer Parish, 44 Rothesay Dr., Kanata, **Fri., Mar. 8, 7 - 10 pm & Sat., Mar. 9, 10 am – 6 pm**. Cost: \$100; includes lunch on Saturday. Info: parish office 613-836-1764.

God's Plan for your Parenthood: Presentation by Catholic Lay Evangelist, Patrick Sullivan, husband, father, author, speaker, educator and founder of Evango. Real life experiences and practical tips on helping parents with their most



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sacred task. Lunch & childcare provided. Divine Infant Parish, 6658 Bilberry Dr., Orleans, **Sat., March 16, 11:30am - 2:30pm**. Free will offerings accepted. Register: https://bit.ly/MMO_DI. Info: Andrea momsmorningout.di@gmail.com.

VOCATIONS

Prayers: Second Sunday of Lent - March 17. That our priests, who bring us to the mountain of Christ at every Mass and feed us with His transforming love in the Holy Eucharist, will be strengthened in their life and vocation.

PRO-LIFE

Pastoral Perspectives on End of Life Issues: Free seminar to help people understand the medical and pastoral care options surrounding end of life issues. Medical, health and pastoral care professionals will share info and answer questions. All welcome. Holy Spirit Parish, Stittsville, **Sun., Mar. 24, 1-4 pm**. Info: 613-836-8881; john@holyspiritparish.ca.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

CWL Lenten Morning of Reflection: Mass, Mary's Way of the Cross, presentation by Deacon James Scheer, Spiritual Director of Our Lady of the Victory Presidium of the Legion of Mary, Saint Patrick Basilica, and a living rosary. At Our Lady of the Visitation, 5338 Bank St., **Sat., Mar. 23, 9:00am - 12:00pm**. All ladies are welcome to attend. Free; registration requested (Nancy Grimshaw nagrimshaw@gmail.com).

World Day of Prayer: Learn about, pray for, and celebrate in solidarity with the Christian women of Slovenia. Sponsored by Women's Interchurch Council of Ottawa. **Thurs., Feb. 28, 1:00 p.m.** at Woodvale Pentecostal. **Fri., Mar. 1, 2:00 p.m.** at Parkwood Presbyterian, St. Andrew's UC, St. Margaret Mary & St. Edith Stein RC Parishes, St. Martin's Anglican, and Riverside Churches, 3191 Riverside Dr. On **Fri., Mar. 1, 7:00 p.m.** at Ste-Marie, 4831 Innes Rd. and MacKay United. **Sat., Mar. 2, 11 a.m.** at Russell United. **Sun., Mar. 3, 11 a.m.** at Carsonby United. **Wed., Mar. 6, 10 a.m.** at First Baptist on Laurier. Info: 613-723-0465.

Coming Events – Dates to Note

- **Sun., Mar. 10** Rite of Election
- **Tues., Apr. 16** Chrism Mass
- **May 5** Wedding Anniversary Mass
- **Sun., May 12** Neophytes Mass
- **Thurs., May 16** Pastoral Day
- **Sat., June 1** Gathering with Archbishop of Deacons & Wives
- **June 6** Diocesan Celebration
- **June 9** Pentecost Confirmations
- **Thurs., June 13** Gathering of Priests

CARE FOR CREATION

BECOME A PARISH ANIMATOR FOR LAUDATO SI': The growing climate crisis affects us all and we are all needed to solve it. Become a Laudato Si' Animator in your parish by learning from experts and environmental leaders through online training with the Global Catholic Climate Movement. As stated by Pope Francis, "Everyone's talents and involvement are needed" (LS14). Training begins the week of **March 11**. To register for online training: <https://catholicclimatemovement.global/animators/>. Info: 613-738-5025, ext. 251; jdorner@archottawa.ca.

FAITH FORMATION

New Life Retreat: A life-changing, faith-building experience. Are you looking for more meaning in your life? Are you seeking a personal encounter with the living Jesus Christ? **Fri. – Mon., Mar. 29, 30, 31 & Apr. 1** at St. Mary's Parish, 100 Young St. Free will offering. Info & registration: 613-224-5723; www.newlifeparishretreat.org.

The Mystery of the Eucharist: A six-week Lenten study, to "explore the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and its members." St. Maurice Church, **Mar. 11, 18 & 25, Apr. 1, 8 & 15**. Registration deadline: Mar. 4. Suggested donation: \$20/individual, \$30/couple. Info: indian.scout@icloud.com; 613-440-2820.

Lenten Day Retreat for Women - "A Time of Conversion": Talks by Fr. Paul J. Gaudet, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration & opportunity for Confession. Buffet luncheon. **Sat., Mar. 9, 9:00 am - 5:30 pm**. Cost: \$45; bring a guest and receive \$5 off both registrations. Dominican University College, 96 Empress Ave. Free parking on-site. Hosted by Sister+Hood. To register: Karen (613-806-0377); (livesisterhood@gmail.com); (www.sisterhood.live/retreats).

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Lenten Men's Retreat: Auxiliary Bishop Christian Riesbeck CC will lead a short Lenten Retreat on *Into the Breach*. Pre-registration required at www.retreat4men.org. Begins with Mass at 8:00am, St. Augustine's Parish, **March 9, 7:45-3:00 pm**. Cost: \$20; \$15 students; includes lunch. St. Augustine's Parish, 1060 Baseline Rd. Info: 819-962-1883.

Lent 2019 Newsletter from Christian Initiation Committee, Ontario Liturgical Conference: Supporting the Ontario Liturgical Conference, a consultative body of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario, in the implementation of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and other issues of Christian Initiation: <http://olcinitiation.blogspot.com/>.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Save the Date: 'Share the Journey' Walk in Solidarity with Forced Migrants: A walk in solidarity with 68.5 million forced migrants around the world, organized by Development and Peace, ending with Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral with Archbishop Prendergast SJ and Archbishop Durocher. **Sat., April 6, 2019**. Info: thurford@devp.org; 613-738-9644 x224.

OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS

Men's Breakfast at St. Augustine Parish: Speaker: Michael Dopp. Talk entitled "Responding to the Call to Evangelization." 1060 Baseline(at Merivale), **Sat., Mar. 23, 8:00 am**. Cost: \$5. Enter through east door of the church. Confirm by calling Denis (613-228-7646); (breakfastformen@gmail.com).

That Man is You - The Lenten Journey: Join this Lenten Journey of self discovery and deepening awareness of the roles and responsibilities of authentic male leaders. St. Maurice Parish, 4 Perry St., **every Sat., 7:00 – 8:30 am**. Free will offering. Runs till April 20. Info: Kevin Gibbs (613-818 0742); (kwgboxing@gmail.com).

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

St. Patrick's Basilica Dinner & Ceili: Irish music & dancing. Irish stew & cash bar. **Sat., Mar. 16, 5:30-10:30 pm**. Cost: adults \$30, student volunteers & tickets for children under 12 free. Saint Patrick Basilica, Lower Level. Tickets: St. Patrick's Gift Shop (cash only) or brownpapertickets.com. Info: KofC Council 12158 brendanhennigan@hotmail.com.

St. Patrick Irish Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction: Authentic Irish stew with lamb and a beef Irish stew dinner. Music by *The 2 Paddys*. Silent auction. Hosted by the social committee of St. Margaret Mary & St. Edith Stein parishes. **March 9, 6 – 11 pm** at the Lions Club, Cumberland. Tickets: \$25 each. Info: Bob (613-841-0646); (erileva986@rogers.com).

EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CCO Canada: Hiring missionaries for both campus and the national office in Ottawa. Receive training in evangelization; journey with students on CCO's campus frontlines; put your expertise to use in a Christ-focused workplace. Application deadline: **19 March 2019**. Info: www.cco.ca/careers or Tanya Rodgerson tanya.rodgerson@cco.ca.

Executive Director of Miriam Centre: Full-time position. Salary \$15/hour; 32.5 hours/week. Seeking a compassionate pro-life person. Bilingual; experience in management and computer skills. Send resume to: Sr. Rita Lacelle, 030- 2742 St. Joseph Blvd., Orleans, K1C 1G5. Info: 613-830-8623; centremiriamcentre@yahoo.ca.

PILGRIMAGES

Holy Land Pilgrimage: Join Fr. John Likozar CC, in a 'Journey through the Holy Land, in the Footsteps of Jesus and Mary', Nov. 14-26, 2019. Total cost/person sharing rooms: \$4500. Info meeting, **Sun., Mar. 24, 1:00 pm**, at Annunciation of the Lord Parish, 2414 Ogilvie Rd. Info: Miki (1877-840-0855 x222, miki@goisraeltravel.com); Fr. John (frjlikozar@gmail.com).

WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

Christian Meditation Weekend Retreat: Step out of your daily life and focus on the spiritual journey. Denis Paquette explores the meaning and need for faith. "Fortify Your Life: Dive into Faith". Register by Mar. 30. Galilee Centre, Arnprior, **May 3 - May 5**. Cost: \$250/\$210. Info: william_meek@bell.net; 613-521-3234.