

FRIDAY FACTS



Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall, Pastoral Office

December 11, 2020

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

New Archbishop for the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall: Ottawa – On 4 December 2020, His Holiness Pope Francis accepted the resignation of the Most Reverend Terrence Prendergast, S.J., as Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall. He is succeeded by the Most Reverend Marcel Dampousse who has served as Coadjutor Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall since his appointment in May 2020. Archbishop Prendergast had earlier submitted his resignation when reaching the age ... [Read more](#)

Messages to all the clergy and the faithful of the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall from Archbishop Marcel Dampousse: The message, dated December 4, is available to view online at <https://en.archoc.ca/>.

Apostolic Letter 'Patris Corde' on the 150th Anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. Pope Francis has decreed a special year dedicated to Saint Joseph on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. It began December 8 and will end on December 8, 2021. Full text of letter: http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters.

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.

Penitential Services/Confession Times for Advent in Parishes: List by date is available [here](#) and list by location is available [here](#) (on <https://en.archoc.ca/> under Advent).

Diocesan Offices in Ottawa: The diocesan offices in Ottawa will be closed for Christmas from Mon., Dec. 21 to Fri., Jan 1, inclusive. The offices will re-open on Mon., Jan. 4.

VOCATIONS

Prayer for Vocations: Christmas - December 25. That as Joseph and Mary welcomed the gift of the Child Jesus, all mothers and fathers will prayerfully nurture their children's vocations in Christ and especially welcome His call for priests, brothers and sisters, we pray to the Lord. **Feast of the Holy Family - December 27.** That Catholic mothers and fathers will help their children grow strong in their faith, filled with the wisdom of God and encourage openness to vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

FROM THE CCCB

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](#).



Christ is everything for us.

“Lord, to whom can we go?”

You have the words of eternal life”.

John 6.68

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](#).

2021 National Week of Life and Family: Material, prepared by the Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF), is now available on the CCCB website (<https://www.cccb.ca/national-week-for-life-and-the-family/>). The National Week for Life and the Family will be observed from 9-16 May 2021, with the theme, "Family, the Domestic Church: A Sign of Hope and Life".

FAITH FORMATION

December Recollection for Diocesan Priests (organized by Opus Dei): The recollection includes two reflections, an examination of conscience, the daytime prayer and benediction with the Blessed Sacrament. It will be streamed on Zoom. Up to six people can register to attend in person. There will be time for Confessions before and after. To register or to receive the Zoom link please contact Fr. Salva Rego at fr.salva@parkhillresidence.ca. Parkhill Residence, 30 Goulburn Ave, Ottawa K1N 8C8, **Thurs., Dec. 17, 2:00 - 4:00 pm**.

"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/>.

CARE FOR CREATION

How to Green Your Church: [Citizens for Public Justice](#) (CPJ), an ecumenical organization, is an affiliate member of the Canadian Council of Churches. Among its priorities is the promotion of ecological justice. CPJ has recently published a helpful concise guide on "How to Green your Church". The guide provides a checklist of the many things we can do to make our parishes more environmentally friendly. Link to the guide: <https://digital.faithtoday.ca/faithtoday/11122020>.

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.

The Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Program: An inter-denominational program affiliated with the Christian Council of the Capital Area. For information on the winter & spring sessions of the 10-week Basic Training Course, the 4-week Advanced Course in October 2021, and the April 2021 Continuing Education Event, please visit www.ottawapastoralcare.com or email ottawapastoralcare@gmail.com.

Witness of Hope: 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.

"Recovering Together" Collections - Many Thanks! A warm "Thank You" from Development and Peace - Caritas Canada for your generosity to the Nov. 14-15 collection. This money will help our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East with immediate needs and in their work for a just recovery. If you were unable to contribute to the collection, you can make an offering online at devp.org. Info: thurford@devp.org.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Heart of Worship at Holy Redeemer Parish: Everyone is invited to adore Jesus through praise and worship music and silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Guest speaker Josephene Kealey, member of our HOW team, will give a spiritual reflection on *A Christian Experience of Christmas: the Marriage of Joy and Sorrow*. Visit the parish website for the registration link. Note: also live-steamed on Holy Redeemer Kanata Facebook page. Holy Redeemer Parish, 44 Rothesay Dr., Kanata, **Tues., Dec. 29**. Info: reception@holyrdeemer.ca.

EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Blessed Sacrament Parish, Ottawa is looking for a Parish Custodian: Position would commence as of 22 December. Employment is for 24hrs per week. Salary is negotiable. Please submit resumé with references to Fr. Tim Nelligan at: pastortpvn@blessedsacrament.ca.

Catholic Independent Schools of the Diocese of Victoria - Position of Superintendent: The job posting is available on the website of the Diocesan of Victoria, BC (<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>).