



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.

Tel. 709-726-3660 Fax 709-726-8021 200 Military Road, P.O. Box 1363 St. John's, NL A1C 5N5

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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.

VOCATIONS BULLETIN REFLECTION

Easter Sunday – April 16, 2017

“The Lord is risen, it is true!” Through our baptism, He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters.

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

VOCATION GENERAL INTERCESSION

Easter Sunday – April 16, 2017

That more men and women will joyfully answer the call of the Lord to proclaim His life, death and resurrection as priests, deacons and in the 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 more 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



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2. JOB OPPORTUNITY



The Presentation Sisters NL are currently accepting applications for
One Full-Time Cook.

Each employee plays an important role to provide support to the Sisters in their home.

Employee responsibilities are performed in keeping with the philosophy and belief that the Sisters and their families are the focus of all care and activities.

If you have related work experience, ability to work a flexible schedule and interest in being a member of our Team at Presentation Convent, we would like to hear from you!

Interested candidates please send your cover letter and resume to:

Jacqueline Small,
Director of Human Resources and Operations

Presentation Sisters NL
PO Box 758
St. John's, NL A1C 5L4 or

email: jsmall@nf.aibn.com

3. 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.

4. 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.



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5. 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

6. THE JEWISH COMMUNITY HAVURA'S ANNUAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

The theme for this year's observance is *Why We Remember*. It will connect what happened in the 1933-1945 period to things that have been happening today.

Date: Sunday, April 23rd at 4:00 p.m.

Location: Bruneau Centre Auditorium (IC2001),
Parking is available in Lot 1A in front of the Arts Building (Off Elizabeth Avenue)

Please join us. All are welcome.

7. LUPUS NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Information Session

Date: Saturday, April 29, 2017, 2:30 p.m.

Location: Mt. Pearl City Hall

Presenters: Mr. Phil Gushue – Occupational Therapist
Mr. Dean Penney – Social Worker

Registration kindly appreciated by calling (709) 368 – 8130

All are Welcome! Refreshments will be provide



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8. THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE – CARD GAME

Do you enjoy a game of cards? If so, please come along and bring your friends.

Date: Sunday, April 30th, 2:00 p.m.

Location: Mary Queen of the World Parish Hall, 135 Torbay Road, St. John's, NL

Tickets: \$5.00

Members of the Catholic Women's League appreciate your support as they endeavour to raise funds for the 37th Provincial Convention to be held in our parish in June.

Everyone is welcome.

9. 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

For more information, visit www.thelantern.ca



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"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

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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



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10. 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

11. 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Please join us in celebrating to the Priesthood, the Very Rev. Francis Puddister, V.G.

Date: May 26, 2017

Celebrations will begin with Mass at 5:30 p.m. at Mary Queen of Peace Church

Dinner and Dance to follow at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 56, Pleasantville

7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. = Stuffed Chicken Breast will be served at a cost \$35.00 each

Tickets can be purchased from Mary Queen of Peace Parish Office, 135 Torbay Road (709) 726 – 9924 or before each weekend Mass at Mary Queen of Peace.

Deadline to purchase tickets is May 21, 2017. Limited number of tickets available.



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COUNSELLING AND PASTORAL SERVICES

12. 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



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13. 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

RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

14. 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!

15. 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.

Tel. 709-726-3660 Fax 709-726-8021 200 Military Road, P.O. Box 1363 St. John's, NL A1C 5N5

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16. 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.

17. EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

Diploma in Theology and Ministry at Queen's College

- Do you thirst to know more about your faith?
- Are you searching for help in your prayer life?
- Do you hear a call to deepen your faith and do you have what it takes to answer?
- Do you seek a sound theological foundation for the ministry you offer in the Church?

The Diploma in Theology and Ministry is a lay formation program offered by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's and Queen's College.

For more information, talk to your parish priest or contact Anne Walsh at awalsh@rcsj.org

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

18. 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

- 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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19. 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

20. 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>

21. 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

22. 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.