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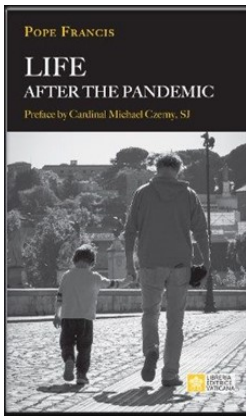
Mary-Jo MacKinnon-Simms

“Challenges exist to be overcome! Let us be realists, but without losing our joy, our boldness, and our hope-filled commitment. Let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of missionary vigour!”
Pope Francis *The Joy of the Gospel*

During these challenging times in our world, the Archdiocese of Kingston’s Office of Religious Education is finding ways to support our faith life through innovation. We are exploring some Fall projects examining the topics of faith and support, and we will be connecting with people through webinars and Zoom sessions. We will also be featuring some of the great work being done by parishioners throughout the Archdiocese. Watch our website and Facebook page for details. If you have recommendations about individuals, groups, and activities that could and should be highlighted, please let me know.

In this time of pandemic, as we spend more time at home and on our computers, many of us are looking for good reading material. I am happy to recommend the following resources:

- Two new books have just been published featuring the pandemic homilies of Pope Francis:



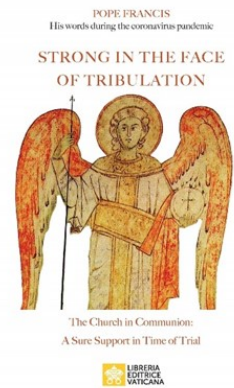
Life after the Pandemic with Pope Francis

A book-companion for responding to the Covid-19 pandemic through the vision and words of Pope Francis.

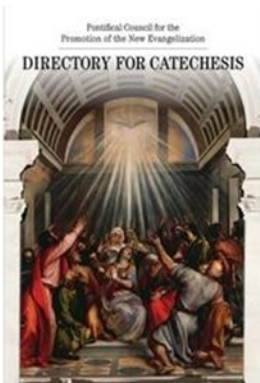
Strong in the Face of Tribulation

A companion volume and contains all of Pope Francis’s homilies delivered from March 9 to May 18, 2020.

Both can be purchased online at www.amazon.ca



- The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has several resources on faith, history, and education which can be accessed on its website at www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education
- Novalis Canada has an excellent selection of books and DVDs for purchase, and also features some of its authors on YouTube. Its web address is <https://en.novalis.ca/>
- Newman Theological College continues to offer online courses on lay faith development. For more information, contact www.newman.edu/CCS
- The McGrath Institute for Church Life (University of Notre Dame) is presenting a free self-paced online lecture series entitled “A Season with The Saints”. Check out this site for more information www.mcgrath.nd.edu/news/mcgrath-institute-for-church-life-invites-reflection-on-devotion-to-saints-in-online-lecture-series/



- The [New Directory for Catechesis](https://www.josephsinspirational.ca/collections/whats-new/products/new-directory-for-catechesis-new-edition) is now available for purchase at <https://www.josephsinspirational.ca/collections/whats-new/products/new-directory-for-catechesis-new-edition>

Our Pastoral Centre library has some excellent books and DVDs. For more information, call or email Gorett at 613-548-4461 ext 112, ore@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca

As always, I welcome your ideas and insights. Please contact me anytime: 613-548-4461, extension 115, maryjo@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca