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.** St. Patrick's High School. Gala ($20) starts at 7:00pm. Dinner and Gala ($40) starts at 5:30pm. Doors open at 5:00pm. Register at: www.fymottawa.com/youth. Info: Andriano De Luca (adeluca@archottawa.ca).

**Pastoral Day on Wed., Feb. 12:** Morning session with Archbishop Prendergast, featuring Jan Bentham on strengthening relationships between parish & school, from the parish perspective. **Wed., Feb. 12 beginning at 10:00 am,** at the Diocesan Centre, in the Cafeteria. Afternoon session for clergy on Incarnational Leadership facilitated by Jeff Lockert. RSVP by Feb. 2 online at https://catholicottawa.ca/pastoral-day-lunch-rsvp. Lunch is $15.

**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:** Parishes 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 Consultants. Meeting: **Tues., Feb. 18.** To be included on the College’s agenda, parishes must submit their project proposals to centre@archottawa.ca no later than Fri., Jan. 31 with a copy to your Regional Consultor for their input. Submissions received past the deadline will not be considered. Proposals should include a completed form found in College of Consultors 2018 Policy, and the nature and cost of the project, including three quotes and how the project is to be financed. Requests to the Loan Fund for Parishes are up to a maximum of 50% of the project cost. Any architectural or engineering plans/designs should be provided in PDF. Info: centre@archottawa.ca; 613-738-5025 x244.

VOCATIONS

**Prayer for Vocations:** Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 9. For all men and women called by Jesus to teach the Gospel as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, that the joy of the Lord will remain their strength during their discernment, formation and mission, we pray to the Lord.

FROM THE CCCB

**Federal Consultation on “Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) Eligibility Criteria and Request Process”**: On Monday, 13 January 2020, the Government of Canada, through the Department of Justice, launched a two-week general public
consultation on the expansion of eligibility criteria for euthanasia/assisted suicide (which the Government refers to as "Medical Assistance in Dying"/MAiD). This consultation follows the September 2019 Superior Court of Québec ruling which found it unconstitutional to limit access to MAiD only to individuals nearing the end of life and which gave the federal government the option to appeal the decision or amend legislation within six months. The Government of Canada chose not to appeal the Québec court ruling, but instead has indicated it would be prepared to change the law for the entire country. The consultation targets one specific component of the legislation ("Eligibility Criteria") and is intended to help the Government form its response to the Québec ruling. The survey does not ask whether or not euthanasia/assisted-suicide should be expanded to include persons with disabilities; that instead is assumed. It concentrates on whether a person should be allowed to request euthanasia/assisted suicide by means of his or her own advance directives or whether the Government's current "safeguards" are sufficient to prevent abuse of or pressure on patients whose natural death is not reasonably foreseeable, such as individuals with mental health conditions or physical disabilities. Read more...


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 steubenville Toronto.com to learn more. Registration deadline: Feb. 17. Info: Andriano De Luca (adeluca@archottawa.ca).

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.

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; 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.

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;

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.

Gosnell film: ‘Gosnell: the Trial of America’s Biggest Serial Killer’, an accurate film dramatization of the investigation and trial of Dr. Kermit Gosnell and how the media and political establishment attempted to cover it up will be shown at St. John the Apostle hall, Fri., Feb. 21, 7:00 pm. All welcome. Free will donation. Info: stjohnap@magma.ca.
CARE FOR CREATION

**Free Sustainable Gardening Webinar Series:** Offered this winter by the Ottawa Chapter of Faith & the Common Good for local faith communities to learn about how to support the birds, bees and other wildlife on their property. Learn about sustainable and ecological outdoor greening. Starting **Jan. 28.** Info: [faithcommongood.org](http://faithcommongood.org).

SOCIAL JUSTICE

"For Our Common Home" - **Eco-Justice Workshop:** An opportunity to reflect and take action as we prepare the upcoming Share Lent Campaign. **Sat., Feb. 8, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm** at St. Basil Parish, 940 Rex Ave., OR **Tues., Feb. 11, 6:30 – 9:00 pm** at the Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Pl. To register: ottawandp@gmail.com.

**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

**Charisms and the Saints with Fr. Mark Goring CC:** Discover and listen to several talks about how some of the Saints lived out the charisms, or spiritual gifts God had in store for each of them. St Mary's, 100 Young St., **Sat., Feb. 15, 9:00 am Mass – 1:00 pm.** Info: office@stmarysottawa.ca; 613-729-9811.

**Film "The Francis Impact":** Features stories of ordinary Catholics working on the margins who see an agent of change in Pope Francis. This is not a film about Francis changing the church; it's about the church changing the world. Saint Paul University Amphitheatre, 223 Main St., **Feb. 24, 7:00-9:30 pm.** Free. Info: Joe Gunn jgunn@omilacombe.ca.

**Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2020:** Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building, 255 Front St., W., **Sat., Mar. 7, 9:00 am - 5:30 pm.** A grace-filled day with Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, Ralph Martin & Fr. James Mallon. Separate youth event. Tickets/info: www.ljhr.ca; contact@ljhr.ca; 647-243-9441; Sadie 905-270-2510.

**Where Faith and Life Meet: A Symposium for Adult Faith.** Offered by The Centre for Religious Education and Catechesis, Saint Paul University, **May 21 - 22, 2020.** Explore a process-based accompaniment of adult faith that "meets people where they are" and draws on emerging insights and promising practices that bridge faith and life. Info.

PARISH EVENTS

**First Annual Lasagna Dinner at St. John the Apostle Parish:** Catered by "Bella's Boys Italian Kitchen". Tickets through Parish Office (613-829-1760). 2340 Baseline Rd., **Sat., Feb. 8.** Drinks at 6:00 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm. Cost: $20/adult; $10/kids under 12; $50/family (2 adults + 3 kids). Hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Info: 613-829-1760.

**Valentine’s Day at Blessed Sacrament, Cornwall:** A fundraiser for the purchase of a lift to provide wheelchair access to the hall. 321 Tollgate Rd., East, Cornwall, **Fri., Feb. 14, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** Music by The Heartbeats & Kevin Rivette. Info: www.blessedsacramentchurch.ca.

**Concert at St. Columban, Cornwall:** The St. Columban's Foundation will be hosting an afternoon of music featuring tenor Richard Valdez, **Feb. 23, 2:00 pm** at St. Columban's church. Freewill offering. Info: stcolumban@cogeco.ca.

OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS

**Women's Morning of Reflection:** At the Agora Catholic Centre, in the John Paul II Hall, 301 McConnell Ave, Cornwall. **Sat., Feb. 1, 9am-noon.** Mass, Confession, continental breakfast, talk by Sonja Suter on her experiences working in L'Arche community in New Zealand and the rosary. Free will offering of $5. Info: www.alexandria-cornwall.ca.
Heart to Heart - "A Divine Invitation": Come together as Mary’s children to unite our heart to the Queen of Hearts who will guide and direct us into the heart of the Most Holy Trinity. Blessed Sacrament Parish, Ottawa, **Feb. 7 & 8, 2020.** Free. Hosted by John Paul II Centre for Divine Mercy, Marian Devotional Movement and The Queenship of Mary Community. Info: [www.jp2centre.com](http://www.jp2centre.com); 613-325-5447.

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](http://www.maryvaleacademy.ca).

Seminar for Women: "It’s Okay to Say No: Setting Healthy Christian Boundaries". 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/](http://www.sisterhood.live/); livesisterhood@gmail.com; Karen 613-806-0377.

### PILGRIMAGES

Pilgrimage to Oberammergau: Join Fr John Likozar, CC, on a 9-day journey, **June 12-20, 2020,** to experience the Oberammergau Passion Play and Catholic Central Europe, including Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Cost: $4189/person + $1406/person airfare from Ottawa. Space is limited; 6 spots remaining. Deadline: Feb 7. Info: CustomerCare@travelplus.at.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](mailto: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](mailto:office@stmauriceparish.com).

Waupos Family Farm - Volunteer Recruitment Meeting: Waupos Farm offers vacations and an experience of community to families who need it most. Waupos is seeking additional volunteer support, including Board members. Whether you’re gifted in fundraising, communications, governance, landscaping, home repair, or another area of interest, we’d be grateful for your time and talent. Recruitment meeting to learn more, 2050 Rideau Rd., **Sat., Feb. 8, 10:30 am -12:00 pm.** Info: [contact@waupos.com](mailto:contact@waupos.com); 613-822-2189.

### WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

Dementia Stole Presentation: January is Alzheimer’s Awareness Month in Canada. In honour of those whose lives have been impacted by dementia, St. John the Apostle Parish will be having a presentation **Sun., Jan. 26** at the 10:30am Mass. Matthew Dineen from Dementia Advocacy Canada will be on hand to present Fr. Lindsay Harrison with his own Alzheimer’s stole. A solemn blessing of this priestly vestment will take place at the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Info: dineenm77@gmail.com.