



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jstead@rcsj.org) Thank you.

### **VOCATIONS BULLETIN REFLECTION**

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – April 09, 2017**

“Blessed are they who come in the Name of the Lord!”

Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, religious brother or sister? If you think this may be so, contact:

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

### **VOCATION GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – April 09, 2017**

For the faithful response of all men and women called to follow Christ and His passion more closely through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

### **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 February 27, 2017 to May 01, 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.



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### **3. ST. CLARE'S MERCY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY**

Will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> 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

### **5. THE LANTERN – EVENTS/PROGRAMS**

#### **WISDOM HEALING QIGONG**

"Awaken the Energy Within" for more natural energy, wellness and joy.

#### **Class Schedule:**

8 Weeks = April 18 – June 06, 2017

**Tuesdays:** 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Cost:** Suggested good-will offering

#### **Instructor:**

Sheila Leonard, PBVM, Professional Program Trainee and Practitioner

Simply come along and register at the first class.

Questions, please contact Sheila by:

Tel: (709) 727-7863

Email: [sheilaleonard@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:sheilaleonard@nf.sympatico.ca)

For more information, visit [www.thelantern.ca](http://www.thelantern.ca)



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### **T'AI CHI CHIH**

"Awaken the Energy Within" for more natural energy, wellness and joy.

#### **Class Schedule:**

##### **Beginners:**

8 Weeks = April 19 – June 7, 2017

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

##### **Beyond Beginners:**

8 Weeks = April 20 – June 8, 2017

Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$80.00 for 8 weeks or \$10.00/class or pay as you can

Please simply come along to Lantern classes and register at the first class.

Questions, please contact Sheila by:

Tel: (709) 727-7863

Email: [sheilaleonard@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:sheilaleonard@nf.sympatico.ca)

For more information, visit [www.thelantern.ca](http://www.thelantern.ca)

### **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](mailto:mbsr.stjohns@gmail.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](mailto: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 Parady, 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](mailto: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. 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](mailto:mlsweetapple@rcsj.org)

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

### **11. 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

### **12. DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICES**

**St. Francis of Assisi, Outer Cove**

Sunday, April 23rd, 3:00 p.m.

**The Basilica**

Sunday, April 23rd, 3:00 p.m.

There will be Exposition, Benediction and Procession at the Basilica service.



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### **YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS**

#### **13. 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](mailto:ej_mroz@yahoo.ca)

#### **14. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP**

Applications for the Knights of Columbus Supreme Scholarship are due on May 1, 2017.

For more information and to download application, please visit:  
<http://www.kofcni.org/scholarships>

#### **15. 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](mailto:sbroderick@rcsj.org)

#### **16. 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](mailto:sara_broderick@yahoo.com) or visit [www.steubenville.ca](http://www.steubenville.ca).





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### **17. 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:**

- 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