

FRIDAY FACTS



Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall, Pastoral Office

October 1, 2021

St. Joseph, pray for us. Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Statement of Apology by the Catholic Bishops of Canada to the Indigenous Peoples of This Land: *We, the Catholic Bishops of Canada, gathered in Plenary this week, take this opportunity to affirm to you, the Indigenous Peoples of this land, that we acknowledge the suffering experienced in Canada's Indian Residential Schools. Many Catholic religious communities and dioceses participated in this system, which led to the suppression of Indigenous languages, culture and spirituality, failing to respect the rich history, traditions and wisdom of Indigenous Peoples. [Read the full Statement of Apology](https://en.archoc.ca/indigenous-relations) or at <https://en.archoc.ca/indigenous-relations>. Communication resource for Parishes: <https://en.archoc.ca/indigenous-relations>.*

Canadian Bishops Announce \$30M National Financial Pledge to Support Healing and Reconciliation Initiatives: *The Bishops of Canada, as a tangible expression of their commitment to walk with the Indigenous Peoples of this land along the pathway of hope, are making a nation-wide collective financial commitment to support healing and reconciliation initiatives for residential school survivors, their families, and their communities. With a target of \$30 million over up to five years, this will include initiatives in every region of the country. ... [Read more](#).*

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Diocesan Synod 2021 – A Letter from Archbishop Damphousse to the Priests, Deacons, and Lay Faithful:

As many of you already know, my heart and vision for our Archdiocese is a Church that is alive in Christ and missionary in its zeal to bring the message, hope, and love of Christ to all. My journey through this first year of ministry as your Archbishop coincides with a crucial time in the life of the Church and the world which has been marked by increased suffering, injustice, and abuse of power. It is important that our path forward include humbly listening to one another, and especially to those on the margins of the Church and of society. For this reason, it is somewhat providential that in April 2021, Pope Francis initiated a synodal journey of the whole People of God, to begin in October 2021 in each local Church and culminating in October 2023 in the Assembly of the Synod of Bishops.

A Synod is fundamentally a spiritual process of listening and discerning how God is calling us to be a Church in the third millennium. It is a humble listening and a journey together which aims towards unity and understanding and should not be confused with a political process marked by power struggles. In creating the opportunity for listening, dialogue, and discernment at the local level through this Synod, Pope Francis is calling the Church to rediscover its deeply synodal nature.

*Our diocesan synodal process will bring together the voices of the People of God in order to ask one fundamental question: **A Synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, “journeys together.” How is this “journeying together” happening today in our local Church? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our “journeying together”?** This synodal journey together will solemnly begin on the 9th and 10th of October in Rome, followed by an official opening in our own diocese the following Sunday October 17th. Please stay tuned for further details on this.*

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We will do our best during this time of pandemic to find creative and flexible ways of embarking on this journey, mindful also of the many challenges currently being faced both within the parish and the broader community. As a diocesan centre, we will also try to communicate well throughout this process. On this note, we have created a webpage for the synod process on our Archdiocesan website which will serve as a tool for communication. You will find some relevant documents and links here if you wish to learn more. I wish to share with you also that Marisa Casagrande is serving as the main coordinator for this process and working closely with our pastoral team. We ask that you direct any English inquiries to Ted Hurley (thurley@archottawa.ca), English pastoral services coordinator, and French inquiries to H  l  ne Laporte (HLaporte@archottawa.ca), French pastoral services coordinator.

May the Holy Spirit guide us in this journey together.

Synod 2021-2023: A major consultation of the universal Church, a "synod", will be initiated in October. Pope Francis will inaugurate the synodal process on October 9-10. The local dioceses are expected to do the same on October 17. In the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall, there will be an opening celebration of the Diocesan Synodal Phase at the 5:00 p.m. Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral, Ottawa on **Oct. 17**. For more information, please visit the Archdiocesan website (<https://en.archoc.ca/synod-2021-2023>). More info on how parishes can celebrate the opening of the Synod will be sent to parishes next week.

The Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall is pleased to welcome Mrs. France Hotte as its new Chief Financial Officer. France is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA), Chartered Accountant (CA), and obtained her designation in 2016. She brings with her over 9 years' experience performing external audits and review of financial statements and financial reporting for both private and non-profit organizations in Canada, Haiti, Malawi and Tanzania, as well as 4 years' experience working in the private/not-for-profit sector. She has also provided analyses and recommendations on internal controls and proper application of accounting treatments for organizations and pensions plans. She currently sits on the Board of Directors of several non-profit organizations and recently got married. Her office is located at 1244 Kilborn Place and she may be reached by email at cfo@archottawa.ca. We also take this opportunity to thank Deacon Pierre Aub   for his generous time and service as Acting Chief Financial Officer; his short time with us in that capacity was truly appreciated.

Pastoral Day: October 21, 1:30 - 4:00 pm at Notre Dame Cathedral, Ottawa in the hall. Please enter the hall using the side door 50 (accessible via Guigues Ave.) The afternoon will include comments from Archbishop Damphousse and information on the upcoming Synod. Registration is required in advance: <https://en.archoc.ca/pastoral-day>.

Red Mass: A bilingual Mass for Catholics in the Legal Profession; judges, lawyers, paralegals and all who work for justice in our legal system. **Thurs., Oct. 21, 7:30 pm** at Notre Dame Cathedral, Ottawa. Archbishop Marcel Damphousse will preside. All are most welcome. Info: www.thomasmoreottawa.ca.

Priest's Retreat (English): At Glen House, Gananoque, the week of **November 15, 2021**. Please save the date. The Diocesan Pastoral Calendar for 2021-2022 is available on our website at <https://en.archoc.ca>.

ORDO - Parish Orders: Pastoral Services will receive orders from parishes for the ORDO-Liturgical Calendar and for the new French translation of the Missel romain. Please use the online form at <https://en.archoc.ca/parish-order-form>. Diocesan discount, taxes, and shipping costs (to ship to your parish) will apply. **DEADLINE TO ORDER: Thurs., Oct. 21**. If you require resources not included on the online form, please email (abrown@ArchOttawa.ca).

College of Consultors: A reminder that parishes are invited to submit proposals to the College of Consultors for any new projects: construction, renovation, restorations, major acquisitions, property sales, major fundraising campaigns, changes to sacred art or to worship spaces. According to diocesan policy, approval must be obtained from the Archbishop before carrying out these projects, once presented to the College of Consultors. The College is meeting on **Tues., Oct. 26, 2021**. In order to be included on the College's agenda, parishes must submit their project proposals to the diocese to centre@archottawa.ca no later than Fri., Oct. 15. Please note: submissions received past the Oct. 15 deadline will not be considered. Proposals to the College should include a completed

form found in the [College of Consultors 2018 Policy](#), as well as the following: the nature and cost of the project, including three quotes with price estimates; and how the project is to be financed (parish reserve, fundraising or loan). Please note: requests to the Loan Fund for Parishes are up to a maximum of 50% of the project cost; if architectural or engineering plans/designs form part of your submission, these should be provided in PDF format. For additional info, refer to [College of Consultors Policy](#), contact centre@archottawa.ca or call 613-738-5025 x244.

Memorial Mass for Father Francis G. Morrisey, o.m.i.: Father Morrisey, Professor Emeritus of Canon Law at Saint Paul University, passed away on May 23, 2020. The Memorial Mass will be on **Sat., Oct. 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**, at Sacré-Coeur Parish, 591 Cumberland St., Ottawa. Please note: attendance will be limited to 50% capacity in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines. The Mass will also be live-streamed at <https://youtu.be/ZWbaXNikL6M>.

Funeral of Deacon Robert Turpin: Deacon Robert Turpin died on Fri., Oct. 30, 2020. We have now been made aware of the funeral arrangements for **Thurs., Oct. 7**, in Sainte-Marie Parish, Orleans. The family will be present for visitation starting at 9:00 a.m. The funeral Mass will follow at 10 a.m. with burial at Notre-Dame Cemetery. If you wish to attend the funeral, please register with the family at genamti007@gmail.com and wait for confirmation. Please remember Deacon Robert Turpin, his wife Lyse, their 2 sons and their family in your prayers.

October Ordination Anniversaries: We wish the following priests and deacons a happy anniversary in October. Fr. Anthony Nguyen C.Ss.R. on Oct. 1, Fr. Joseph Vayalil on Oct. 3, Fr. Timothy Coonen, O.M.I. on Oct. 7, Fr. Robert Poole on Oct. 8, Fr. Denis Vaillancourt on Oct. 12, Fr. Joseph Leclair on Oct. 18, Msgr. Patrick Powers on Oct. 18, Fr. C. Ross Finlan on Oct. 25., Deacon Raymond-Gérard Poulin on Oct. 3, Deacon Michael Tien Do on Oct. 9, Deacon Mathew N. Mathew on Oct. 9, Deacon Richard McLellan on Oct. 11, Deacon Nuno Da Nova on Oct. 26, Deacon James Schultz on Oct. 27, and Deacon Philip Tang on Oct. 27.

VOCATIONS

Prayer for Vocations: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 17. For a growth in reverence and acceptance for the gift and mystery of a vocation to the priesthood and consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

You are called to belong to Jesus Christ... (Romans 1:1, 6): The Community Servants of the Cross (<https://servantsofthecross.ca>) is hosting a VIRTUAL Come and See for young single women who are discerning the consecrated life. It will be a time to discover your vocation and a time to connect with the Community. **Thurs., Oct. 14 – Sat., Oct. 16, 2021.** Registration by Fri., Oct. 8. Please contact Sr. Michael Penelope Nguyen, SC (613-729-8710) or vocations@servantsofthecross.ca. “Come and See” and let the Lord speak to your heart.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

Pope’s Prayer Intention for October: Intention for evangelization - Missionary disciples. We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

Pope Francis issues message for 2021 World Youth Day: The theme of the [Pope’s message](#) for the 2021 World Youth Day is “Stand up. I appoint you as a witness of what you have seen.” (cf. Acts 26:16). The 2021 World Youth Day will be celebrated locally, on the Solemnity of Christ the King.” (The Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life issued [pastoral guidelines](#) for the celebration of World Youth Day in dioceses.)

PRO-LIFE

40 Days for Life Campaign: 40 days to pray and fast for an end to abortion. Daily vigil, **until Oct. 31, 7:00am – 7:00pm** at vigil site, southwest corner of Queen & Bank St., Ottawa. Info: 613-299-2515; wanda40daysforlife@campaignlifecoalition.com; <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/local-campaigns/ottawa>.

Life Chain: Life Chain is a prayerful and peaceful witness to the sanctity of human life and the evil of abortion. Participants pray and hold non-graphic signs at hundreds of locations across North America for one hour. **Sun.,**

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Oct. 3, 2-3 pm, in Cornwall at Brookdale & Ninth St. or Marleau & McConnell St. **Full info & Ottawa locations** at the Campaign Life Coalition website at <https://www.campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain>.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

First Friday of the Month – “Mary’s Way of the Cross” via Zoom: With special guest Auxiliary Bishop and Rector of Our Lady of the Cape, Pierre-Olivier Tremblay and animators Sylvie Rollin and Mike Budge. **Oct. 1, 6:40 p.m.** Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81991225084...> Meeting ID: 819 9122 5084. Passcode: 145741.

SENIORS

Ottawa Cornwall Catholic Seniors (OCCS): Parishes are encouraged to create a focus on older adults with a dedicated monthly or weekly Mass followed by a social hour and to build phone trees to isolated and lonely adults in the parish. Join online zoom meetings and like us on Facebook under the full name above. Info: pmarsdendole@archottawa.ca.

CARE FOR CREATION

Green Gathering: An opportunity to learn from and connect with other faith communities on the greening journey. Presentations from community greening leaders and retrofit contractors on the topic of sustainability in faith communities. Rideau Park United Church, Alta Vista (or via Zoom), **Oct. 6, 5:00-7:00 pm**. Free. Hosted by Greening Sacred Spaces. Info: 613-805-1252; greeningsacredspaces.ca/green-gathering/.

EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Two Employment Opportunities in the Diocese of Victoria, BC: For the positions of Computer Technician (IT) and Assistant to the Judicial Vicar (Tribunal). Info at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>.

St. Patrick's Home of Ottawa recruiting External Advisory Members: St. Patrick's Home is recruiting volunteer External Advisory Members to the Corporate Development Committee of the Board of Directors. Seeking individuals with expertise in planning, design or construction of commercial properties or housing projects. Project info [here](#). Application: cherylelliott@stpats.ca; stpats.ca/home/board-of-directors/application-board-directors.