

# FRIDAY FACTS



Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

December 13, 2019

## FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

**Annual Christmas Concert:** An invitation from Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J. to the Annual Christmas Concert at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica on **Sun., Dec. 15, 2:30 pm** and a reception afterwards in the parish hall. Free admission. All are welcome. Info: 613-738-5025 ext. 238.

**Advent Penance Services & Sacrament of Reconciliation:** The schedule in parishes (both by date & by location) is now available online at: <https://catholicottawa.ca/>.

**Parish Christmas & Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedules:** The parish schedules for Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary are now available online at: <https://catholicottawa.ca/>.

**Pastoral Appointments:** Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J. announces the following: **Most Rev. Guy Desrochers, C.S.S.R., auxiliary Bishop of Alexandria-Cornwall, Vicar General**, is appointed Coordinator of English Pastoral Services effective Nov. 19 (On Aug. 1, he was named Vicar General and Coordinator for Pastoral Services for the French Sector and Coordinator of Consecrated Life for the French and English Sectors of the Archdiocese of Ottawa); **Deacon Pierre Kénel Bercy** is assigned to Saint-Remi effective Oct. 20; **Deacon Max-André Dorcéus** is assigned to Communauté chrétienne Saint-Frère-André effective Oct. 20; **Deacon Claude Jacques** is assigned to Saint-Laurent, Carlsbad Springs, Saint-Hugues, Sarsfield, Notre-Dame-des-Champs in Navan and Sainte-Marie in Orléans effective Nov. 15; **Deacon Luc Ouédraogo** is assigned to Saint-Joseph in Orléans effective Oct. 20.

## FOR CLERGY

**Luncheon for Priests:** Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J. cordially invites priests to a luncheon during Christmas Week, **Mon., Dec. 30**. Reception at **11:00 am** at the Archbishop's Residence and Buffet Luncheon at **12:00 pm** in the Cathedral Hall. Dress is casual. **RSVP before Tues., Dec. 10:** [arch@archottawa.ca](mailto:arch@archottawa.ca); 613-738-5025 ext. 233.

## FOR THE PARISH OFFICE

**Marriage Preparation Facilitators' Evening:** This is a meeting for all those who run marriage prep in their parish. Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place. **Jan. 15, 2020, 7:00 pm. Registration Deadline: Jan. 13.** Register at: <https://www.catholicottawa.ca/marriage-preparation-facilitators-evening>.

**Flourishing Congregations Survey:** The deadline for collection of info from parishes for the Flourishing Congregations survey has been extended until **Dec. 15**. Info: [thurley@archottawa.ca](mailto:thurley@archottawa.ca); 613-738-5025 ext. 231.

## VOCATIONS

**Prayer for Vocations: Christmas – Dec. 25.** That men and women will answer the call to bring the word of God to his flock as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord. **Feast of the Holy Family – Dec. 29.** For all



*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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Catholic families, that they will esteem the grace of each child's vocation and prayerfully encourage their children to consider being a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother, we pray to the Lord.

## FROM THE CCCB

**2019 Annual Visit of the Presidency of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to the Holy See:** Ottawa – The annual visit of the Presidency of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) to the Holy See will take place from 9-20 December 2019. This year's delegation includes the Most Reverend Richard Gagnon, Archbishop of Winnipeg and CCCB President, the Most Reverend Raymond Poisson, Bishop of Saint-Jérôme and CCCB Vice President, and Monsignor Frank Leo, Jr., CCCB General Secretary. A highlight of their visit will be a private audience with His Holiness Pope Francis on 12 December. [Read more...](#)

**Canadian Bishop Emeritus Among Candidates Moving Toward Canonization:** On Thursday 28 November 2019, Pope Francis authorized Cardinal Angelo Becciu, the Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, to promulgate 11 decrees on 26 men and women to bring them a step closer to sainthood. Among the individuals cited was Bishop Ovide Charlebois, O.M.I. former Apostolic Vicar of Keewatin (now the Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas). Bishop Emeritus Charlebois received a decree on his heroic virtues which promoted his cause for sainthood from "servant of God" to "venerable". With this decree, he has completed another step in the process to become canonized. [Read more...](#)

**CCCB Christmas Message 2019:** Reconciliation is a much used word in our present-day culture, but we seldom ponder in our hearts what a treasure and mystery reconciliation really is. In the Christmas season, its meaning and implications are vividly concrete as the birth of Christ brings a new light and a saving grace to our capacity to be reconciled and be reconcilers in our daily life. [Read more...](#)

**2019 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. [Read more...](#)

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

**Rorate Mass:** A traditional Advent devotion in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, followed by a potluck breakfast (bring something to share). St. Albertus Pfarrgemeinde Parish, 416 Parkdale. **Sat., Dec. 14, 7:00 am.** Info: [coramdeo@saintgeorges.ca](mailto:coramdeo@saintgeorges.ca).

**Simbang Gabi at Assumption Parish:** Nine Masses in anticipation of Christmas. In both English and Filipino. 320 Olmstead St., Vanier. **Dec. 15-23, 7:00 pm.** Info: 613-746-8503; [assumptionparishchurch@outlook.com](mailto:assumptionparishchurch@outlook.com).

**St. Peter's Christmas Novena – Simbang Gabi:** Nine Masses in anticipation of Christmas, **Dec. 16-24, 6:00 pm**, with Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, Rosary; Mass at **7:00 pm**. 1640 Heatherington Rd. Info: 613-733-1553.

## FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

**Advent for Families – Resources from the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall:** Advent is an excellent opportunity to do activities as a family and to teach about our Catholic faith: [Check out the Family Section of the Diocesan Website](#); [6 No-screen family activities for cold nights](#); [Why parents should play more with their children](#).

**Steubenville Toronto Catholic Youth Conference:** Join the Archdiocese of Ottawa **Jul. 3-5, 2020** travelling to Steubenville Toronto. 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 [www.fymottawa.com/steubenville-toronto-2020](http://www.fymottawa.com/steubenville-toronto-2020) to register and [www.steubenvilletoronto.com](http://www.steubenvilletoronto.com) to learn more. **Deadline to register: Jan. 13.** Info: [adeluca@archottawa.ca](mailto:adeluca@archottawa.ca).

**Don Bosco Gala (Award Nominations):** The Family and Youth Ministry Office is organising the eleventh annual Don Bosco Gala on **Feb. 1**. As in previous years, the evening will be a celebration of youth ministry that will include a dinner, talk and dance. At this celebration, there will be special awards given to volunteers who have contributed significantly to the lives of youth and young adults at their parish, school or in their community. Is there someone in youth ministry

that you feel should be recognised for their contribution? If you have someone that you would like to nominate for an award, please fill out the online form at <http://www.fymottawa.com/youth>. You will be notified if the person you nominated has been selected to win an award. **Deadline for nominations: Dec. 16.**

**Worship, Fun and Movie Night:** Featuring "National Lampoons Christmas Vacation." All students, grades 7-12 are welcome. St. Leonard Church, 5332 Long Island Road, Manotick. **Dec. 15, 6:00 pm.** Info: [office@stleonardsparish.ca](mailto:office@stleonardsparish.ca),

**Marriage Preparation Course:** St. Mary (Our Lady of Good Counsel) Parish will be offering a marriage preparation course on Wednesday evenings, starting **Feb. 5** (7 weekly meetings, finishing on Apr. 1). Info & registration: Howie and Véronique Fohr (613-523-5188). **Feb. 5 – Apr. 1, 7:15 pm.** Cost: \$125. Info: 613-523-5188.

## CARE FOR CREATION

**COP25 - Message of Pope Francis to United Nations:** The message, dated Dec. 1, 2019, was read at the opening of the meeting by Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin. The pope calls on heads of government to consider seriously whether there is a political will to allocate with honesty, responsibility and courage more human, financial and technological resources to mitigate the negative effects of climate change, as well as to help the poorest and most vulnerable people who suffer the most. Info: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2019-12/pope-to-cop-25-do-not-close-the-window-of-opportunity.html>.

**Garden Webinar Series for Faith Communities:** From January to March, the Ottawa Chapter of Faith and the Common Good ([www.faithcommongood.org](http://www.faithcommongood.org)) will offer a four-part free sustainable garden webinar series. To learn more about the webinar series and to be informed about local garden programs and resources, contact Katherine Forster at [kforster@faithcommongood.org](mailto:kforster@faithcommongood.org); 1-866-231-1877 ext. 107. Free.

## PRO-LIFE

**Monthly Pro-life Mass:** To pray for the establishment of a Pro-life Center in Ottawa. At Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, 320 Olmstead Ave., Vanier. **Sat., Dec. 14, 10:00 am.** Info: 613-831-2515; [wandawoj@rogers.com](mailto:wandawoj@rogers.com).

## PARISH EVENTS

**New Year's Eve Dinner Dance:** At St. Patrick (Fallowfield), 15 Steeple Hill Crescent, hosted by The Knights of Columbus on **Dec. 31**. Doors open at **6:30 pm** for the cash bar. Light hot and cold buffet will be served at **7:00 pm** as well as late night pizza. Professional DJ from Quality Entertainment. Cost: \$35 per person. Info: Pierre Chartier (613-599-658).

**Schnitzel Dinner and Dance:** Fundraising schnitzel dinner in support of Our Lady of the Visitation Banquet Hall. Cocktails at **5:00 pm**; dinner at **6:00 pm**. Live entertainment by "The Diplomats". 5338 Bank Street. **Feb. 8**. Cost: \$25 per person. Hosted by Knights of Columbus Council # 8092. Info: [mario765@hotmail.ca](mailto:mario765@hotmail.ca); 613 521 6840.

**Holy Cross Family Christmas Concert:** Christmas music both traditional and contemporary. There is no charge to attend-free-will offering with proceeds to St. Vincent de Paul and Elimu, Resource Centre, learning for life, empowering Kenyan children. **Dec. 15, 1:30 pm.** Holy Cross Parish, 685 Walkley Rd. Info: [armando.prini@gmail.com](mailto:armando.prini@gmail.com).