

FRIDAY FACTS



Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall, Pastoral Office

August 28, 2020

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

167th Anniversary of the Dedication of Notre Dame Cathedral on Sept. 4: To be celebrated by Archbishop Prendergast at Notre Dame Cathedral on **Fri., Sept. 4, 12:15 p.m.** The importance of the cathedral church in the liturgical life of the diocese flows from the role of the Bishop as high priest of the Lord's flock. Every parish community is related to the Bishop, therefore the anniversary of the cathedral church's dedication as a place of worship is celebrated throughout the diocese (Ordo, 25b). This is a solemnity in the cathedral and a feast in other churches of the archdiocese.

Pastoral Calendar: Now available [here](#) and on our website at www.catholicottawa.ca under Pastoral Services. Please take a few moments to note the dates you might find helpful.

New Pastoral Appointments: Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J., announces the following pastoral appointments that have taken place:

FOR THE ARCHDIOCESAN LEVEL

Fr. Charles Fournier, S.M., is appointed interim rector of Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica effective Sept. 1, 2020.

FOR THE ENGLISH SECTOR

Fr. Geoffrey Kerslake is on a sabbatical until December 31, 2020.

Fr. Emeka Jude Onyeogubalu, who was to move, continues as Parochial Administrator of St. Peter Parish, Ottawa.

Fr. Charles Orchard, CC, is appointed Associate Pastor at St. Monica and St. Andrew Parishes in Nepean.

Deacon Allan Carpen is re-appointed to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish in Russell.

Deacon Chris Chisholm is appointed to Our Lady of Grace Parish in Ingleside, St. Pius X in Long Sault and St. Bernard in Finch effective Sept. 1, 2020.

Deacon Guy Côté is appointed to St. Columban Parish in Cornwall.

Deacon Charles Fink is re-appointed to St. Mary's Parish in Ottawa.

Deacon Marc Gauthier is re-appointed to Annunciation of the Lord Parish in Ottawa.

Deacon Fred Jardine is appointed to St. Elizabeth Parish in Ottawa.

Deacon Jeffrey Lebane is re-appointed to Divine Infant Parish in Orleans.

Deacon Patrick McNulty is re-appointed to Our Lady of Visitation in Gloucester.

Deacon Chris Moffat is appointed to Blessed Sacrament in Ottawa.

Deacon Richard Murphy is appointed to St. Peter Parish in Cornwall.

Deacon Kevin O'Shea is appointed to St. Maurice Parish in Nepean.

Deacon Michel Pilon is re-appointed to St. Patrick's Basilica in Ottawa.

Deacon Philip Richards is appointed to Divine Infant Parish in Orleans.

Deacon Ricardo Santiago is re-appointed to Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica in Ottawa.

Deacon Tom Sudsbear is appointed to Holy Redeemer Parish in Kanata.

Deacon Robert Van de Laar is re-appointed to St. George Parish in Ottawa.



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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FOR THE FRENCH SECTOR

Fr. Dieudonné Bigirimana, o.p., is appointed Associate Pastor of Saint-Hugues Parish in Sarsfield, Saint-Laurent Parish in Carlsbad Springs, Notre-Dame-des-Champs Parish in Navan and Sainte-Marie Parish in Orléans.

Fr. Michael Hartney is appointed Parochial Administrator of Nativité de Notre-Seigneur-Jésus-Christ Parish, Saint-Thomas-d'Aquin Parish and Sainte-Geneviève Parish in Ottawa.

Fr. Hasina Rakotoarisoa, S.J., is appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Margaret of Scotland Parish in Glen Nevis, Precious Blood Parish in Glen Walter and St. Joseph Parish in Lancaster.

Fr. Leo Villeneuve is no longer assigned to Notre-Dame Cathedral.

Deacon René Allain is re-appointed to Saint-Joseph Parish in Orleans.

Deacon Rhéal Lalonde is re-appointed to Saint-Victor Parish in Alfred and Saint-Thomas Parish in Lefavre.

Deacon Jacques Mayer is re-appointed to Saint-Gabriel Parish in Gloucester.

Deacon Michel Miner is re-appointed to Saint-Joachim Parish in Chute-à-Blondeau, Saint-Jean-Baptiste Parish in l'Orignal, Saint-Bernardin Parish in Saint-Bernardin, Saint-Eugène Parish in Saint-Eugène, Saint-Grégoire-de-Naziance Parish in Vankleek Hill and Sainte-Anne Parish in Ste-Anne-de-Prescott.

Deacon Pete Pharand is re-assigned to Très-Sainte-Trinité in Rockland.

Deacon André Pommainville is re-appointed to Saint-Victor Parish in Alfred and Saint-Thomas Parish in Lefavre.

Additional information regarding permanent deacons who have reached the age of retirement, will follow in the coming weeks.

Collection for the Holy Land 2020: Normally the Collection is taken up on Good Friday. This year Pope Francis has approved that the Collection for the Holy Land take place on Sun., Sept. 13, 2020 near the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The collection is reserved to help support the Christian holy places, pilgrimage facilities in the Holy Land and the needs of the poor and vulnerable. Info: <https://commissariat.ca/>; <https://www.custodia.org/en>.

Prayers: For the repose of the soul of Ms. Frances Villeneuve, sister of Fr. Thomas Villeneuve. Ms. Villeneuve died on Thursday, August 20, 2020, at the Cornwall Community Hospital at the age of 90. Visitation at Wilson Funeral Home, 822 Pitt Street, Cornwall on **Fri., Sept. 11, 2:00 - 4:00 pm and 7:00 - 9:00 pm**. The Mass of the Resurrection in St. Columban's Church on **Sat., Sept. 12, 11:00 am**. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

VOCATIONS

Prayers for Vocations: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 6. For the faithful response of all those being called by Christ to take up their crosses and follow Him as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. **Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 13.** That those who are called by God to be instruments of His love and mercy in this world will have the courage, generosity and strength to say yes, and that they will receive the support of their families and friends.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

Pope's Prayer Intention for September 2020: Respect for the Planet's Resources. We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

FROM THE CCCB

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 project, with the approval of the Bishops of Canada, has been coordinated since 2002 by the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council. This year, the reflection by the Council centres ... [Read more](#).

FAITH FORMATION

Alpha in Roman Catholic Parishes in the Ottawa Area, Starting Soon: Alpha is an 11-week course that creates a space, online or in person, where people are excited to bring their friends for a conversation about life, faith and

Jesus. St. John the Apostle, beginning **Thurs., Sept. 17, 7:00 p.m.** Contact for details: SJALitCom@yahoo.ca; 613-820-7852. St. Monica/St. Andrew's beginning **Thurs., Sept. 17, 8:00 p.m.** Details: secretary@saintmonicaparish.ca; 613-727-1067 ext. 221. St. Isidore Church, beginning **Fri., Sept. 18, 6:30 p.m.** Please register at www.stisidorekanata.com/alpha. Details: parish@stisidorekanata.com; 613-592-1961. Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish beginning **Thurs., Sept. 24, 6:30 p.m.** Details: ihmparish@rogers.com; 613-733-9636. Alpha à la paroisse Saint Gabriel (in French), beginning **Wed., Sept. 16, 7:00 p.m.** Details (in French): gil37les@gmail.com; 613-565-9435. General info on Alpha: www.alphacanada.org.

CARE FOR CREATION

Celebrating the 5th Anniversary of Laudato Si' - Parish Participation in the Season of Creation: The Season of Creation begins on the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (**Sept. 1**) and ends on St. Francis Day (**Oct. 4**). We set aside time to deepen our relationship with our Creator, with each other and all of creation. Resources (prayer, liturgy, events & actions) at www.seasonofcreation.org. Info: John Dorner (jdorner@archottawa.ca).

In Support of Care for Creation: Pope Francis calls on us through prayers and appeals to encourage government actions that direct the planet towards life, not death. As we enter the Season of Creation (Sept 1- Oct 4), consider signing an interfaith non-partisan petition calling for government action on climate justice, Indigenous rights and international development. Link to the petition: <https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-2712>. Further info: <https://omilacombe.ca/petition-love-creation/>.

PRO-LIFE

Friday Pro-life Mass: At [Madonna Della Risurrezione](http://www.madonna.org), 1621 Fisher Ave., **every Friday, 9:00 am**. To pray for life and especially the protection of unborn children. Parking at the back. Masses will be celebrated in English.

SCHOOLS

Register for Chesterton Academy of Ottawa: Chesterton Academy is an independent, Catholic high school offering a classical education that includes theology, philosophy and sciences. Due to our small class sizes, COVID-19 restrictions allow us to offer a full slate of subjects and unhindered classroom participation. We are committed to nurturing cheerful and motivated Catholic leaders. Bursaries offered. Info: 613-518-8117 or email admin@chestertonacademyofottawa.ca.

Register for Fall Courses at Saint Paul University: Courses offered by the Centre for Safeguarding Minors and Vulnerable Persons are now open for registration at Saint Paul University. Register now to learn more about the dynamics of sexual abuse and its theological ramifications. Info: <https://ustpaul.ca>.

The Ottawa School of Theology & Spirituality: The OSTs has risen to the COVID-19 challenge and will offer their classes via Zoom this September. Fall term courses begin **September 21**. For all further details such as courses, registration, contact: www.osts.ca.

OTHER

CNEWA CANADA - Emergency Relief - Lebanon in Crisis: CNEWA has launched an emergency relief fund to provide food, health care and shelter to thousands after the massive August 4 explosion at Beirut's waterfront. Link for details on the emergency relief: <https://cnewa.org/ca/campaigns/lebanoncrisis/>.

EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Chef – Archbishop's Residence: The Archdiocese is currently seeking a Chef for the Archbishop's Residence, who will be responsible for providing impeccable meals and a wonderful dining experience for the residents. The full job description is available at <https://catholicottawa.ca/employment-opportunities>.