

# FRIDAY FACTS



Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall, Pastoral Office

October 8, 2021

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

## FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

**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 on the process, please visit the Archdiocesan website (<https://en.archoc.ca/synod-2021-2023>).

**Pastoral Day (note changed start time, format & registration link) for Parish Staff & Clergy:** The day will focus on the upcoming Synod. At Notre Dame Cathedral, Ottawa in the hall, **October 21, 10:00am - 4:00pm**. The lunch & afternoon session are for Clergy only. Please enter the hall using the side door 50 (accessible via Guigues Ave.) Registration is required in advance: <https://en.archoc.ca/parish-portal-1> and choose Clergy or Parish Staff.

**Priest's Retreat (English):** At Glen House, Gananoque, the week of **November 15, 2021**. The topic is 'Joy in the Priesthood', and the retreat leader is Fr. Paul Pearson, C.O., Provost of the Toronto Oratory. Registration info online at: <https://en.archoc.ca/clergy-portal-1>.

**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. For orders not already placed, please use the REVISED online form at <https://en.archoc.ca/parish-portal-1>. 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](mailto:abrown@ArchOttawa.ca)).

**Youth Ministry:** During these strange Covid times, we are mindful of the unique struggles of our youth and grateful for the parishes that are offering youth ministry. With World Youth Day planned for the summer of 2023, we are dreaming about using this opportunity to cultivate a growing movement of young disciples in our Archdiocese, and then journeying with them to an encounter with Christ in Portugal! Please bear with us as we add more capacity and support for youth ministry on our end. We'll be in touch as soon as possible.

**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 Dampousse will preside. All are most welcome. Info: [www.thomasmoreottawa.ca](http://www.thomasmoreottawa.ca).

**The Diocesan Pastoral Calendar for 2021-2022:** Available on our website at <https://en.archoc.ca>.

**College of Consultors:** 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. The College is meeting on **Tues., Oct. 26, 2021**. Parishes must submit their

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project proposals to [centre@archottawa.ca](mailto:centre@archottawa.ca) no later than Fri., Oct. 15. Note: submissions received past the Oct. 15 deadline will not be considered. Proposals should include a completed form (see [College of Consultors 2018 Policy](#); portal - gloria), the nature and cost of the project, including three quotes with estimates, and how the project is to be financed (parish reserve, fundraising or loan). Requests to the Loan Fund for Parishes are up to a max. of 50% of project cost; architectural/engineering plans should be provided in PDF. Info: 613-738-5025 x244.

## 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, ...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](#) or at <https://en.archoc.ca/indigenous-relations>.

## VOCATIONS

**Prayer for Vocations:** Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 24. That men and women will be encouraged to love God and their neighbor and follow Him generously when chosen to serve others as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated religious 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](mailto:vocations@servantsofthecross.ca). "Come and See" and let the Lord speak to your heart.

## PILGRIMAGES

**Shalom House Speaker Series at St. Finnan Basilica:** Join the first ever Shalom House Speaker Series at St. Finnan Basilica, 72 Saint Paul St., Alexandria. The pilgrimage theme is *Welcome Back!* Retreat leader: Archbishop Marcel Damphousse. **Sat., Oct. 16, 3:00 - 4:30pm** with 5:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass following. Registration space is limited. Donations are welcomed. Info: Cameron or Janice ([maisonshalomhouse@bellnet.ca](mailto:maisonshalomhouse@bellnet.ca)).

## FROM THE CCCB

**Life and Family Suggestions for Homilies and Prayers of the Faithful During October 2021:** The Sunday liturgy offers nourishment for prayer and reflection during the whole week – whether we are meditating on the readings, praying together with our families or participating at Mass within our faith communities. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops 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 texts for October are available [here](#).

## 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](mailto:wanda40daysforlife@campaignlifecoalition.com); <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/local-campaigns/ottawa>.

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## PRAYER & WORSHIP

**Night of Worship and Ministry:** Join St. Mary's Parish for an evening of praise, prophecy, teaching, and healing on **Oct. 22, 7-9 pm**. Theme: *God of New Beginnings*. Speaker: Pierre O'Reilly, Executive Director of NET Ministries of Canada. In person at St. Mary's Parish, Ottawa or online at [St. Mary's Youtube Channel](#) or <https://www.facebook.com/stmarys.parish.5>. Register via Flocknote at <https://stmarysottawa.ca/events/night-of-worship-and-ministry-6/>. Info: Natalia Lacar (613-728-9811 x720; [night.worship.ministry@stmarysottawa.ca](mailto:night.worship.ministry@stmarysottawa.ca)).

## FAITH FORMATION

**New Life Retreat:** You are invited to take part in a life-changing, faith-building experience. Are you looking for more meaning in your life? Are you seeking a personal encounter with the living Jesus Christ? Are you looking to experience the Baptism in the Holy Spirit? New Life Retreat on Monday evenings, **Oct. 18 – Dec. 6** via Zoom. Info/registration: <https://stmarysottawa.ca/new-life-retreat>. Free. Hosted by St. Mary Parish, Ottawa.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

**People & Planet First Workshop – Development & Peace:** Discuss the dangers facing environmental and human rights defenders in the Global South and the relationship of their work with our Global Ecosystem. What could we do to move our Canadian Government to intervene in strengthening corporate due diligence laws to enhance environmental and human rights? **Oct. 16, 10:30 am**. Info: [ottawadandp@gmail.com](mailto:ottawadandp@gmail.com).

## PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

**Roast Beef Take Out Dinner:** Treat your family to a homemade roast beef dinner with all the trimmings from Our Lady of the Visitation kitchen. Tickets \$22.50. All Covid19 protocols followed. Proceeds to church building restoration. Prepaid orders at 613-822-2007 or email: [events@olvottawa.ca](mailto:events@olvottawa.ca). 5338 Bank St., **Sun., Oct. 17, 3 - 6 pm**. Info:613-822-2007.

**Take-out Breakfast at St. John the Apostle Church:** Take-out style breakfast combo which includes a breakfast sandwich (bacon, egg and cheese on an english muffin), hash brown, cookies and juice. All prepared respecting COVID protocols. Take-out only. Proceeds to CWL and Knights of Columbus charities. **Sun., Oct. 17**, after 8am Mass to 10:30am. In the parking lot at 2340 Baseline Road. Cost: \$10. Info: Mike Proctor 613-726-9560