

FRIDAY FACTS



Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

January 17, 2020

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Diocesan Celebration of Consecrated Life: Archbishop Terrence Prendergast SJ invites all members of religious communities and consecrated persons, all members of the clergy and the faithful of the Archdiocese to the Diocesan Celebration of the World Day for Consecrated Life on **Sun., Feb. 2, 2:30 p.m.** at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica followed by a reception in the parish hall. Please RSVP to abrown@ArchOttawa.ca by Thurs., Jan. 30.

The Don Bosco Gala - A celebration of youth ministry in the Archdiocese of Ottawa: Optional dinner, appetizers, award ceremony for outstanding volunteering in youth ministry, talk on the heart of youth ministry, dancing and much more. **Sat., Feb. 1, 2020.** St. Patrick's High School. Gala (\$20) starts at 7:00pm. Dinner and Gala (\$40) starts at 5:00pm. Register at: www.fymottawa.com/youth. Info: Andriano De Luca (adeluca@archottawa.ca).

Pastoral Day on Feb. 12: Please note the date and plan to attend. **Wed., Feb. 12 beginning at 10:00 am**, at the Diocesan Centre, in the Cafeteria. Afternoon session for clergy only. RSVP by Feb. 2 online at <https://catholicottawa.ca/pastoral-day-lunch-rsvp>. Lunch is \$15.

CHANGE OF DATE - Marriage Preparation Facilitators' Evening: This is a meeting for all those who run marriage prep in their parish. Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place. **Feb. 13, 2020, 7:00 pm. Registration deadline: Feb. 6.** Register at www.catholicottawa.ca/marriage-preparation-facilitators-evening.

Rite of Election: The parish participation form for the Rite of Election on **Sun., Mar. 1** is now available online at <https://catholicottawa.ca/rite-of-election-parish-form>. Deadline: **Wed., Feb. 19.** Info: abrown@ArchOttawa.ca.

College of Consultors: A reminder that parishes are invited 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. According to diocesan policy, approval must be obtained from the Archbishop **before** carrying out these projects, once presented to the College of Consultors. The College is meeting on **Tues., Feb. 18.** In order to be included on the College's agenda, parishes must submit their project proposals to the diocese to centre@archottawa.ca **no later than Fri., Jan. 31.** Please note that submissions received past the deadline will not be considered. The proposal should be copied to your Regional Consultor, for their input. Proposals to the College should include a completed form found in the [College of Consultors 2018 Policy](#), as well as the following: the nature and cost of the project, including three quotes with price estimates; how the project is to be financed (parish reserve, fundraising or loan). Please note: requests to the Loan Fund for Parishes are up to a maximum of 50% of the project cost; if architectural or engineering plans/designs form part of your submission, these should be provided in PDF format. Info: [College of Consultors 2018 Policy](#); centre@archottawa.ca; 613-738-5025, ext. 244.



Christ is everything for us.

“Lord, to whom can we go?”

You have the words of eternal life”.

John 6:68

Prayers: For the repose of the soul of Mrs. Annie Abbass, mother of Fr. Jobe Abbass, superior of the Conventual Franciscan Friary in Ottawa. Mrs. Abbass died in Halifax on January 2, 2020. Her funeral was held in St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica on January 6. Please pray for her and her family.

VOCATIONS

Prayer for Vocations: The Presentation of the Lord - February 2, World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. For those called to service for the Lord as priests, sisters and brothers, that they will be encouraged to follow the Lord and faithful to His choice of them, we pray to the Lord.

FAMILY, YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

Steubenville Toronto Catholic Youth Conference: Join other young people from across the Archdiocese of Ottawa travelling to Steubenville Toronto this summer. **Jul. 3-5.** Dive into the theme "Restored" at Canada's largest conference for Catholic high school students. If you are 21 years and up, consider applying as a chaperone. Visit fymottawa.com/steubenville-toronto-2020 to register and steubenvilletoronto.com to learn more. Registration deadline: Feb. 17. Info: Andriano De Luca (adeluca@archottawa.ca).

Marriage Preparation: At Holy Redeemer Parish, 44 Rothesay Drive, Kanata on **Fri., Mar. 13, 7-9pm and Sat., Mar. 14, 10am-6pm.** Cost: \$100. To register/further info: Jennifer in the parish office, 613-836-1764.

By My Side - A Program of Spiritual Friendship and Healing for Separated and Divorced Catholics: Formerly the *Journey of Hope Program*. 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. Info: www.bymyside.ca; [facebook.com/bymysideott](https://www.facebook.com/bymysideott); Mary Jane Manley 613-294-1308. Cost: \$40 for 6 weeks. At Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Church Hall. For women, starts **Tues., Mar. 24, 7-9 pm.** For men, starts **Thurs., Mar. 26.**

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Heart of Worship at Holy Redeemer Parish: Guest speaker is Jeff Gunnarson, National President of Campaign Life Coalition on the topic "Abortion Ends When Jesus Reigns". Holy Redeemer Parish, 44 Rothesay Dr., Kanata, **Jan. 28, 7-9 pm.** Info: 613-836-1764.

Mass for the Sick at Divine Infant Parish: Within the Mass, the Sacrament of the Sick will be available to the elderly, chronically ill, and those experiencing serious illness, and preparing for or recovering from surgery. Reception follows. All welcome. Divine Infant Parish, 6658 Bilberry Dr., Orleans, **Sat., Feb. 8, 10:00 am.** Info: di.pastoralcare@gmail.com.

PRO-LIFE

Government Consultation on Expanding Assisted Suicide/Euthanasia: The *Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (EPC)* and *HealthCARE and Conscience* is urging you to participate in the Canadian Department of Justice Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) consultation questionnaire by **Jan. 27.** [Consultation webpage](#); [Link to the questionnaire](#). Further info: www.canadiansforconscience.ca; alexschadenberg.blogspot.com/2020/01/participate-in-canadian-government-maid.html; cmdacanada.org/app/uploads/2020/01/Expert-MAID-Panel-Joint-Submission-Final-Oct-6-2017.pdf;

Monthly Pro-life Mass: Regular gathering of pro-life people to pray for the establishment of a Pro-life Center in Ottawa. This month we celebrate the Divine Liturgy in the Byzantine Rite. Saint John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine, 952 Green Valley Crescent, **Sat., Jan. 25, 9:00 am.** Info: 613-831-2515; wandawoj@rogers.com.

Info Meeting - Campaign Life Coalition: Learn of the pro-life, pro-family updates in Canada. Jeff Gunnarson, President Campaign Life Coalition will be speaking as well as others. Bring your questions. Light refreshments. 1030 Baseline Rd., plenty of parking available, **Wed., Jan. 29, 6:30 p.m.** Info: Debbie Duval 613-729-0379; debbie@clife.ca.

Pro-life Mass: At [Madonna Della Risurrezione](#), 1621 Fisher Ave., **every Friday, 9:00 am.** To pray for life and especially the protection of unborn children. Plenty of parking at the back of the church. The Masses will be held in English.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Advance Care Planning in the Family: Compassionate Ottawa is offering to come to parish gatherings of seniors and family members to talk about advance care planning for an organised family sensitive death (this is not about MAiD). If your parish is interested please contact Patricia Marsden-Dole at pmarsdendole@archottawa.ca.

FAITH FORMATION

Alpha at St. Mary's Parish: 100 Young St., **Jan. 21, 6:30 p.m.** Eleven Tuesdays. No cost. Info: alpha@stmarysottawa.ca.

PARISH EVENTS

Trivia Night and Chili Dinner: Hosted by St. George's Knights of Columbus in the Parish Hall, **Sat., Jan. 25.** Registration at 5:30 pm and chili supper at 6:00pm. Trivia teams can be 2-6 players (or we will place you on a team or make a team). Cost: \$15/person. Tickets are being sold on the parish web site. Info: st.georgetrivialnight@gmail.com.

Spaghetti and Karaoke Fundraising Dinner: Hosted by the Knights of Columbus as a fundraising for Council 16005 and their charity activities. Cost: \$15/adult; \$5/children under 10. St. Theresa Parish, 95 Somerset St., W., **Sat., Feb. 29, 5:00-10:00 pm.** All are welcome. Info: Roger Richard, roger-richard@rogers.com, 613-277-5423.

OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS

'Strangers in a Strange Church' Book Launch: Hear the stories of those who have followed Christ's call into an Eastern Catholic Church. St. Patrick's Basilica, **Jan. 23, 7 p.m.** Cost: \$15 for advance tickets; \$20 at the door. Hosted by Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies & St. Patrick's Gift Shop. Info: info@stpgiftsandbooks.ca.

Tools for Building Consensus and Collaboration in Parish Leadership: Dr. Carol Kuzmochka will facilitate this workshop on exploring valuable tools and methods for consensus decision-making, collaboration and good communication skills within parishes. St. Basil's Parish Hall, 940 Rex Ave., **Jan. 25, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.** Free will offering. Info: Parish Office (613-729-5149) or stbasilsparish@gmail.com.

Saints Speak to These Times: Eleventh Armour of God meeting. Parishioner, Taylor Hyatt, Activist and Policy Analyst, will discuss "Saints Speak to These Times". She looks at our rich Catholic heritage of saints and how they still have much useful to say about our current culture. St. Patrick Basilica scavi, Kent St. at Nepean St., **Wed., Jan. 29, 7:00pm.** Free cookies and coffee. Info: www.GodsArmour4Us.org.

Maryvale Academy 15th Anniversary 'Taste & See' Gala: At St. Elias Centre, 750 Ridgewood Ave., **Sat., Feb. 8.** Live & silent auctions, 50/50 draw, music. Cocktails & silent auction at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$95/person (\$50 tax receipt). Info/tickets: Maryvale Academy (613- 321-2186); www.maryvaleacademy.ca.

Seminar for Women: "It's Okay to Say No: Setting Healthy Christian Boundaries". As women it can often be difficult to juggle the demands of a busy life; family, friends, volunteering & workplace responsibilities. Our Christian call is also

one to serve, which compounds the complexity of setting healthy boundaries. We will explore the call to serve, and how to establish and maintain healthy boundaries in our various roles as women. Facilitated by Karen Bourgon; presented by Heather MacPhail. St. John the Apostle Church, small downstairs hall, **Sat., Feb. 22, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm**. Cost: \$20. Info: pre-registration required: www.sisterhood.live/; livesisterhood@gmail.com; Karen 613-806-0377.

Pilgrimage to St. Joseph Oratory, Montreal: Spiritual leader: Fr. Jim Lowe, CC. **March 19** departure from Our Lady of Fatima, 153 Woodroffe Ave., 8:00am, returning by 6:00 pm. Cost: \$75. Register with Stan or Maria sbielec@sympatico.ca; 613-792-4272.

'That Man is You' Catholic Men's Leadership Program: "Battle Over The Bride". To help men rediscover the true desires of their heart; identify the major challenges in the spiritual life & the means for overcoming them; reveal to men the structured approach used by saints to make true progress in the spiritual life; open men to an encounter with Our Lady and the Holy Family that will transform their lives and that of their families. At St. Maurice Parish. Free will offering. Info: Kevin Gibbs, kwgboxing@gmail.com.

SCHOOLS

Ottawa School of Theology and Spirituality: Once weekly classes on the search for meaning in life, spiritual themes in poetry and song, death and afterlife in world religions, and more. At Dominican University College. Info: www.osts.ca.

EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Part-time Communications Coordinator: Required to lead and manage print and digital communications for St. Maurice Parish. Position begins early March. Send applications to office@stmauriceparish.com by Jan. 31. We thank all applicants for their interest. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Info: office@stmauriceparish.com.

St. Patrick's Home of Ottawa - Board of Director and External Committee Member Positions: Visit website for position description and application form. Info: <http://stpats.ca/about-us/governance/application-board-directors/>.