

FRIDAY FACTS



Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall, Pastoral Office

December 4, 2020

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Mass of Thanksgiving for Archbishop Terrence Prendergast's 25 Years of Episcopal Office: On the feast day of St. Francis Xavier, **Thursday, December 3**. Live-streamed on www.archoc.ca (or www.catholicottawa.ca). Note: please refresh your webpage just before start time of 7:00 pm.

Mass of Inauguration of Archbishop Marcel Dampousse's Ministry as Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall: On the titular feast of Notre Dame Cathedral, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, **December 8**. With the limitations of Covid-19 in effect, a committee is elaborating representative of clergy, religious, and laity by deaneries. Live-streamed on www.archoc.ca (or www.catholicottawa.ca). Note: please refresh your webpage just before start time of 7:00 pm.

Archbishop Prendergast Named Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Hearst Moosonee: OTTAWA – On Monday, November 30, 2020, Pope Francis appointed Archbishop Terrence Prendergast the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Hearst-Moosonee following the resignation of Bishop Robert Bourgon. As Apostolic Administrator, Archbishop Prendergast will oversee the Diocese until a new Bishop can be provided to lead the church in Hearst-Moosonee. Archbishop Prendergast is set to retire as Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall on Thursday, December 3rd following a Mass to mark the Silver Jubilee of his ordination as a bishop. However, it is with a sense of service that he takes up this new role. "The Holy Father has invited me to take on this short-term responsibility as Apostolic Administrator of the largest diocese in Ontario and a suffragan diocese of the Ottawa-Cornwall Ecclesiastical Province. I will strive to do my best in preparing the Diocese to receive a new Bishop in 2021. I intend to divide my time in the next several months, alternating trips to Hearst-Moosonee with time in Ottawa. I ask for prayers for the successful completion of this new mission." Hearst-Moosonee, located in the north eastern part of Ontario, is a small diocese comprising just over 27,000 Catholics though spread out over a massive area. The diocese, which stretches from Chapleau all the way to Peawanack near Hudson Bay, includes a diversity of Indigenous, Francophone and Anglophone faith communities.

Cancellations: In coping with the continuing challenges of the pandemic, the Archdiocese has decided to cancel the following events in the Pastoral Calendar: The Christmas Concert at Notre Dame Cathedral and Archbishop's Reception scheduled for **December 13** & The Homelands Mass scheduled for **January 10**.

Modification of the Clergy Gathering on December 28, 2020: For the Priests' Christmas Luncheon on Monday, December 28 Archbishop Dampousse will host two Zoom meetings (in English at 1:30 pm and in French at 3:00pm) to allow priests to exchange Christmas greetings. More details will be forthcoming.

College of Consultors: 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. Approval must be obtained from the Archbishop before carrying out these



Christ is everything for us.

"Lord, to whom can we go?
You have the words of eternal life".
John 6.68

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projects, once presented to the College of Consultors. Meeting: **Dec. 15, 2020**. Parishes must submit their project proposals to the diocese to centre@archottawa.ca no later than Tues., Dec. 8. Submissions received past the deadline will not be considered. Please consult [College of Consultors 2018 Policy](#) to submit a proposal. Info: centre@archottawa.ca; 613-738-5025, ext. 244.

Notice of Death: It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Deacon Steven Donoghue's father, Kevin. He died Tuesday, December 1, 2020, at St. Mary's Hospital in Montreal. He was 81 years old. He was married to his wife, Beverly, for 58 years. There will be a private funeral on Sat., Dec. 5, 10am in St. Thomas à Becket Parish in Pierrefonds, QC. There will be a Memorial Mass at a later time when the COVID-19 situation is better controlled. The Rite of Committal will be at Côte-des-Neiges cemetery, Montreal. Please remember Kevin, Deacon Steven and their family in your prayers.

VOCATIONS

Prayer for Vocations: Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 20. For a deeper trust and openness to the Holy Spirit in people discerning a call to serve Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

FROM THE CCCB

Episcopal Resignation and Appointment of Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese of Hearst-Moosonee: Ottawa – On 29 November 2020, His Holiness Pope Francis accepted the resignation of the Most Reverend Robert Bourgon from the pastoral governance of the Diocese of Hearst-Moosonee and appointed the Most Reverend Terrence Prendergast, S.J., Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall, as Apostolic Administrator of Hearst-Moosonee. [Read more.](#)

New Auxiliary Bishop Appointed for the Archdiocese of Toronto: Ottawa – On 28 November 2020, His Holiness Pope Francis appointed Father Ivan Camilleri Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto. At the time of his appointment, Bishop-elect Camilleri was serving as Chancellor of Spiritual Affairs, Vicar General, and Moderator of the Curia of the Archdiocese of Toronto. [Read more.](#)

New Archbishop for the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth: Ottawa – Today, His Holiness Pope Francis accepted the resignation of the Most Reverend Anthony Mancini after 13 years as Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth, with the Most Reverend Brian Dunn thereby succeeding him as the Archbishop. Archbishop Dunn has been Coadjutor Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth since April 2019. Archbishop Mancini submitted his resignation to the Holy Father upon reaching the.... [Read more.](#)

Journey through Advent – Video Series for Advent 2020: Includes an introduction to the liturgical Season and reflections on the Gospel readings of each Sunday in Advent. Each Monday, the link for the upcoming Sunday celebration will be released on the CCCB website. [Video series in English](#); [Video series in French](#).

2020 National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples: On 12 December, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Church in Canada celebrates the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. This year, the reflection by the Council centres ... [Read more.](#)

Directory for Catechesis Webinar Series available on CCCB website: In October 2020, the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis hosted a four-part webinar series on the recently released Directory for Catechesis. The webinar recordings and the supporting PowerPoint Presentations are now available. [Click here to access the Directory for Catechesis Webinar Series Resource Kit.](#) Info: m.shea-lawrence@cccb.ca.

FAITH FORMATION

Abound In Hope - 2020 Advent Virtual Mission: Join Fr. Ben St. Croix, Fr. Allan MacDonald, and Fr. Francis Ching of the Companions of the Cross as they lead us through Advent into the Christmas season. **Dec. 14, 15 & 16, 7:00 - 8:15 p.m.** Register: www.companionscross.org/upcoming-events/abound-hope-2020-advent-virtual-mission.

Ottawa School of Theology & Spirituality (OSTS): On Monday evenings from **January 4 – March 15, 2021** the OSTs invites you to join us for a wide range of reasonably priced courses via Zoom in the comfort of your own home. There are no required readings, no homework, no exams – just the joy of learning. It is unnecessary to have a paid Zoom account. Info: www.osts.ca; Ann Babin, 613-830-8826 or Pat Trites, 613-824-8780.

"I Believe in Love" - Personal Retreat based on Teaching of St. Therese of Lisieux: Deepen your spiritual life and help you on the way to the Father by learning how to focus on Him amid your troubles. Online via Zoom, **Biweekly Tuesday's 7:00-8:30 p.m. starting Jan. 12** for 10 sessions. Registrants must purchase book and study guide (approx \$35) before 1st session (available at <https://sisterhood.live/product/>). Hosted by Sister+Hood. Info: Karen (livesisterhood@gmail.com); 613-806-0377; <https://sisterhood.live/workshops/support-groups/>.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Connecting in a Covid Christmas: Seniors Ministry is reminding all parishes to encourage parishioners to call isolated parishioners (seniors, the handicapped and caregivers) to wish them a good Christmas with information on Christmas Mass times and the need to pre-register. Info: pmarsdendole@archottawa.ca.

Witness of Hope: TV/Web Special in Support of Christians in the Middle East (Salt +Light Media/CNEWA). Founded by Pope Pius XI in 1926 to provide pastoral and humanitarian support to the churches and people of the East, CNEWA presents a virtual TV fundraising event to highlight the role and realities of Christians in the region, celebrate their witness and raise funds for their work. **Thurs., Dec. 10, 8 pm.** Watch live on Salt + Light TV and CNEWA Canada Facebook. Info at www.CNEWA.ca.

PARISH EVENTS

Immaculate Heart of Mary Christmas Concert: The annual Immaculate Heart of Mary Christmas Concert will again be held this year, in spite of the Covid-19 pandemic. Donations will be accepted via the GoFundMe link: <http://sound4u.ca/ihm2020> which will subsequently lead to the Youtube Virtual Concert. Money goes to the Heron Road Food Bank. **Dec., 6 – Jan. 6.** Hosted by IHM Choir. Info: 613-791-9115.

Tourtières Takeout: Enjoy homemade Tourtiere from Our Lady of the Visitation's kitchen. Freshly baked and refrigerated (meat pies), ready to reheat or freeze for later. All Covid19 protocols followed. Curbside pickup at 5338 Bank St., Gloucester, **Sun., Dec. 13, 1-3 pm.** Limited quantities made. Proceeds to church restoration fund. Prepaid orders only: \$20 each; 2 for \$30; 3 for \$45. Contact: Claudette 613-822-2007; events@olvottawa.ca.

EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Archdiocese of Ottawa – Administrative Assistant – Moderator of the Curia: Please find below the link to the Administrative Assistant – Moderator of the Curia position, now available. Info: <https://www.catholicottawa.ca/employment-opportunities>. Deadline: **Dec. 4.**

Miriam Centre Director: Full-time position for a fluently bilingual, compassionate pro-life person. Must have management skills and experience and computer skills. \$16.00/hr. Send c.v. to Sr Rita Lacelle, 107-1803 St. Joseph Blvd., Orleans, ON K1C 6E7 or centremiriamcentre@yahoo.ca.