

# FRIDAY FACTS



Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall, Pastoral Office

September 18, 2020

## FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

**Diocesan Centre is Relocating:** The building housing the Diocesan Centre of the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall at 1247 Kilborn Place is near the end of its lifespan. Diocesan administration is planning to relocate occupants of the John Paul II Residence for retired clergy by next spring. The Chancery and the Diocesan Centre offices will relocate before the end of this year. To view the entire press release, please click [here](#).

**Pastoral Calendar:** Available [here](#) and on our website at [www.catholicottawa.ca](http://www.catholicottawa.ca) under Pastoral Services.

**White Mass for Doctors and Other Health Care Professionals:** Join us in blessing and celebrating healthcare professionals on the Feast of Saints Cosmas & Damian, **Sept. 25, 5:00 p.m.** at Notre Dame Cathedral. The celebrant will be Archbishop Terrence Prendergast SJ. Health care professionals are invited to wear their white coat.

**Alpha in Parishes:** We have new coordinator for Alpha in our Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall! Marilyn Bergeron, who has been serving the Cornwall-Alexandria area has taken over responsibility for Alphas in our new amalgamated Archdiocese. She hopes to connect with parishes in the near future, but in the meantime, feel free to contact her with questions or for help starting up or running an Alpha: [marilyn@alexandria-cornwall.ca](mailto:marilyn@alexandria-cornwall.ca); 613-360-8371.

**ORDO - Parish Orders:** Pastoral Services will place orders for the ORDO and the NEW Directory for Catechesis (2020) from the CCCB. Please use the online form (<https://catholicottawa.ca/parish-order-form-for-publications-from-the-ccb>). Diocesan discount and shipping costs will apply. **DEADLINE TO ORDER: Fri., Oct. 2.** *Note:* if you require other resources not included on the online form or for larger orders, please call (613-738-5025 ext. 217).

## VOCATIONS

**Prayers for Vocations: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 4.** That men and women will be open to the voice of the Lord, asking the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help them recognize and answer His call to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

## FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

**FallFest Online:** People coming together to have fun, meet friends, and discover how much they are loved by Christ in a non-threatening environment. You will hear energetic and moving praise and worship music and a talk



*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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from Francesca Mastroeni, a chaplain in the Canadian Army. Online and through host sites this year. To register: <https://fallfestottawa.ca/>. **Oct. 23, 7-9 pm**. Hosted by Annunciation of the Lord Parish.

## FROM THE HOLY SEE

**“Let us return to the Eucharist with Joy!” – Letter from the Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments:** On the celebration of the liturgy during and after the COVID 19 pandemic to the Presidents of the Episcopal Conferences of the Catholic Church. The full text of the letter can be read online [here](#).

## FROM THE CCCB

**Webinar on new Directory for Catechesis:** An invitation to the four-part webinar from The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis. For diocesan leaders in evangelization, catechesis and youth ministry. **Oct. 6, Oct. 13, Oct. 20 & Oct. 27, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.** To register by Sept. 21, click [here](#). Info: [m.shea-lawrence@cccb.ca](mailto:m.shea-lawrence@cccb.ca).

**CCCB Prepares for a Virtual Plenary Assembly from 21-25 September 2020:** The 2020 annual Plenary Assembly of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops will be held by videoconference in light of the existing health and safety restrictions regarding COVID-19. In order to allow for fruitful dialogue and meaningful deliberation by the Bishops during the Plenary, this year’s timetable and agenda were streamlined to focus on the most essential ecclesial and administrative matters for the Conference. To keep informed: daily news release at [cccb.ca/about/governance/plenary-assembly/current-year-plenary-assembly/](http://cccb.ca/about/governance/plenary-assembly/current-year-plenary-assembly/); subscribe [cccb.ca/news/subscribe/](http://cccb.ca/news/subscribe/); follow Twitter @CCCB\_CECC; watch the briefing on Salt and Light TV at 6 pm ET.

**2020 Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada:** The annual Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will be held on **26 & 27 September 2020**. In his message to pastors and other collaborators in pastoral ministries, the Most Reverend Richard Gagnon, Archbishop of Winnipeg and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), reflected on the impact of the Coronavirus on the Church in ... [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 meaning. General info on Alpha: [www.alphacanada.org](http://www.alphacanada.org).

- **St. Augustine Parish** online, Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 pm; ([register here](#)). Info: [Jmurp056@uottawa.ca](mailto:Jmurp056@uottawa.ca).
- **St. John the Apostle** ([SJALitCom@yahoo.ca](mailto:SJALitCom@yahoo.ca); 613-820-7852), beginning **Thurs., Sept. 17, 7:00 p.m.**
- **St. Monica & St. Andrew’s** (<https://saintmonicaparish.ca/event-items/alpha-experience-online-via-zoom/>; 727-1067 ext. 221), **Thurs., Sept. 17 – Dec. 3, 8:00 – 9:15 p.m.**

**The “Renewed in Liturgy” follow-up program:** Beginning **Thurs., Oct. 1, 7-8pm (weekly)**, via Zoom. Using the “Elements of the Catholic Mass” video series from The Liturgical Institute in Chicago, hosted by Fr. Douglas Martis. Fr. Hezuk Shroff, pastor, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Metcalfe will facilitate. Hosted by Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish. Info: Dcn Mathew ([mathewmned@gmail.com](mailto:mathewmned@gmail.com)) or Holy Rosary Parish 613-728-4935.

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of the Visitation Parish:** Every Friday after the 9:00am morning Mass until 6:00pm., in the Church. Info: 613-822-2197; [office@olvottawa.ca](mailto:office@olvottawa.ca).

## CARE FOR CREATION

**Advocacy – For the Love of Creation:** We are facing increasing environmental crises. Pope Francis calls on us through prayers and advocacy to encourage government actions that safeguard creation. During the Season of Creation consider signing an interfaith non-partisan petition calling for government action on climate justice, Indigenous rights and international development. Further info and link to the petition: <https://omilacombe.ca/petition-love-creation/>. Info: John Dorner [jdorner@archottawa.ca](mailto:jdorner@archottawa.ca); 613-738-5025x251.

**Jubilee for the Earth:** The Season of Creation with the theme Jubilee for the Earth continues until Oct. 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Thank you to all pastors, parishioners and religious communities who through prayer, education, action and advocacy are helping build a culture of life in support of care for our common home. A variety of resources: <https://seasonofcreation.org/celebration-guide/>. Further info: John Dorner [jdorner@archottawa.ca](mailto:jdorner@archottawa.ca).

## PRO-LIFE

**40 Days for Life Opening Rally:** *40 Days for Life*, Sept. 23 – Nov. 1, 2020, is a time to pray and fast for an end to abortion. Opening Rally at Queen Street & Bank, on the southwest corner, **Tues., Sept. 22, 7:00 pm**. Info: 613-299-2515; [40daysottawa@gmail.com](mailto:40daysottawa@gmail.com); <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/ottawa/>.

## OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS

**Inner Healing Retreat "Take My Hand":** An on-line Inner Healing Retreat aimed at helping people learn to heal from emotional hurts and to also learn how to maintain emotional well-being. Facilitated by Dr. Heather MacPhail. Via Zoom, **Sept 26-27, 2020 10am-3pm**. Cost: \$20. Hosted by St. John the Apostle Catholic Women's League. Info: Rosemary Fikis ([r.fikis@rogers.com](mailto:r.fikis@rogers.com)).