



Office of Youth Ministry

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MAY 2020 UPDATE

Hello Everyone!

Alleluia! He has risen! I hope you are doing well! Praying for you daily! I have continued to post resources on our social media outlets and on the archdiocesan website. If you come across anything great to share, please pass it along so I can add it to resources! Unfortunately, I have updates to share around Summer programming that isn't great. Steubenville Toronto has been cancelled for this Summer and I have made the difficult decision, after much discernment and conversations our camp partners, to cancel our Totus Tuus Summer Camp for this July. I'm doing the best I can to provide some alternative ministry and hope to have more exciting news next month! More details on summer and more below.

I'm available to chat via phone 613-484-2446 or Zoom, just send me a message anytime if you'd like to connect!

In Christ,
Nadia

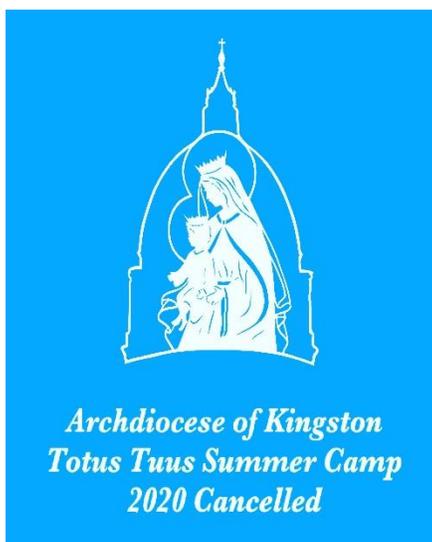


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SUMMER PROGRAM UPDATES



TOTUS TUUS SUMMER CAMP CANCELLED

- After much consideration, the Archdiocese of Kingston Youth Office has decided to cancel this summer's Totus Tuus camps due to the continued uncertainty surrounding COVID-19. The safety of our campers and staff are always our top priority.
- We thank everyone involved with planning and preparing for our camps this summer, especially the 8 missionaries we hired on staff. We are hopeful that we may be able to offer some virtual camp experiences this Summer! Stay tuned!
- All families who registered for camp already and sent in payment will be reimbursed by cheque in the coming weeks.

STEBENVILLE TORONTO 2020 CANCELLED

- The Office of Catholic Youth in the Archdiocese of Toronto has made the difficult decision to cancel the Steubenville Toronto conference that was scheduled to take place July 3-5, 2020.
- We look forward to gathering again next summer
SAVE THE DATE! JULY 9-11, 2021



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

YOUTH MINISTRY COMMISSION

- The Youth Ministry Commission will be meeting **virtually** on **Thursday, May 7th** to check in and share how ministry has been going the past few weeks.

JOURNEY ARTICLE

- On the Archdiocesan website some articles that would have come out in the Spring Journey have been posted. I have written an article "**Christ Is Alive**" that I invite you to check out:
<https://romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/journey>

YOUNG ADULT NEWS

DUC IN ALTUM – DIGITAL SESSIONS

- Duc in Altum has been continuing virtually on Zoom. We have our 7th Session on Religious Life and the Universal Call to Holiness Sat May 23rd virtually.
- Please continue to pray for our participants.



THE SALVE REGINA SOCIETY – For Young Adults in their 20s and 30s in Kingston area

- The Salve Regina Society, a fellowship group for Catholic young adults in Kingston
- For more details please check out the [Facebook Group](#)

FLOURISH WOMEN'S MINISTRY

- The Flourish Women's Ministry has cancelled their Spring events.

WORLD YOUTH DAY – LISBON 2023

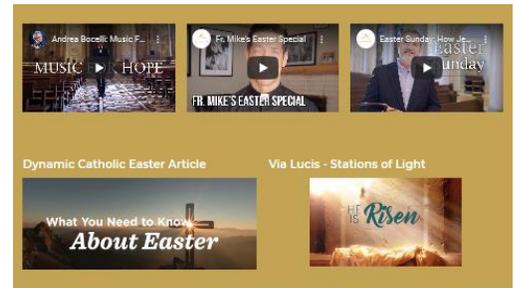
- Pope Francis has postponed the date of the next world youth day in Lisbon, Portugal to Summer 2023. The World Youth Day Lisbon organizers are confident with this decision and are enthusiastic about preparing the WYD in Portugal, knowing that the event will bring to the Portuguese capital the hope and joy of young people from all over the world.
- As a result, our Archdiocesan WYD Pilgrimage planning will not begin this Fall but rather next year.



ONLINE YOUTH & FAMILY RESOURCES

OUTREACH – www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/outreach

- The youth office has a resource page dedicated to outreach during this pandemic.
- There are prayers, videos, activity ideas, faith formation, live youth nights and more!
- This will be evolving each week – enjoy!
- We have an resources on the home page for the archdiocese as well with daily mass, prayers, liturgical resources, directives from the archbishop, etc. www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca



EASTER RESOURCES – <https://romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/easter2020>

- We have an Easter Resources page with something for everyone!
- Craft ideas, reflections, virtual retreats, videos, and more!

Sacramental Preparation at Home

- As we know, all First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmations planned in the archdiocese for the Spring have been postponed. Lots of young people were looking forward in anticipation to these Sacraments.
- I would like to suggest that this might be a great time for preparation to continue at home. I want to be clear that this is certainly not “expected” by parishes or schools, I just wanted to offer the resources if there is interest from families.
- I’ve put together some links to online resources if families wish to continue or begin catechesis at home with their children. I hope this is a fruitful and enriching experience for youth and parents alike.

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist

- Dynamic Catholic has online programs “Blessed” with engaging video clips, activities for kids, guides for parents.
- “Formed” – Catholic Netflix basically 😊 Has a link for a video for kids on “How To Make A Good Confession” All you have to do to access Formed is put in your email and you’ll get a link to sign in and then put in the link for the video above.
- Brother Francis Videos on “Formed”
 - [Forgiven: The Blessing of Forgiveness](#)
 - [The Bread of Life](#)



- [Growing In Faith, Growing In Christ](#) is the religion program used in Catholic Schools. Families have free access to the program and if you go to the Grade 2 portal and hit the “Sacraments” tab you can access some at home resources for Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

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Confirmation

- Dynamic Catholic has an online program [“Decision Point”](#) for Confirmation preparation. It has 72 short films (pick and choose which ones you want to check out!) and a student workbook that you can download or order a free copy. There is also a guide for parents. I would recommend the “Holy Spirit” and “Confirmation” sessions specifically.
- On [“Formed”](#) – Catholic Netflix basically 😊 There is a YDisciples section called [“Confirmation”](#) with some videos, a pdf for Confirmandi and for parents. All you have to do to access Formed is put in your email and you’ll get a link to sign in and then put in the link for the video above.



Rosary Time!

Pope Francis has encouraged us all to pray the Rosary as we continue to face the pandemic. Especially during the month of May, which is traditionally devoted to our Mother Mary. He has written two prayers that can be recited at the end of the rosary. In [this article](#) you can find the link of the Pope's announcement as well as the prayers to pray following your rosary.

