



Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of St. John's

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Strategic Planning Committee Parishioners Consultation Summary Report **An Important Message**

The Committee has completed its review of the comprehensive feedback received from the recent 17 Parishioner's Consultation meetings held within the Archdiocese. The verbatim feedback is organized as it relates to the same six questions asked at each meeting and therefore allows for a better understanding for the overall responses to the six questions raised across the nine Pastoral Areas. This Parishioner's feedback report will be available on the Archdiocese Website the week of March 27/2017.

<https://rcsj.org/strategic-planning-2/archdiocese-consultation-session-summary-report>

The next steps in our Committee's Planning process will include a review of the extensive feedback received from all sources, and to revise the proposed pastoral plan to reflect your comments, suggestions and ideas. This work has started and is scheduled to be completed by June of this year for consideration by our Archbishop. It's clear to our Committee that the feedback received will have a profound impact on our plans going forward.

Thanks again to everyone who participated in this effort. The committee would like to express its appreciation for your very worthwhile expression of interest and commitment for our efforts for the revitalization of our Church.

Strategic Planning Committee

March 27/2017

AN EVENING WITH THE ARCHBISHOP DINNER & AUCTION

Our Annual Fundraiser, Archbishop's Dinner & Auction this year will be held on Wednesday, May 17th at the Holiday Inn, 180 Portugal Cove Road, St. John's, NL. This event is the principal means through which we raise the funds to support our many outreach programs and services.

Tickets are \$200.00 each or a table of 10 for \$2,000.00. Please contact Theresa Whiffen (709)726-3660 or e-mail: twhiffen@rcsj.org to reserve you ticket.

We are seeking donations for our Live or Silent Auction, for Example: Gift Certificates, Merchandise (new items only) or Crafts, etc. Any donation will be greatly accepted.

Should you wish to make a donation please contact: Anne Marie Curran in our Business Office at 709-726-3660, ext. 227 or by e-mail acurran@rcsj.org

Your donation can be picked up and a charitable receipt will be issued.

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DESSERT AUCTION DONATION

There is an Auction Dessert Table where guests bid on a dessert of their choice. The highest bid will determine their pick of the crop! It is a fun event and an excellent contribution to our fundraising!

If you would like to donate a dessert for the Dessert Auction, please contact Janet Stead (709) 726 – 3660, ext. 230 or email: jstead@rcsj.org Thank you.

MASS OF CHRISM

Date: Tuesday, April 4, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Location: St. John the Baptist Basilica Cathedral, 200 Military Road, St. John's, NL

There will be no evening masses celebrated in the Archdiocese on this day other than the Chrism Mass. I extend my invitation to all people of the Archdiocese to celebrate together this joyous event.

+Martin W. Currie

VOCATIONS BULLETIN REFLECTION

Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 02, 2017

“Did I not assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”

Do you believe Christ may be calling you to see the glory of the Blessed Trinity through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? call:

Fr. Ken Walsh (709) 781 – 1696, Fr. Jeff Kolonel (709) 745 – 8183,
Fr. Ray Earle (709) 488 – 2525 or email: vocations@rcsj.org

VOCATION GENERAL INTERCESSION

Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 02, 2017

For all those being called to the priesthood and consecrated life, that they may deepen their faith in Christ who calls them to glorify God in a profoundly personal way through their vocations, we pray to the Lord.



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CURRENT EVENTS

1. CENTRE FOR LIFE SENIORS TAX CLINICS:

The Centre for Life will be participating in the CRA Community Volunteer Income Tax Program offering tax preparation for seniors.

For information or to make an appointment please call (709) 579 – 1500

Clinics will be held on Mondays, commencing Feb. 27th, 2017

2. ST. CLARE'S MERCY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Has openings for daytime volunteers in their Gift Shop.

If you have a few hours a week that you are willing to offer providing customer service to our patients and visitors please call Volunteer Resources at (709) 777 – 5539 for further information.

3. ST. CLARE'S MERCY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in the fall of 2017.

If you would be interested in attending their anniversary celebration, please contact Michele at (709) 777 – 5539 for more information.

4. ST. PATRICK'S MERCY HOME FOUNDATION

Join us with your family, visitors and friends for a Variety Show in support of the residents of St. Patrick's Mercy Home.

"Skits, Musicians, Resident Performances, Recitations, 50/50 Draw and Prizes"

Date: Thursday, April 20, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

Location: St. Patrick's Mercy Home Auditorium
146 Elizabeth Ave., St. John's, NL

Tickets: \$15.00

Call (709) 752 – 8745 for tickets or information



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5. THE LANTERN – EVENTS/PROGRAMS

MINDFULNESS BASED STRESS REDUCTION

Is a well-respected and researched program developed by Jon Kabat-Zinn, now offered all over the world. The Course is a powerful approach to stress management. It teaches mindfulness practices that help focus on the present moment to change the way we handle stress, pain, illness and the overall challenges of daily life.

Facilitator: Maureen Barry MSW, RSW

Mindfulness Dates:

8 Week Course: Thursdays, April 6 – May 25, 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Retreat: TBA

Course Cost: \$325.00 (includes the MBSR workbook with guided m3p meditation practices, and day retreat and lunch)

To register and/or for more information please call (709) 685 – 6027 or email: mbsr.stjohns@gmail.com

A Mindful Way through Fear and Uncertainty

Do you feel anxious, or even angry, when you listen to the news these days? Recent events south of the border and around the world have been fuelling an atmosphere of fear and uncertainty. This weekend workshop will explore how Mindfulness and meditation practice can help us navigate these turbulent waters. You will learn time-tested techniques, tools, and strategies for working with these everyday challenges.

Facilitator: Andrew Safer.

Date: Friday, April 7, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 8, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Admission: Friday night talk: \$10.00
Saturday: \$60.00 (Discounts available)

Registration Deadline: March 31, 2017

Call (709) 722 – 2716 to register or andrew@safermindfulness.com



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6. DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – BE PART OF THE CELEBRATION

This year, our Catholic Church's international solidarity organization, Development and Peace is entering its 50th year.

To celebrate this milestone, Development and Peace is holding a 50th Anniversary Dinner on **Friday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m.**

Location: Knights of Columbus Hall – 49 St. Clare Avenue, St. John's, NL

Tickets: \$20.00 each and are available by contacting:
Evelyn Lundrigan = emlundrigan@hotmail.com or (709) 368 – 4450

Speakers for the evening will be Archbishop Martin Currie, Archbishop of St. John's and Josianne Gauthier, Director of the In-Canada Program for Development and Peace.

Entertainment will be provided

COUNSELLING AND PASTORAL SERVICES

7. LIVING WELL WITH ADVANCED CANCER

Are you living with cancer? Eastern Health invites you to attend an 8-week interactive support group designed to help those living with advanced cancer to reconnect with and sustain meaning in their lives.

Co-facilitated by the Social Work Department of the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre and the Pastoral Care and Ethics Department of Eastern Health.

Date: Monday's, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., May 8 – June 26, 2017
Weeks 2, 3 and 7 will meet Tuesday afternoon

Location: Botanical Garden Field Centre, 306 Mount Scio Road, St. John's, NL

For more information or to register, please contact Paul Grimes at (709) 777 – 7611 or Bill Haynes at (709) 777 – 7990



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8. RUAH COUNSELLING CENTRE

Located at The Lantern – 35 Barnes Road, St. John's, NL

Spring Group Offerings:

- **When You See RED For Men (8 weeks)**
Facilitator: Jeff Pardy, M.A., M.Ed. CCC
Dates: April 26, 2017 – June 14, 2017
Wednesday = 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Fee: \$150.00 (price includes course materials)

- **The Parenting Teenagers Course (6 weeks)**
Facilitator: Susan Smart, M.Ed. (Couns. Psych), CCC
Dates: April 25, 2017 – May 30, 2017
Tuesday = 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Fee: \$100.00 (price includes course materials)

- **Self-Empowerment for Women (8 weeks)**
Facilitator: Deidre Keating, M.Ed. (candidate)
Dates: March 23, 2017 – May 11, 2017
Thursday = 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Fee: \$120.00

To register, visit: <http://rcsj.org/ruah-counselling-centre/group-registration>

For further details, visit <http://rcsj.org/ruah-counselling-centre> or call (709) 579 – 0168 or email: ruah@rcsj.org

Individual, couple and family counselling available also

RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

9. INNER HEALING MINISTRY

Do you feel your life is out of control? Do you want to spend an hour in praise of worship! A time for peace and a time to settle!

Call Roger at (709) 895-3499 or come to Wesley Auditorium, 101 Patrick Street, St. John's, NL, on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. to see if this is what you are looking for. Everyone is welcome!



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10. LENTEN REFLECTION

Lent - a time for prayer and reflection. We invite you to explore with us the story of the EUCHARIST and how it connects with our life story and the Unfolding Story of the Universe.

Date: Each Sunday, Beginning March 5th from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Location: Presentation Sisters Retreat House, 47 Parsonage Drive, St. John's, NL

Lent Facilitators: Gerard Whitty, Philip Lewis and Mary Dower

To register please call (709) 754 –1582

Donation Gratefully Accepted

11. CATECHETICAL SESSIONS FOR ADULTS – GROWING IN FAITH SERIES

Do you want to know more about your faith. Would you like to meet with other adults who seek to learn, explore and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ?

The Archdiocese of St. John's offers monthly sessions, usually on the third Saturday of the month.

All are welcome to the sessions, and people can avail of just one session, or a number of them, or all of them, if they wish.

Place: Basilica Museum (in the Pastoral Centre, just west of the Basilica)

To register call MaryLou Sweetapple at 726-3660, ext. 280, or

Email: mlsweetapple@rcsj.org

To cover expenses, a nominal fee of \$5 is suggested.



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12. CENTRE FOR LIFE "SAVE THE DATE" - THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH

Living in a society that has been "pornified" by a porn industry that is as ever-changing as modern technology allows, this problem has become an epidemic, a public health issue that must be addressed. Children, teens and adults all over the world desperately need to understand the science and research that is coming out daily on the harmful effects of pornography and its' link to human trafficking. This engaging address focuses on exposing these truths using only science, facts and personal testimonies. If you are a parent, or an adult seeking insights and powerful tools for dealing with pornography in today's world this presentation is for you.

Location: Cineplex Cinemas – Mt. Pearl Studio 1 – 760 Topsail Road, St. John's, NL

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (Doors open at 6:00 p.m.)

Presenter: Craig Bakker, Program Director, Fight the New Drug
www.fightthenewdrug.org

Admission: Free with donation to the Community Food Sharing Association

For information contact: centreforlife@centreforlife.ca or call (709) 579 –1500

13. 24 HOUR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

You are invited to spend an hour with JESUS. We pray to the Holy Spirit for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, in our Archdiocese, and spiritual support of existing vocations.

Date: 9:30 a.m., April 6, 2017 to April 7, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

Location: Mary Queen of the World Parish
777 Topsail Road, Mount Pearl, NL

14. WILL IT! – SPIRITUAL BOOTCAMP

A Lenten Retreat for men age 20-55. Spiritual Advisor: Fr Joe Mroz

Date: Saturday, April 8th, 10:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Location: St. Pius X Parish Hall, 16 Smithville Crescent, St. John's, NL

Registration: \$10.00

To register or for further information email ed@ejcmfinancial.com



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15. GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR LIFE

The Centre for Life invites the community to gather in a spiritual fellowship to pray for all human life, especially the most vulnerable members of our society.

Date: Friday, April 14, 9:00 a.m.

Location: St. Pius X Church, 16 Smithville Crescent, St. John's, NL

For information, please call (709) 579 – 1500

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

16. JESUIT VOLUNTEERS CANADA

Over 20 and interested in making the world, a better place. Jesuit Volunteers Canada is looking for a few good people who want to spend a year in community, in Canada, working for the greater good.

For more information see <http://jesuitvolunteers.ca> or email:
Fr Joe Mroz SJ ej_mroz@yahoo.ca

17. YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

There are many opportunities in our Archdiocese for youth to get involved with the church, learn more about their faith and meet other young people. Youth groups, youth conferences, evenings of prayer, bible studies, catechesis, social events like movies, bowling, games, and opportunities to volunteer - just to name a few!

There are currently activities for youth from grade 6-12, and this year we will be adding some events specifically for youth in grades 4-6, as well as adults who are interested in getting involved with youth ministry.

If you would like to be added to our upcoming event mailing list, or if you would like to get involved, please contact Sara at sbroderick@rcsj.org



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18. ELEVATE - STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

Join hundreds of other youth from Atlantic Canada in Halifax from **July 7 – 9, 2017** as we celebrate and learn more about our Catholic faith.

The Steubenville conferences are held across North America each year and offer young people an opportunity to meet new people and hear fantastic speakers and music while learning more about the Sacraments and our church.

For more information or to register, please contact Sara at sara_broderick@yahoo.com or visit www.steubenville.ca.

19. CHAPLAIN – MUN /COLLEGE OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC

The MUN chaplains are also CNA Chaplains!

CNA

Our office is room B113B, inside the common room.

MUN

Weekday Masses are:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 12:00 p.m. (noon) in UC 4011

Friday at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel at St. John's College with adoration until 11:45.am.

MUN NOTES:

- "Fight the New Drug", a presentation about the effects of pornography on the human brain.
Date: Thursday, April 06, 2:00 p.m.
Location: UC 3018 – (The Landing)
- "The Summit" - Adoration and Benediction
Date: Friday, April 07, 7:00 p.m.
Location: St. John's College Chapel
- Our last Sunday evening Mass at MUN for the academic year will be:
Sunday, April 09, 7:00 p.m.
- Our last weekday Mass will be:
Thursday, April 20, 12:00 p.m. (noon)
Location: UC 5022
- No Mass during the Triduum

Sincerely,
Fr. Joe Mroz, SJ, MUN/CNA Chaplain



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20. ALPHA YOUTH PROGRAM

We are very excited to be offering the Alpha program for youth in our Archdiocese!

The Alpha Youth Film Series is a 9 week program designed to engage youth in conversations about life, faith and Jesus. It invites youth to learn about, and reflect on, the basic truths of the Christian faith. This series has been used internationally and has received amazing reviews.

Beginning on February 12th, our Alpha will run on Sunday evenings from 7:00 – 8:45 pm in the Conference room of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre. We will also have a retreat at the end of March.

Each session will start with a game followed by prayer, a short video and small group discussion. Each session will end with food and further large group discussion.

There is no cost for this program and it is open to youth in grades 6-12.

For more information on Alpha itself, you can visit

[Alpha Youth Film Series | Alpha Canada](#)

Please register on our event page - [Alpha Youth Film Series](#)

For any other questions please email us at catholicyouthministrynl@gmail.com