

From the Pastoral Offices

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“Keep doing everything you learned from me and were told by me and have heard or seen me doing. Then the [God of peace](#) will be with you.” *Philippians 4:9*

The Pastoral Team of the Archdiocese of Kingston would like to share some of our recent initiatives and others that are being planned for the Spring of 2021.

We have had a number of Zoom meetings to offer resources and support to parents and their children who are preparing for First Communion, Reconciliation, and Confirmation.

On January 26th, we hosted a productive evening session regarding Pope Francis’s Encyclical Letter, ***Fratelli Tutti***, which was facilitated via Zoom by Robert Mundle. There were some excellent discussions about Pope Francis’s letter and what it means to be community. As a follow-up to this session, we will be offering a series this Spring on some of the themes in *Fratelli Tutti*, including **faith, accompaniment, journeying, and community**. Please watch your bulletins and our website for more information.

From October 2020 until March 2021, we hosted **training sessions for Parish Christian Initiation Leaders** (RCIA). Each of the 10 sessions gave parish ministers a deeper understanding of the four Formation Periods and Liturgical Rites marking Catechumens’ and Baptized Candidates’ progress towards full initiation into the discipleship of Jesus Christ.

On February 22, we facilitated an evening for grandparents with David Dayler, author of ***Sharing our Story: How Grandparents Today Pass on the Catholic Faith***. During this workshop, David spoke about how grandparents can be mentors, nurturers, and role models for their grandchildren. He offered practical advice on ways that grandparents can share the Catholic faith with their grandchildren and take a leadership role in modelling a spiritual life for their families. To order David’s inspiring book, visit the Novalis website: <https://en.novalis.ca/products/sharing-our-stories>

In preparation for Easter, we offered a six-week **Lenten Reflection Series** via Zoom. This guided Lenten reflection on the Sunday Scripture Readings was led by a different presenter each week. These well-attended sessions also provided the opportunity for group discussion.

As the Covid-19 pandemic continued, it became necessary to move to Zoom for our **New Life Group** meetings in support of those experiencing separation and/or divorce. Those enduring the trauma caused by a problematic marriage and searching for ways to cope with their situation need a safe environment where confidentiality is respected. The themes of accompaniment, faith, journeying, and community which are proposed for the Spring series on Pope Francis’s *Fratelli Tutti* are very much part of our bi-weekly New Life Group meetings. For more information about the New Life Group, visit our website or contact Sister Lucy Kearney, SP at 613-548-4461 or family@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca



EASTER REFLECTIONS ON SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS ENCOUNTERING THE RISEN CHRIST IN HIS WORD

Tuesdays, 6 April - 18 May
7:00 - 8:30pm

Scripture Readings
Prayer
Guided Reflection
Discussions
Sharing

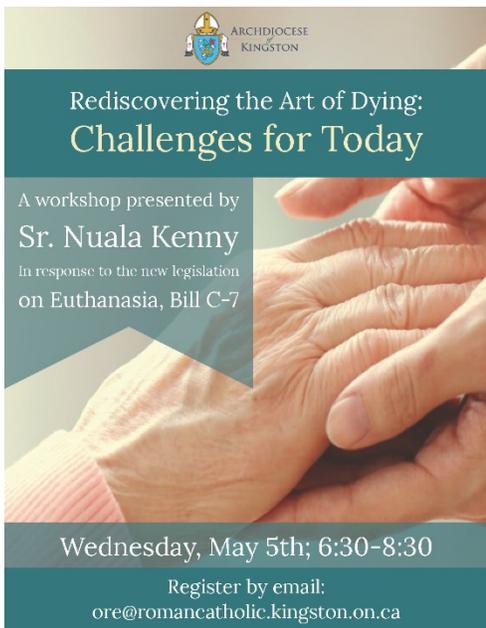


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Meeting ID: 875 7951 9160
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For more information please visit:
www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/easter

We are excited to present new initiatives this Spring. Please visit our Archdiocesan website for details, registration information, and Zoom link for the following sessions:

Over the Easter Season, we will be offering via Zoom an **Easter Series** entitled ***Encountering the Risen Christ in His Word: Reflections on Sunday Scripture***, beginning on **Tuesday April 6th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** Through prayer, guided reflections, and group sharing, these series will help us to understand the significance of our Baptism, and what it means to be a member of the Body of Christ and a disciple of our Risen Lord in today's world.



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Rediscovering the Art of Dying:
Challenges for Today

A workshop presented by
Sr. Nuala Kenny
in response to the new legislation
on Euthanasia, Bill C-7

Wednesday, May 5th; 6:30-8:30

Register by email:
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In response to the new legislation on Euthanasia, Bill C-7, we have invited **Sister Nuala Kenny** to present a workshop on ***Rediscovering the Art of Dying: Challenges for Today***. The workshop will be held via Zoom on **Wednesday, May 5th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

Also this Spring, we will be presenting a workshop on Pope Francis's encyclical ***Laudato Si - Care of Our Common Home***.

As always, we look forward to your ideas and invite you to reach out to us at any time!