FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

The Archdiocese: Ecclesial and Civil Issues

The diocesan websites and these internal communications will make use of the name “Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall” but there still will be an overlap for some time with the use of the formal civil names “Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall” and “Archdiocese of Ottawa” as certain matters need to remain separate until a new civil charter has been obtained. We will find our way, for example using the two websites for now. Stationery and other material will continue to be used for a time (which expresses our frugality). Thanks for your understanding. If there is any item that needs clarification, please approach one of the Vicars General (Abbé Léo Villeneuve, Father Kevin Maloney) or the Chancellor (Father Daniel Van Delst).


Chronicle from Bishop Guy Desrochers C.Ss.R.: Click here to read Bishop Desrochers’ periodic chronicles of spiritual guidance. This week: The Parable of the Cats. Watch his video presentation on Obedience: submission or virtue?

FROM THE CCCB

In Canada, the 54th World Communications Day will be celebrated on May 24, 2020, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. You can read Pope Francis’ message here.

PASTORAL DAY

You are invited to join our Pastoral Day Zoom Meetings on Thursday, May 21. Please register by the day before. Priests and parish leaders are welcome to participate in the first hour, from 11AM to noon. Register here. Priests may register for the second hour, from 1-2PM, here. After registering for each meeting, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. There are no passwords needed for these meetings. You may join the meetings up to ten minutes before starting time. You will remain in a waiting room until you are admitted to the meeting.

FAMILY, YOUTH, & YOUNG ADULTS


Every Sunday from 8-9PM Eastern Time, Project YM Live features international Catholic speakers, music, games, inspirational messages, and more. The link https://projectym.com/WATCH is live on Sunday evening; teens will need to submit a parent’s email to join. No pre-registration is required.
CATHOLIC MEN’S EVENTS

That Man Is You (TMIY): A men’s program focused on the development of male leadership in the modern world. It combines research from science with teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of authentic men capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society. Online, every Saturday at 8AM. Link to join the session: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/430842826. Information: Tom Schnarr at tmiystmaurice@gmail.com. Free will donation. Hosted by St Maurice Parish.

David & Goliath https://visitationproject.org/pages/david-goliath Join them May 20 at 7PM. This virtual weekly men’s group is an opportunity for men to connect, to share our journey, to support each other and to strengthen our faith as men together. As iron sharpens iron, so man sharpens his fellow man. Proverbs 27:17 NAB

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S EVENTS

The MaryMartha Show https://visitationproject.org/pages/the-marymartha-show Continuing May 16 on 2PM, the holy mission of this weekly encounter is to uncover prayerful and practical ways to love our Lord with the heart of Mary while serving Him with the devoutness of Martha.

WIDER INTEREST

Stop Human Trafficking. What can we do? Sign up for this webinar from the Christian Embassy on May 21 at 1PM at this Zoom registration link.

HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

Pallium, in collaboration with the Canadian Medical Association (CMA), is providing free access to essential education on palliative care for all health care professionals in response to this unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. This offer expires on August 31, 2020. Visit https://www.pallium.ca/pallium-canadas-covid-19-response-resources/.

CARE FOR CREATION

Laudato Si’ Week from May 16-24, the global Catholic community celebrates the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis’ landmark encyclical letter, Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home, through prayer, education, and online activities. The nine-day celebration, with the theme “Everything is Connected” is sponsored by the Vatican’s Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. The Global Catholic Climate Movement (https://laudatosiweek.org) and the Catholic Climate Covenant (https://catholicclimatecovenant.org) have created webpages where you can find events, activities, and resources in support of Laudato Si’ Week. For information, contact John Dorner at jdotner@archottawa.ca.

Shared Moment of Prayer – Noon on Sunday, May 24: Bring solidarity to our world in caring for God’s creation in a shared moment of prayer at noon local time on May 24. Catholics from around the globe will be united in spirit to recite the Common Prayer for the 5th Anniversary of Laudato Si’ (https://laudatosiweek.org/prayer). Share your own prayers on social media using the hashtag #LaudatoSi5. For information, contact John Dorner at jdotner@archottawa.ca.

OTTAWA CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD

If your child attends an Ottawa Catholic School Board school and needs any support, including internet access or electronic devices such as a Chromebook, email your school principal for help, call the school office and leave a message, or contact Mante Molepo, the Board’s Equity and Diversity Advisor at mante.molepo@ocsb.ca.