

FRIDAY FACTS



Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

April 5, 2019

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Diocesan Theme: Christ is everything for us. “Let us work for the good of all, and especially for the family of the faith”. (Galatians 6.10b). Please encourage use of our diocesan theme in bulletins and your other material.

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](#).

Parishes - Notes for Holy Week: From the Chancery, now available online [here](#).

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 Easter Schedules: Now available at [www.CatholicOttawa.ca](#).

2019-2020 Pastoral Calendar: Now available online at [CatholicOttawa.ca](#). If priests or parish staff wish access to the Diocesan Pastoral Calendar via Google Calendar, please email abrown@ArchOttawa.ca.

Chrism Mass Invitation to All: At Notre Dame Cathedral, **Tues., April 16, 7:30 p.m.** Appointed parish representatives are asked to be at the Cathedral, inside the main entrance, no later than 7:00 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the Chrism Mass.

Tenebrae Service of Readings, Song and Prayer: Notre Dame Cathedral, **Wed., Apr. 17, 7:30 pm.** A male voice chorus anchored by men of the Cathedral choirs will sing Tenebrae texts set to music by Msgr. J.E. Ronan. Info: 613-241-7496.

Fresco - Madonna and Child over Ottawa: Painted by Ugo Chryurlia. At Notre Dame Cathedral, **May 1-5**. The fresco was originally painted for St-Vincent de Paul Church, Ottawa, and is on loan from the Canadian Museum of History. Notre Dame Cathedral is open to the public during regular hours; free admission. PDF of poster at [CatholicOttawa.ca](#).

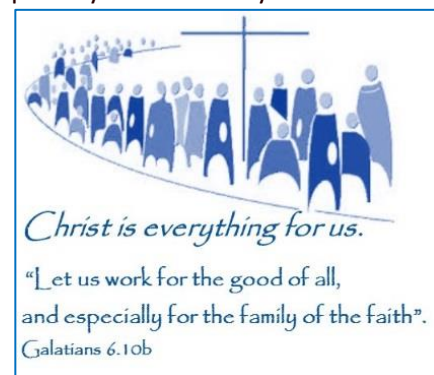
Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving: For couples in the Archdiocese of Ottawa who are celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in 2019. Info and online registration for the Mass on **Sun., May 5, 2:30 p.m.** at Notre Dame Cathedral: catholicottawa.ca/wedding-anniversary-mass. Deadline to register: April 24.

Pentecost Confirmations for Adult Catholics: Parishes submitting candidate names for Confirmation on Pentecost, **June 9, 2019**, at the noon Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral, please complete the online form at <https://catholicottawa.ca/pentecost-confirmations-for-adult-catholics> before **Fri., May 10**. Note: the specific questions to answer will appear when the number of candidates has been entered (15 candidates per submission; parishes can submit twice if more than 15 candidates). Info: Annmarie (abrown@ArchOttawa.ca).

New Director of Cemeteries: The Archdiocese of Ottawa is pleased to announce the appointment of a new Director of Cemeteries, Mr. Roger Delage. We wish Mr. Delage well as he undertakes his new responsibilities in the Archdiocese.

FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Steubenville Toronto Deadline Extended: The registration deadline for participants and chaperones attending Steubenville Toronto 2019 from July 12-14, 2019 with the Archdiocese of Ottawa has been extended to **April 22, 2019**.



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Submit a notice to Friday Facts: <https://catholicottawa.ca/submit-an-event-for-the-friday-facts>

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Those who completed their registration by April 2, 2019 have a spot reserved at the conference. Anyone who is planning to register after that day will be processed on a first come, first serve basis, based on the attendance of the conference itself. Visit www.fymottawa.com/steubenville-toronto-2019 to register. Info: adeluca@archottawa.ca.

VOCATIONS

Prayer for Vocations: Easter Sunday - April 21. That the Risen Lord, made known to us through apostolic witness, will bestow upon us more men and women who will answer the call to proclaim His life, death and resurrection as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

CARE FOR CREATION

Earth Day - April 22: Pope Francis urges the world's 1.2 billion Catholics and all people of good will to take urgent action against the injustice of climate change and the ecological crisis, to protect the poor and future generations. Suggestion for Earth Day - sign up to become a member of the Global Catholic Climate Movement, learning about what we can do to show care for God's creation. Info & sign-up: catholicclimatemovement.global; jdorner@archottawa.ca; 613-738-5025 x251.

GCCM Earth Day - Protect Forests: The Global Catholic Climate Movement invites you to "come together to protect forests and the people who depend on them, in the Amazon and beyond. Advocate for action on climate change to protect the Amazon, and plant a tree to symbolize your community's commitment to protecting forestland". To learn more about this global effort: <https://catholicclimatemovement.global/earth-day-2019/>. Info: jdorner@archottawa.ca.

PRO-LIFE

Screening of Fatal Flaws: Legalizing Assisted Death: Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 289 Spencer St., Sat., Apr. 6, 11:00 a.m., following regular Sat., 9:00 am Mass and breakfast. Opportunity for questions and discussion afterwards. Info: Fr. Doug Hayman 613-656-5951; dhayman@annunciationofthebvm.org.

Diocesan Week for Life: Pro-Life Sunday, May 5 - Saturday, May 11. Annual General Meeting is Wed., Apr. 10, 7:30 p.m. at St. John the Apostle Parish. Guest speaker: Louise Harbour, Executive Director of Action Life. Pro-Life Sunday resources for Reps available. Everyone welcome. Info: Deborah La Riccia (613-820-3580); deborahlariccia@rogers.com.

Palliative Care vs Euthanasia: Dr. Rene Leiva MDCM CCFP, Family Doctor & Palliative Care doctor at Elizabeth Bruyere Centre, discussing concerns about euthanasia and how palliative care differs. Pain management & sedation use will be topics addressed. Q&A to follow. All welcome. Apr. 13, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon at Divine Infant Parish Hall, 6658 Bilberry Dr., Orleans. Free will offering to help defray costs. Info: 613-837-0345; angela.lavictoire@gmail.com.

Monthly Pro-life Mass: St. Peter Parish, 1640 Heatherington Rd., Sun., April 28, 1:30 pm. Sponsored by Pro-life Doctors. Info: 613-831-2515; wandawoj@rogers.com.

Dying Healed Workshop: Education on end-of-life issues and preliminary training for pastoral care volunteers. For those wishing to provide compassion and support to those in need, particularly at end of life. Registration required/limited. St. Augustine Parish, 1060 Baseline Rd., Fri., May 10, 6:30-8:30 pm & Sat., May 11, 9:30-3:30 pm. Cost: \$20 incl. Saturday lunch. Info: Anastasia Bowles: 613-722-1552 x2; info@lifecanada.org; <https://lifecollective.io/mtfl/events>.

FROM THE CCCB

World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2019: The Church will mark the 56th World Day of Prayer for Vocations on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, 12 May 2019. The Holy Father has released a Message entitled "The courage to take a risk for God's promise". [Link to the Holy Father's Message](#).

Statement by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace – Caritas Canada: In anticipation of the *Share Lent* collection in parishes on Apr. 7. The statement provides an update on the ongoing review of a number of partner organizations of the CCODP. [Read the Joint Statement](#).

New Archbishop appointed for Kingston: His Holiness Pope Francis accepted the resignation of the Most Reverend Brendan O'Brien as Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Kingston, and appointed his successor the Most Reverend Michael Mulhall. At the time of his appointment, Bishop Mulhall was Bishop of the Diocese of Pembroke. Archbishop O'Brien has submitted his resignation to the Holy Father upon reaching the age of 75, as required by the Code of Canon Law. [More...](#)

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Morning Prayer at St. Basil Parish: On Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. All are welcome to attend. St. Basil Parish at Maitland & the Queensway, **April 18, 19 & 20, 9:00 am**. Info: 613-729-5149.

Divine Mercy Afternoon: An afternoon of Eucharistic Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet & talk by Fr. Dan Dubroy. St. Isidore Parish, 1135 March Rd., Kanata, **Sun., April 28, 2 - 4 pm**. Info: 613-592-1961.

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration at St. John the Apostle Parish: Reflections, veneration of the Divine Mercy image, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation and Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by a small reception. 2340 Baseline Rd. on **Sun., April 28, 3:00 pm**, in the church. Info: parish office (613-829-1760).

Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Maurice Parish: Talk by Fr. Tim Devine CC, followed by Eucharistic Adoration at 3:00 p.m., with songs by Queenship of Mary Community; Divine Mercy Praises and Chaplet of The Divine Mercy, and veneration of the Divine Mercy Image. Reception follows. **Sun., April 28, 2:30-4:00 pm**. Info: indian.scout@icloud.com; 613-440-2820.

OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS

New Evangelization Summit: Webcast to host sites around the world. Featuring Catholic speakers: Michael Dopp, Fr. James Mallon, Cardinal Gerald Lacroix, Michelle Moran, and more. Register for free online. Infinity Convention Centre, Ottawa, **May 4, 2019**. Info: www.newevangelization.ca.

Celebrate Holy Week and Easter with S+L TV: Free Preview - April 14 – May 12, 2019. Live Papal events and Catholic programming to grow in the knowledge of Catholic faith and tradition. S+L's new documentary, *The Francis Impact*, premiering May 5, 8 pm ET. Info: check your local provider or visit www.saltandlighttv.org/subscribe.

SCHOOLS

St. Pius X High School 60th Anniversary Mass: Eucharistic celebration of 60 years of blessings on the community of St. Pius X High School. 1481 Fisher Ave., **Sun., May 5, 10:00 am**. Info: <http://www.stpiusx60th.ca>.

EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Parish Life Coordinator at Holy Canadian Martyrs: With responsibility for sacramental preparation, liturgy, and other activities. Approx. 30 hour/week; job share could be considered with the right candidates. For qualifications and job description: pastor@canadianmartyrs.org or office@canadianmartyrs.org. Info: <https://canadianmartyrs.org>.

WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

34th Annual Kanata Ecumenical Good Friday Walk of the Cross: This years procession is hosted by Christ Risen Lutheran Church, 85 Leacock Dr. Families of all Christian denominations are welcome to participate, rain or shine. Walk will last 1.5 hours. **April 19, 12:00 pm**. Info: 613-327-6565.

The Council on Aging of Ottawa Spring Luncheon 2019: Hear from Ottawa Hospital planners and engage in a discussion about the future of health care. AGM at 10 am; lunch & presentation at 12 pm. St. Elias Centre, 750 Ridgewood Ave., **Wed., Apr. 24**. Individuals \$75; table of 8 \$600. Registration/info: coa@coaottawa.ca or 613-789-3577 x101.

Christian Meditation Retreat: Experience a weekend of stillness, necessary for deep silent prayer. Four talks by Denis Paquette "Dive into Faith" on what faith adds to the human experience. Galilee Centre, Arnprior, **May 3 - 5**. Cost: \$250. Info: william_meek@bell.net; 613-521-3234. Sponsored by Ottawa Christian Meditation. Info: 613-521-3234.