

# FRIDAY FACTS



Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

February 15, 2019

## FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

**Pastoral Day:** At the Diocesan Centre on **Wed., Feb. 20, 9:00 a.m.**, beginning with Mass. Clergy only session after lunch. Cost for lunch: \$15. [RSVP for lunch](#) required by **Thurs., Feb. 14**. [Please return the parish Holy Oil vials at Pastoral Day.](#)

**Ordination of Auxiliary Bishop-Elect of Alexandria-Cornwall Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R.:** At St. Finnan's Cathedral, 72 St. Paul St., Alexandria on **Fri., Feb. 22, 2:00 p.m.** Please keep Bishop-Elect Desrochers in your prayers.

**Permanent Diaconate – Information Sessions:** Is the Lord calling you to the Permanent Diaconate? Come and discover what the diaconate is all about. All men in the Archdiocese are invited; married men are encouraged to come with their wives. **Thurs., Feb. 21, 7:00 - 9:00 pm** in the fireside room at St. Isidore Parish, 1135 March Rd., Kanata. **Mon., Feb. 25, 7:00 - 9:00 pm.** in the St. Catherine room at St. Mary Parish, 100 Young St. **Sat., Mar. 9, 9:00 - 11:00 am** at Divine Infant Parish, 6288 Bilberry Dr., Orleans (meet in the Parish Office). If you wish to attend a session or get more information, please contact Deacon Michael Seath (613-324-0007); ([mseath@archottawa.ca](mailto:mseath@archottawa.ca)).

**Rite of Election:** The parish participation form for the Rite of Election on **Sun., Mar. 10** is available at <https://catholicottawa.ca/rite-of-election-parish-form>. Deadline: **Tues., Feb. 26**. Info: [abrown@ArchOttawa.ca](mailto:abrown@ArchOttawa.ca).

**REQUEST - Parish Lenten Reconciliation Schedule:** The parish reconciliation schedule submission form is [available online here](#). Parishes, please submit your schedule by **Feb. 22**. **Note:** Diocesan Day of Confessions is **Friday, April 5**.

## FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

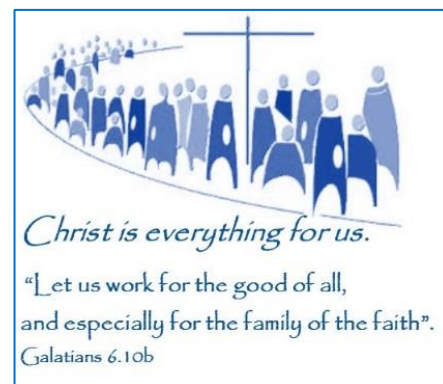
**Steubenville Toronto Registration Opens Feb. 14:** Join the Archdiocese of Ottawa this July 12-14, 2019. Dive into the theme "Belong" at Canada's largest conference for Catholic high school students. If you are 21 years+ consider applying as a chaperone. Visit <http://www.fymottawa.com/youth> to register and <http://steubenvilletoronto.com/> for more info. Info: [adeluca@archottawa.ca](mailto: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:** Led from the perspective of the Catholic faith; designed to help participants find reconciliation, peace and healing. Women's session **Tues., Mar. 19**; men's session **Thurs., Mar. 21**. Sessions run 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](http://www.journeyofhopeottawa.com); Mary Jane Manley (613-294-1308).

**Marriage Preparation:** For engaged couples at Holy Redeemer Parish, 44 Rothesay Dr., Kanata, **Fri., Mar. 8, 7pm-10pm, & Sat., Mar. 9, 10am-6pm**. Cost: \$100 (incl. course book & Sat. lunch). Info: Parish Office, 613-836-1764.

**Christian Life Program:** An integrated course to lead participants into a renewed understanding of and response to God's call. 12 sessions starting **Tues., Mar. 12, 7-9 pm** at Resurrection of Our Lord, 1940 Saunderson Dr. Info: 613-720-5643; [juliebicol@yahoo.ca](mailto:juliebicol@yahoo.ca). Free; kids watch available. Sponsored by Couples for Christ-Family Ministries.



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## VOCATIONS

**Prayers:** Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - March 3. That the Lord will bless us with vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life to serve as teachers to his flock, we pray to the Lord.

## CARE FOR CREATION

**Planning Ahead for Earth Hour:** Earth Hour takes place on **Sat., Mar. 30, 8:30-9:30 pm**. Parishes may participate by turning off lights during Earth Hour. The Roman Catholic United Church Dialogue produced a report entitled 'The Hope Within Us' with suggestions to help parishes observe Earth Hour in prayer and worship, calling attention to the beauty and fragility of our living planet. Info: [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca). Info: 613-738-5025 x251; [jdorner@archottawa.ca](mailto:jdorner@archottawa.ca).

## PRO-LIFE

**Pain, Suffering and Death: Where is God in My Grief?** At St. Theresa Church, 95 Somerset St. W. with Fr. Roman Rytsar, Chaplain at Ottawa Hospital, General Campus. **Sat., Mar. 2, 10 am - 2 pm**. Mass at 9 am. Free will offering. Bring your own lunch. Info: [ottawagiftoflifeministry@gmail.com](mailto:ottawagiftoflifeministry@gmail.com) or 613-720-5643. Couples for Christ-Gift of Life event.

**ProLife Conference: Rekindle the Gift of Life...Fulfill God's Plan...Thrive.** Guest speaker: Sr. Helena Burns, FSP. At Resurrection of Our Lord, 1940 Saunderson Dr., **Sat., Apr. 27**. Mass at 8:00 am; conference ends at 4:00 pm. Cost: \$15/person; family rate \$12.50/person for 4 or more tickets. Info: 613-720-5643; [ottawagiftoflifeministry@gmail.com](mailto:ottawagiftoflifeministry@gmail.com).

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

**Memorial Mass for the Anniversary of the Death of the Servant of God, Fr. Luigi Giussani, and the Anniversary of the Pontifical Recognition of the Fraternity of Communion and Liberation:** At Notre Dame Cathedral, **Feb. 24**, at noon. Archbishop Prendergast SJ will preside. Info: [clonottawa@gmail.com](mailto:clonottawa@gmail.com).

**Heart of Worship:** Spend time with Jesus in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Short spiritual talk, praise and worship music, silent adoration, confession, food and fellowship. Guest speaker: Fr. Lester Mendonsa. At Holy Redeemer Parish, **Tues., Feb. 26, 7-9pm**. Info: 613-836-1764.

**The Middle Coming of Jesus - Now is Our Time of Merit:** Mass on **Wed., Feb. 27, 9:00 a.m.** at St. Isidore Parish, Kanata. Homily by Fr. Dan Dubroy. Five first-class relics from the John Paul II Centre will be venerated. Q & A will follow. All welcome. Info: 613-592-1961.

## FAITH FORMATION

**Faster, Higher, Stronger: Advice from St. Thomas Aquinas for the Modern Athlete, Presented by Kyle Ferguson:** Through the lens of St. Thomas Aquinas (concerning humility and pride) this talk addresses how theology can assist athletes to pursue excellence 'in an excellent manner'. Saint Paul University, 223 Main Street, Room 202, **Wed., Feb. 27, 7:00-8:00 pm**. Info: [www.ustpaul.ca](http://www.ustpaul.ca).

**Lenten Day Retreat for Women - "A Time of Conversion":** Talks by Fr. Paul J. Gaudet. Buffet luncheon. Mass, Eucharistic Adoration & opportunity for Confession. Cost: \$45. Free parking on-site. Bring a guest and each receive \$5 off registration. Dominican University College, 96 Empress St., **Sat., Mar. 9, 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.** To register: Karen (613-806-0377); [livesisterhood@gmail.com](mailto:livesisterhood@gmail.com); [www.sisterhood.live/retreats/](http://www.sisterhood.live/retreats/).

**The Mystery of the Eucharist:** A six-week Lenten study, where we will "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, 7:00-8:30 pm**. Suggested donation: \$20. Info: Ron Bishop ([indian.scout@icloud.com](mailto:indian.scout@icloud.com)); 613-440-2820.

### Coming Events – Dates to Note

- **Wed., Feb. 20** Pastoral Day
- **Wed., Mar. 6** Ash Wednesday
- **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

**Where Do I Fit? Discernment & Gifts of the Holy Spirit - Part II:** God has created each one of us to play a role in making God's love known to the Church and to the world. Have you discovered the role you are called to play in your family, in your workplace and in your parish? All welcome. St. John the Apostle, 2340 Baseline Rd., **Sat., Mar. 16, 9:00am - 1:00pm (note change of date)**. Cost: \$20. Organized by Sister+Hood and Divya Kiran International; presented by Heather MacPhail. Register: [livesisterhood@gmail.com](mailto:livesisterhood@gmail.com); Karen (613-806-0377); Heather (613-216-9413); [www.sisterhood.live/workshops/](http://www.sisterhood.live/workshops/).

**Unbound Five Keys Conference:** Miriam Wright, international speaker for Unbound and Fr. Rob Arsenault CC, present *The Father's Blessing*. **Sat., Mar. 30, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm** at Holy Redeemer Parish, 44 Rothesay Dr., Kanata. Mass at 8:00 a.m. celebrated by Bishop Christian Riesbeck CC. Info & registration: [unboundottawaregister@gmail.com](mailto:unboundottawaregister@gmail.com) by Mar. 20. Cost: \$25 payable on the day of the conference. Lunch not provided.

**Band of Christian Brothers - Serviam Ministries Men's Conference:** 4<sup>th</sup> annual Band of Christian Brothers men's conference in Montreal. A one day intensive men's retreat consisting of spiritual talks, Mass, Adoration, Confession, fraternity and prayer. Info: [www.serviamministries.com](http://www.serviamministries.com); <https://www.serviamministries.com/events/stepup/>.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

**Workshop on Forced Migration & Catholic Social Teaching with Solidarity Visitor:** Join Isaac Osuoka, director *Social Action and Nigeria* for a workshop and light lunch on Catholic Social Teaching, Forced Migration and the Culture of Encounter. Development & Peace Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place, Ottawa, **Sat., Feb. 23, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**. Info: [thurford@devp.org](mailto:thurford@devp.org).

## PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

**Afternoon of Fun, Cards & Games:** St. Ignatius Parish, 518 Donald St. (rear entrance). **Sun., Feb. 24, 2:00 p.m.** Progressive Euchre, various other card games, Bridge (bring friends as players), board games. Desserts & refreshments, door prizes and more. Tickets \$10, available at door. Info: 613-748-6093.

**Men's Lenten Breakfast at St. Patrick, Fallowfield:** Mass at 9:00 a.m.; presentation & breakfast at 10:00 a.m. in the Monsignor Paul Baxter Hall. "A Helpful Prayer: The Examination of Conscience", given by Fr. Geoffrey Kerslake, Episcopal Vicar. Cost: \$10/person. Tickets: Pierre Chartier (613-599-6589). 15 Steeple Hill Cres., **Sat., March 9, 9:00 a.m.** Hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Info: [fitt@rogers.com](mailto:fitt@rogers.com).

## SCHOOLS

**Shadow Days at Chesterton Academy Catholic High School:** For students in Grades 8, 9, or 10. Come spend a school day and experience this high school, the classical curriculum and Socratic method. Visits arranged until end-May. Contact Headmaster, Mr. TJ Stevens. Located at St. George Parish, 415 Piccadilly Ave. N. Info: 613-518-8117; [tj.stevens@chestertonacademyofottawa.ca](mailto:tj.stevens@chestertonacademyofottawa.ca).

**Academia Stella Maris Open House:** Come meet teachers, some parents and students and learn about the 2019-2020 5 days a week full-time program as well as the 4 different hybrid programs: the Investigation, the Artistic, the Exploration and the Critical Thinking Programs. **March 7, 6:30pm**. Registrations now open for Sept. 2019. Info: [www.academiastellamaris.ca](http://www.academiastellamaris.ca); 343-883-6600.

## EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Executive Director for Miriam Centre:** Full-time position, fluently bilingual, compassionate pro-life person. Must have management skills and experience and computer skills. \$15.00/hr. Send c.v. to Sr Rita Lacelle, 030- 2742 St. Joseph Blvd., Orléans, ON K1C 1G5 or [centremiriamcentre@yahoo.ca](mailto:centremiriamcentre@yahoo.ca). Info: 613-830-8623.

## PILGRIMAGES

**Pilgrimage "Retreat to Holy Land":** To walk in the footsteps of Jesus cannot be described. It can only be experienced. See the very places where Jesus walked, taught and lived His earthly life. Spiritual leader: Fr. Ben St. Croix, CC. Info: Stan & Maria (613-792-4272); ([sbielec@symptico.ca](mailto:sbielec@symptico.ca)). Holy Land, **October 2-14, 2019**. CAD\$ 4,500, double occupancy.