

FRIDAY FACTS

Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

September 6, 2019

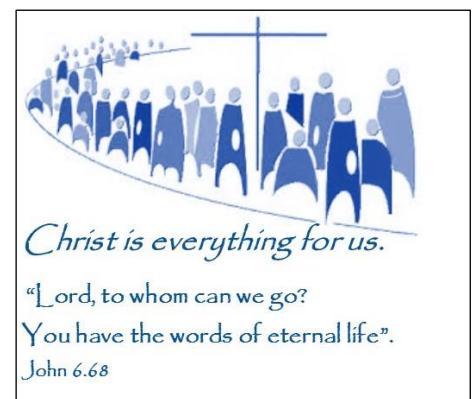
FOR CLERGY

Archbishop's Charity Dinner: At the Ottawa Conference and Event Centre, 200 Coventry Rd., **Wed., Oct. 30**; cocktails 6-7pm. The beneficiaries this year are *The Shepherds of Good Hope Foundation* and *Solidarité Jeunesse*. The deadline to purchase tickets is **Fri., Oct. 4**. Info: Development Office: (dev@archottawa.ca); 613-738-5025 ext. 202.

Priests' Retreat: A reminder that the date for the Fall Priests' Retreat is **November 4 – 8** at Glen House, Gananoque. Speaker: Fr. James Mallon. Theme: "Priestly Identity and Ministry in a Changing World and Changing Church". Registration at catholicottawa.ca/priests-retreat and payment to RCECO by **Oct. 1**.

FOR THE PARISH OFFICE

Parish Confirmation Dates: Parishes wishing to schedule a parish Confirmation in 2019-2020 should submit their request online, no later than **Tues., Oct. 1, 2019** to allow for co-ordination with Archbishop Prendergast, SJ and Bishop Riesbeck, CC. Online form: (<https://catholicottawa.ca/confirmation-parishes-requesting-a-confirmation-date>). Info: abrown@ArchOttawa.ca; (613-738-5025 x 217).



ORDO - Parish Orders for Pastoral Day: As always, Pastoral Services will place orders for the Ordo and some Rites from the CCCB, for pick-up by parishes on Pastoral Day on October 17. The online form (<https://catholicottawa.ca/parish-order-form>) lists the resources to order and a place to indicate the quantity. Diocesan discount and shipping costs will apply. **DEADLINE TO ORDER: Fri., Sept. 27**. For those requiring a phone order: (613-738-5025 ext. 217).

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Changes in the Pastoral Calendar: Please note the following changes in the pastoral calendar: the 2020 Diocesan Feast will be held on Thurs., June 16 at 4 PM at Notre Dame Cathedral, 385 Sussex Dr. The Archbishop's 2020 Charity Dinner will take place later the same day, June 16, 2020, at 6:30 PM, at the Ottawa Conference and Event Centre, 200 Coventry Rd. The 2019 Charity Dinner will take place as previously scheduled. Info: rdebroy@archottawa.ca.

Celebration of the Faithful Departed: Notre-Dame Cemetery, 455 Montreal Rd., **Sun., Sept. 8, 2:30pm**. Hope Cemetery, 4660 Bank St., **Sun., Sept 15, 2:30pm**. Info: 613-822-1212; notredamecemetery.ca; hopecemetery.ca.

Gold Mass for Scientists: The Most Reverend Terrence Prendergast, SJ, Archbishop of Ottawa, will preside at a bilingual Gold Mass for scientists on **Tues., Sept. 17, 5:00 pm** at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica, 385 Sussex Dr. Scientists, science educators, engineers, and mathematicians are particularly welcome. Reception follows.

Red Mass for Lawyers: An opportunity to reflect on the important role of the legal profession in seeking justice and fairness for our community at large. Lawyers are invited to gown for the procession. Notre Dame Cathedral, **Sept. 19, 5:00 p.m.** Sponsored by Saint Thomas More Lawyers' Guild of Ottawa. Info: jeanrheumelld@gmail.com.

Extraordinary Missionary Month Kick-Off: Pope Francis has invited the Universal Church to celebrate an Extraordinary Missionary Month in October 2019 with the theme "Baptized and Sent". For our two dioceses of Alexandria-Cornwall and Ottawa we will have a common ceremony to launch the month at Nativity Co-Cathedral in Cornwall on **Sun., Sept.**

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22, 3:30pm and its closure in Ottawa at Notre Dame Cathedral in late October (time to be determined). Please plan to attend in September in Cornwall. Info: rdubroy@archottawa.ca.

VOCATIONS

Prayer for Vocations: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 22. For all those dedicated to following the one true Master, that they will be strengthened in their vocations as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life.

CARE FOR CREATION

Message of Pope Francis – World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (Sept 1): In his message that opened the Season of Creation (<http://w2.vatican.va/>), Pope Francis stated, “We have caused a climate emergency that gravely threatens nature and life itself, including our own.” He called for “increased prayer and effort on behalf of our common home”, asking “May God, ‘the lover of life’ (Wis. 11:26), grant us the courage to do good without waiting for someone else to begin, or until it is too late.” During the Season of Creation (**Sept 1 - Oct 4**) the bishops in our Archdiocese encourage parishes at the end of each Sunday Mass, before the closing hymn, to recite one of the two prayers for creation found in the encyclical Laudato Si’. Further prayers & actions: catholicottawa.ca/care-for-creation-of-God.

"For Our Common Home" Eco-Logical Justice Workshop: In Laudato Si’ Pope Francis urges us to heed “the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.” In light of the October synod taking place on the Amazon region, D&P invites you to reflect and take action for "Our Common Home." Workshops at Development & Peace, 1247 Kilborn Pl., **Tues., Oct 1, 6:30-9:00 pm or Sat., Oct. 5, 9 am-1:00 pm**. To register: thurford@devp.org; 613-738-9644 x 224.

FROM THE CCCB

Season of Creation 2019 – The Web of Life: Endorsed by Pope Francis in 2015 and supported by the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, the annual month-long ecumenical celebration entitled the Season of Creation will begin on Sept. 1 (World Day of Prayer for Creation) and continue until Oct. 4 (feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi). The celebration calls on the global Christian community to promote prayer and action to protect our common home. The theme for this year's season is "The Web of Life". In a [press release](#) published to promote the season, the Dicastery "invites pastors to prepare for the Season of Creation as part of their pastoral leadership, and invites communities to celebrate life and protect God's creation." Info & resources: seasonorcreation.org.

Life and Family Suggestions for Homilies and Prayers of the Faithful during September 2019: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) continues to post homily ideas and prayers of the faithful to help link the Sunday liturgy with the national pastoral initiative for life and family. The suggestions for homilies and prayers can be easily adapted for family or personal prayer or for use with other groups. [Link to documents here](#).

FAITH FORMATION

Alpha at St. Theresa Parish: Alpha creates a welcoming, friendly place where anyone can come and ask questions to explore life, faith and God in a friendly, open and informal environment. At St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church, starting **Tues., Sept. 10, 6:30 pm**. Info: Deacon Guy Dacquay 819-319-7671 or AlphaStTheresa@gmail.com.

Alpha at St. Maurice Parish: 4 Perry St., Nepean beginning **Thurs., Sept. 26, 7:00 p.m.** Info: 613-224-1892, ext. 8; Melody@stmauriceparish.com.

Alpha at Annunciation of the Lord Parish: Explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Bring a friend; join the Come and See evening, **Oct. 1, 6:45 p.m.** at Annunciation of the Lord parish, 2414 Ogilvie Rd. Registration: www.annunciation-ottawa.com/alpha. Info: alpha@annunciation-ottawa.com.

Women of Grace Information Meeting: Learn about Johnnette Benkovic's faith formation course on being a Catholic woman today. St Patrick's Basilica Scavi Conference Room, **Sept. 12, 11am-12Noon**. 12 weekly meetings from Sept. 19 – Dec. 5, 10am-12Noon. Video presentations, small group discussion, study and prayer. Orthodox and Marian. Materials: \$55, financial aid available. Info: mimiwilson613@gmail.com; 613-236-0010.

Catholicism – Exploring our Faith with Bishop Barron: View and discuss some episodes of Bishop Robert Barron's acclaimed series, *Catholicism*, on Thursdays in October. The series explores our faith, illuminated by its spiritual and

artistic treasures. Fr. Lindsay Harrison will host the evenings. Light refreshments. All are welcome. St. John the Apostle Parish Hall, 2340 Baseline Rd., **Thurs., Oct. 3, 7:00 pm**. Info: parish office 613-829-1760.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Cor Jesu Chapel 18th Anniversary Mass: A Mass will be celebrated on the occasion of the 18th anniversary of the Cor Jesu Chapel of Adoration and to commemorate the 11th anniversary of the late Father Jim Whalen. On **Fri., Sept. 13, 7:00 pm**, at St. Faustina Church, Cumberland (formerly St. Margaret Mary). Reception follows. Info: A reception with light refreshments will follow. Contact: Lyse Charron 613 830-7721.

Healing Service at Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church: Healing service at Holy Redeemer given by Rev. Fr. Sam Samuel VC, Director, Divine Retreat Centre Toronto. At 44 Rothesay Dr., Kanata, on **Sat., Oct. 26, 6:45 - 9:00 pm**. Info: Cassie (647-965-5102); reception@holyredeemer.ca.

PRO-LIFE

40 Days for Life Opening Rally: 40 Days for Life campaign is a designated time to unite with many cities of the world to pray, fast and sacrifice for an end to abortion. Fall campaign takes place Sept. 25 – Nov. 3. Vigil location: southwest corner of Queen St., just off Bank St., **Sun., Sept. 22, 7:00 pm**. Info: 613-299-2515, wanda40daysforlife@clife.ca.

Monthly Pro-life Mass: In the Pilgrimage of Masses to pray for the establishment of a Pro-life Centre in Ottawa. Annunciation of the Lord Parish, 2414 Ogilvie Rd, Gloucester (Beacon Hill N.), **Sat., Sept. 28, 9:00 am**. Sponsored by pro-life doctors. Info: 613-831-2515; wandawoj@rogers.com.

SCHOOLS

Ottawa School of Theology and Spirituality: Registration for fall & winter term, **Mon., Sept. 16, 7 pm**, at Dominican University College, 96 Empress Ave. Once weekly classes on the search for meaning in life, spiritual themes in poetry and song, death and afterlife in world religions, and more. Cost: \$140 for both terms if payment made at the beginning of fall term; \$75 per term; \$25 per term for students. Info: www.osts.ca.

OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS

Opening Mass at Saint Paul University: Presided by The Most Reverend Terrence Prendergast, S.J., Archbishop of Ottawa. De Mazenod Chapel, Saint Paul University, **Sept. 18, 12:10 p.m.** Info: ahabyalimana@ustpaul.ca.

"That Man is You" Program for Catholic Male Leadership: An interactive men's program focused on male leadership in the modern world. It combines the best 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. The 2019 fall and 2020 spring sessions: "The Battle Over the Bride". St. Maurice Parish, every Saturday starting **Sept. 21, 7:00-8:30 am** until Dec.14. Free will offering. Info: Kevin Gibbs 613-818-0742; kwgboxing@gmail.com.

Men's Breakfast at St. Augustine Parish: "The Issue of God Today". Speaker: Richard Bastien. 1060 Baseline Rd., **Sat., Sept. 28, 8:00 a.m.** Cost: \$5. Please confirm attendance: breakfastformen@gmail.com; Denis 613-228-7646.

WIDER COMMUNITY INTEREST

Free Info Sessions for Men: The Whitestone Clinic (38 Auriga Dr., unit 12) is hosting 2 free info sessions for those who wish to enter into group therapy for sexually compulsive behaviours. An 8-month, a task-oriented recovery program, working through the book *Facing the Shadow*; info session **Sept. 11, 6:30pm**. A Biblically based, task-oriented recovery program of 30 weeks, designed for active Christians, working through the *Shadow of the Cross* workbook; info session on **Sept. 19, 6:30pm**. Info: Roman Rytsar (613-736-7217 ext. 8) or Kelly Graham (613-736-7217 ext. 1).

Men's Sexuality - Looking at the Taboo Issues: A safe space for Catholic men to get some freedom with the more problematic sexual issues. Spiritual directors are welcome. Waupoos Family Farm, 2050 Rideau Rd., Gloucester, **Sat., Nov. 2, 9:30am-4:00pm**. Registration: \$10. Info: mslatter@ustpaul.ca.

Dementia Advocacy Canada: Hosting an on-line Federal Forum on Dementia. **Sept. 19, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** Learn how and when the federal political parties will implement the National Dementia Strategy. Register at dementiacanada.ca.