

FRIDAY FACTS



Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

May 3, 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.

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.

Neophyte Mass: All those who have completed their initiation at the Easter Vigil are invited to come together during the Easter Season for Mass on **Sunday, May 12, 12:00 noon** at Notre Dame Cathedral. Please feel free to wear your white baptismal garment. All are welcome.

CHANGE - Pastoral Day for Priests: The regular morning session of the next Pastoral Day has been cancelled. The afternoon session on **Thurs., May 16** is **an afternoon session for priests only**. Begins with lunch at noon (\$15) and runs for the afternoon. All priests with a pastoral appointment are expected to attend. Please RSVP for lunch at <https://catholicottawa.ca/pastoral-day-lunch-rsvp>.

Pentecost Confirmations for Adult Catholics: Parishes submitting names for Confirmation on **June 9**, at the noon Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral, please complete the form [here](#) **before May 10**. Note: the form fields to fill in will appear when the number of candidates has been entered (15 candidates/submission; parishes can submit twice). Info: (abrown@ArchOttawa.ca).

College of Consultors: Parishes are to submit proposals to the 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. Approval must be obtained from the Archbishop before carrying out these projects, once presented to the College of Consultors. Next meeting: **Tues., June 4**. In order to be included on the College’s agenda, parishes must submit their project proposals to centre@archottawa.ca no later than **Tues., May 21**, with a copy to your Regional Consultor. Proposals should include a completed form (College of Consultors 2018 Policy), the nature and cost of project, including three quotes with price estimates, and how the project is to be financed. Requests to the Loan Fund for Parishes are up to a max. of 50% of the project cost. Any architectural or engineering plans/designs should be provided in PDF. Info: College of Consultors Policy on the Archdiocese website; contact centre@archottawa.ca; 613-738-5025 x244.

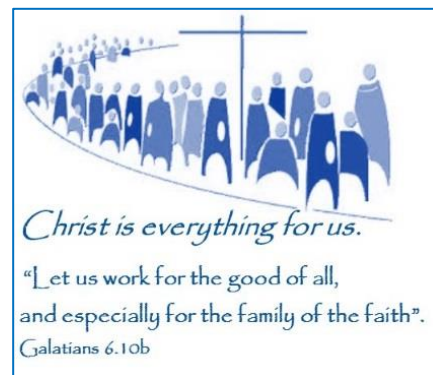
2019-2020 Pastoral Calendar: Now available online at CatholicOttawa.ca.

VOCATIONS

Prayer for Vocations: 5th Sunday of Easter - May 19. That the coming of the new heaven and new earth will be hastened though the holy lives and faithful witness of all those called to serve the Lord as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers.

FROM THE CCCB

Life and family suggestions for homilies and prayers of the faithful during May 2019: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops posts homily ideas and prayers of the faithful to help link the Sunday liturgy with the national pastoral initiative for life and family. The texts for the month of May are available on the [CCCB website](#).



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

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Joint Statement by Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Canadian Council of Imams Condemning the Terrorist Attacks in Sri Lanka: In response to the terrorist attacks of 21 April 2019 (Easter Sunday) in Sri Lanka, the CCCB has issued a joint statement with the Canadian Council of Imams (CCI) condemning the attacks, and offering "prayers for all the victims of this terrorist attack and with a united voice rejecting all forms of hatred, violence, and discord." [Joint Statement](#); [Letter to the Bishop of Badulla and President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Sri Lanka](#).

CARE FOR CREATION

Join the Global Catholic Climate Movement: We are experiencing the impact of climate change both locally and globally through severe and catastrophic weather events. Pope Francis calls us to action. Join the Global Catholic Climate Movement at www.catholicclimatemovement.global, and embark on a journey to pray, live simply and advocate for our common home. Info: John Dorner (613-738-5025, ext. 251; jdorner@archottawa.ca).

Water – The Source of Life ...Our Gift, Our Responsibility: Presentation by Eric Schiller, Phd Hydraulics, M Theo., Prof Civic Eng. U of O (retd.), Human Rights and Environmental Activist, Founding Member of OSWAG. A blending of the spiritual with the practical. Light lunch served. St. Basil Church, 940 Rex Ave. (Maitland/Queensway), **June 2, 12:00-2:00 pm**. Hosted by St. Basil's Green Team and the CWL. Info: 613-820-9595; margbott@rogers.com.

PRO-LIFE

National March for Life: Join thousands of pro-life people on Parliament Hill to be a voice for the 100,000 children who are killed in their mothers' wombs each year across Canada. **Thurs., May 9, 12:30 p.m.**, on Parliament Hill. **Rose Dinner:** With speakers Ann McElhinney and Phelim McAleer. Ottawa Conference and Events Centre, 200 Coventry Rd. **Thurs., May 9;** doors open at 5:30pm; dinner at 6:30pm. Early bird: \$95; after April 30, \$105. Hosted by Campaign Life Coalition (CLC). **Pro-life Youth Banquet:** Music, dinner and pro-life speaker, (former NFL player). Ottawa Convention and Events Centre, 200 Coventry Rd. **Thurs., May 9;** doors open at 6 pm. Cost: \$55. Hosted by Niagara Region Right To Life. Info on above events: www.marchforlife.ca; debbie@clife.ca; 613-729-0379.

Pro-life Youth Conference: Features speakers and workshops designed to equip young people with knowledge and communications strategies to go back to their communities, tackling the culture of death and transforming it into a culture of life. Ottawa Convention and Events Centre, 200 Coventry Rd., **Fri., May 10, 8am – 3pm**. Co-sponsored by Niagara Region Right to Life. Cost: \$50. Info: www.marchforlife.ca; 1-800-730-5358.

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>.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

150th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Missionaries of Africa: Join with the missionaries of Africa (Priests, Sisters and Lay People) at the Eucharistic celebrations at Notre Dame Cathedral on **Sun., May 12, 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.** After each Mass there will be coffee, music, an African exhibition, video and an opportunity of meet the missionaries. Women and men living at the heart of the African people for 150 years! Info: 613-241-7595.

FAITH FORMATION

Workshop by Fr. Walter Vogels: Fr. Vogels is in Ottawa and the Sheng Shen Chinese Parish is honored to host a workshop introducing the theme of his new book, 'The Remnant in the Church today'. **Sat., May 11, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.** Sheng Shen Chinese Church, 1187 Michael St. N. (across from St. Laurent Shopping Mall). Register by email: reg.sshsp@gmail.com.

Spiritual Motherhood of Priests Info Session and Formation Weekend: An invitation to all single, consecrated, married, widowed women and religious sisters. Learn more on **Sat., May 11, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm** at Cityview Retirement Living Recreation Room (basement), 151 Meadowlands Dr. W. Formation weekend is **May 17, 5-9 pm & May 18, 9 am - 4 pm** at the same venue. Info: 613-254-7220; 613-875-6279; spiritualmotherhoodottawa@gmail.com; spiritualmotherhoodofpriests.ca.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Album) info session in Spanish: For anyone (16yrs old +) interested in how to transmit the Faith to children at home or at your parish. Learn how CGS brings children and adults closer to the Good Shepherd. Free/gratis info session. Sagrada Familia Parish, 152 Glenora St., **Fri., May 17, 6:45pm.** Info: mchagoya.cgs@live.com.

Who Does He Say You Are: Do you need a fresh reminder of your truest identity? Be inspired by stories of women transformed by Christ in the gospels. Learn from ancient mothers and sisters in the faith, and connect with other women on the same journey. Space limited, registration only. St. Mary Parish Hall, 100 Young St., **Sat., May 18, 9:45am – 1:00pm.** Mass 9:00am. Free will donation. Info: Tracey McAskill, traceyisthird@gmail.com.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Paint Night at St. Martin de Porres: Hosted by the Catholic Women's League Council. Featuring the Paint Party Sisters. **May 14, 7:00 pm.** Tickets & info available from Rosanne Nadon (613-828-3205) or the parish office. All are welcome. Light refreshments. 3891 Old Richmond Rd., Bells Corners. Cost: \$40. (includes all supplies).

Annual Hip of Beef Dinner at St. John the Apostle Parish: Cocktails at 6:00pm, dinner at 6:30pm. Tickets are limited; available at the Parish Office. St. John the Apostle Parish, 2340 Baseline Rd., **Sat., May 25.** Adults \$20; children 16 & under \$10; families (parents and children) \$50. Hosted by The Knights of Columbus. Info: 613-829-1760.

St. Theresa Annual Bus Trip to Montreal: A tour to Montreal to Saint Joseph Oratory and Old Montreal with a stop at Notre Dame Basilica. Cost: \$37 (covers the luxury coach). **Sat., June 1.** Hosted by Knights of Columbus. Pick-up at St. Theresa Church and Immaculata High School. Info: Roger Richard (613-277-5423) or Geroge McKenna (613-869-4641).

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Soles4Souls at Holy Cross Parish: Drop off new or gently-used shoes for young or old to aid the world's poor. Collection boxes for this international mission will be inside the front doors (685 Walkley Rd.) at Mass times on weekends of **May 18/19 & May 25/26** only. Sponsored by Club 55+, Youth Group, Social Justice Committee. Info: Fran.hadley@gmail.com.

North of 60 Project: The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, Ottawa has committed to restocking the sharing center's shelves in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut. The costs of food and other basic needs are high (jar of peanut butter \$18) in the north. Let us not stand indifferent in the face of great need. Info: Claire (613-745-2873).

SCHOOLS

Catholic Education Week: Join the Ottawa Catholic School Board community to celebrate Catholic Education Week, **Sunday, May 5 - Friday, May 10.** This year the board's spiritual theme is *Seek Justice*, and the provincial theme is *Living as Joyful Disciples*. Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral, **Tues., May 7, 7:30 p.m.** All are welcome. Info: 613-224-4455 x23265.

OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS

Celebrate Under Mary's Mantle: The Queenship of Mary Community invites you to their annual celebration on **Mon., May 20, 10 am** at 351 Lake George Rd., Plantagenet. Mass with Archbishop Terrence Prendergast SJ, a complimentary lunch, activities for the family and a crowning of Our Lady. RSVP: 613-601-5278; thequeenshipofmary@gmail.com.

Breakfast for Ladies & Gents at St. Augustine: Hear Mother Mary Bernadette and Sister Philomena, Daughter of Mary of the Queenship of Mary Community relate their testimonies as to how the Lord leads them into contemplation and action. St. Augustine Parish, 1060 Baseline Rd., **Sat., May 25, 8:00 a.m.** Cost: \$5. Please confirm attendance: breakfastforall.staugustine@gmail.com; Denis (613-228-7646).

WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

Lecture on the Origin of Consciousness: Dr. Scott Ventureyra will discuss the central ideas of his book, *On the Origin of Consciousness*, exploring the deep interrelationship between God, consciousness and evolution. Immaculate Heart of Mary, 1758 Alta Vista Dr., **Mon., May 13, 7:30 p.m.** Hosted by Knights of Columbus Council 16762. Info: 613-733-9636.