

FRIDAY FACTS

Archdiocese of Ottawa, Pastoral Office

December 15, 2017

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Archbishop's Christmas Message: Archbishop Prendergast's Christmas Message is now available [here](#) on our website (www.CatholicOttawa.ca).

Notre Dame Cathedral Christmas Concert & National Historic Site Designation: Notre Dame Cathedral, **Sun., Dec. 17, 2:30 p.m.** Preceded by the unveiling of a historical plaque by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada at **2:00 p.m.** The Archbishop's Christmas reception will follow in the parish hall. Free will offering. Everyone is welcome. Info: 613-241-7496.



Archbishop's Luncheon for Priests: During Christmas Week, **Thurs., Dec. 28.** Reception, 11a.m. in his Residence; Buffet Luncheon, 12p.m. in Cathedral Hall. Dress is casual. **RSVP before Fri., Dec. 15:** (arch@archottawa.ca); (613-738-5025 x 233).

Homelands' Mass: At Notre Dame Cathedral, **Sun., Jan. 14, 2:30 p.m.** Flags will be in the Cathedral balconies as a visible sign of your participation. Traditional dishes to share at the Reception in the Cathedral Hall following the Mass should be brought to the hall before 2:15 p.m. Those in national dress are to be in the hall before 2:00 p.m. Please confirm group attendance and the name of the person responsible to Deacon Gilles Ouellette (gouellette@archottawa.ca) before Jan. 5. All welcome!

Advent Penance/Confession & Christmas Mass Schedules in Parishes: The Advent Penance Service/Confession schedule in parishes of the Archdiocese are available by date [here](#) and by location [here](#). The Christmas & Solemnity of Mary (Jan. 1) Mass schedules in parishes are also available [here](#). Website: (<https://www.catholicottawa.ca/>).

Submitting a Notice or Event to the Friday Facts: Friday Facts notices should be submitted using this [online link](#), by **Tues., noon**. Note that as of Jan. 1, only events or notices received via the [submission form](#) will be considered for the Friday Facts.

Appointment: Archbishop Prendergast has appointed Fr. Timothy Coonen, O.M.I. as pastor of Holy Canadian Martyrs Parish as of January 1, 2018, in replacement of Fr. James Fiori, O.M.I.

Appointment: Archbishop Prendergast has appointed Fr. Stephen Amesse as Associate Rector of Saint Patrick Basilica as of December 23, 2017.

New Diocesan Staff: Sr. Monique Bisson has joined the Archbishop's Office as Administrative Assistant, replacing Chantal Langlois during her maternity leave. Chantal Vaillancourt has joined Diocesan Administration as Administrative Assistant. Welcome and best wishes to you both!

CARE FOR CREATION

Care for Creation - World Day of Peace: In his message for the [World Day of Peace 2018](#), Pope Francis asks us to have compassion for those forced to leave their homelands due to discrimination, persecution, poverty and environmental degradation. He states that there has been 'a tragic rise in the number of migrants seeking to flee from the growing poverty caused by environmental degradation' and that global migration is 'an opportunity to build peace.' Info: jdorner@archottawa.ca; 613-738-5025, ext. 251.

VOCATIONS

Prayer for Vocations: Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 24. For a deeper trust and openness to the Holy Spirit in people discerning a call to serve Christ as a priest deacon or in the consecrated life. **Christmas - December 25.** That, as Joseph and