

FRIDAY FACTS



Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall, Pastoral Office

May 29, 2020

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

NEW Update on Covid-19 from Archbishop Prendergast, May 28, 2020: The text of this new communication from Archbishop Prendergast can be found below or at this link on our website www.CatholicOttawa.ca. Please feel free to distribute.

At the weekly teleconference with the Episcopal Council, we discussed the continuation of the COVID-19 lockdown. I direct the following be communicated to all people of the Archdiocese:

Continuation of the Lockdown: *We continue to follow strictly the directions of the Government of Ontario and local health authorities as to when the lockdown will be lifted. Yesterday, Premier Ford extended the emergency closures until at least June 9. With the other dioceses in Ontario, we are awaiting guidelines being prepared under the auspices of the Bishops of Ontario to safely reopen our churches. These guidelines will then be implemented at the diocesan level. We are mindful that preparations for the return to celebrations of the Mass and sacraments will take a great deal of organization and work in order to maintain a healthy environment to prevent further spread of the coronavirus. Some initial guidance has been sent to parishes to begin their preparation. In light of the above, we foresee that our churches will remain closed at least until the end of June. If the government's emergency orders are lifted sooner, we will adjust accordingly.*

Cancellation of Summer Gatherings: *All social and other religious events normally held during the summer months are cancelled at least until August 31. This directive is contingent on governmental directions as noted above. It includes parish dinners and picnics; yard sales and bazaars; and national religious festivals and pilgrimages. We continue to pray for an end to the pandemic, for all who suffer illness, for those who care for them and provide essential services, for those who have died and for those who have lost loved ones. May Our Blessed Mother continue to intercede for us, for God's mercy and deliverance. Sincerely yours in Christ, ✠ Terrence Prendergast, S.J., Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall*



Christ is everything for us.

"Lord, to whom can we go?

You have the words of eternal life".

John 6.68

Archbishop Prendergast – Videos on First Communion and Confirmation: To the young people who were to receive those sacraments this year. Posted to the Archdiocesan You Tube channel [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) in both French and English. Also available on our website at <https://catholicottawa.ca/thoughts-in-the-time-of-covid-19-1>.

Chronicle from Bishop Guy Desrochers C.Ss.R.: Click [here](#) to read Bishop Desrochers' periodic chronicles of spiritual guidance. This week: [Up to seventy times seven?](#)

Prayers: For the repose of the soul of Fr. Jeffrey L. de Witt King who died on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at the age of 79. Fr. Jeffrey de Witt King was born in Ottawa on September 18, 1940 and he was ordained to the priesthood on February 6, 1999 after working many years as a lawyer. He served in a number of parishes in the Archdiocese, including St. Patrick

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(Fallowfield), Resurrection of the Lord, St. Elizabeth and Our Lady of Fatima. He was a chaplain to the Knights of Columbus and Order of Malta. He served for a time as a judge at Ottawa Regional Marriage Tribunal and later as a Regional Vicar. A private family funeral Mass will be held at St. Patrick's Parish (Fallowfield), with interment in the parish cemetery. A Memorial Mass will be held at a later date. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

Prayers: For the repose of the soul of Fr. Francis G. Morrissey, O.M.I. who died on Saturday, May 23, 2020 at the age of 84. Fr. Francis Morrissey was born in Charlottetown, PEI, on September 13, 1936 and he was ordained to the priesthood on September 23, 1961. He taught Canon Law at St. Paul's University for many years, held various positions in the faculty of Canon Law, was consulted by many on canonical questions and was highly respected among his colleagues. Following cremation, private family services will be held. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

Prayers: For the repose of the soul of Chuck Russell, brother of Deacon Robert Russell. Chuck Russell died on Saturday, May 23, 2020, at the age of 73. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

FAMILY, YOUTH, & YOUNG ADULTS

A Night Out With Friends: At *A Night Out With Friends*, young people are invited to give their will and life to Jesus. *A Night Out With Friends* isn't just an ordinary youth night. It was designed from the beginning to engage young people specifically through an online format. Through games and experiential learning activities, *A Night Out with Friends* aims to both hold the attention of young people online and facilitate another opportunity for encounter with Christ. **Fridays, Eastern - 7-8:30pm EDT; Western - 9-10:30pm EDT.** Location: Instagram @netcanada and YouTube @NETCanada. Info: jacob@netcanada.ca

CARE FOR CREATION

Pope Francis Announces Special Year of Laudato Si' - On Care for Our Common Home: On May 24, Pope Francis announced, "Today is the 5th anniversary of the Encyclical Laudato Si', with which we sought to call attention to the cry of the earth and of the poor... The Laudato Si' Week which we just celebrated, will blossom in a special anniversary Year of Laudato Si', a special Year to reflect on the Encyclical from May 24 of this year to May 24 of next year." Further info about the special anniversary year plan: <http://www.humandevlopment.va/en/news/laudato-si-special-anniversary-year-plan.html>. Info: Care for Creation, John Dorner (jdorner@archottawa.ca, 613-738-5025 x 251).

Divestment from Fossil Fuels: Last week when celebrating the 5th anniversary of Laudato Si', 42 religious institutions of different faiths from 14 countries together announced their divestment from fossil fuels. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the climate crisis, they urge governments to support sustainable living in their economic planning. Further info: www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2020-05/fossil-fuels-divestment-laudato-si-week-operation-noah.html. Info: Care for Creation, John Dorner (jdorner@archottawa.ca, 613-738-5025 x 251).

FROM THE CCCB

CCCB Signs Letter to Prime Minister Trudeau Regarding Research for a COVID-19 Vaccine: A letter has been sent to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, and to Mrs. Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health, recognizing the government's generous financial commitment to the development of a vaccine for COVID-19. The letter also urges the federal government to ensure that the development of those vaccines not present an ethical dilemma to Canadians... The letter was signed by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, as well as a large number of organizations. [Letter](#).

PILGRIMAGES

UPCOMING PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF THE CAPE AND TO THE SHRINE OF SAINT ANNE: Dear pilgrims and faithful, the 146th annual pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Cape and to the Shrine of St. Anne de Beupre will not happen on August

8-9, 2020. The pilgrimage has now been rescheduled for **September 12-13 or October 17-18, 2020**. Pilgrims who have already prepaid for their pilgrimage will be refunded if they cannot be present to either one of these projected dates. The projected dates will obviously depend on the federal, provincial, territorial and public Health governments' decisions. There is so much uncertainty with the present pandemic. Should the situation occur that no events, festivals, including churches, Shrines be open to the faithful till end of 2020 or 2021, Mgr Guy Desrochers, Bishop of Pembroke and the volunteer director of the Annual Pilgrimage will do everything in their power to travel to the Shrines of St. Anne and Our Lady of the Cape to ensure there is no breakup of the 146th pilgrimage. This pilgrimage has a significant importance world wide of being the largest pilgrimage to St. Anne. Let us pray to our grandmother that this pandemic will end shortly as she so longs to see her grandchildren. Our Lady of the Cape, pray for us. Good Sainte-Anne pray for us. Mike Budge, Director (Mike Budge accepted as our volunteer director replacing Father Gérard Tremblay C.Ss.R. and Father André Simard C.Ss.R. in 2004. He is devoted, as well as all the 23 some volunteers in all the Dioceses, pushing to bring this Annual Pilgrimage to its 150th Anniversary in 2024).

OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS

Upon This Rock: Daily reflections written by men, for men. Upon This Rock was born out of a desire to bring the gospel to men in a personable and relatable way, through the experiences of other men who are actively growing in their faith. Upon This Rock is for men of all walks of life, cultures, backgrounds, and levels of faith. No matter where you are in your faith, you are most welcome. Sign up/info at <https://www.uponthisrock.ca/>.

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, 8:00 am**. Link to join the session: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/430842826>. Info: Tom Schnarr at tmiystmaurice@gmail.com. Free will donation. Hosted by St Maurice Parish.