



Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of St. John's

BULLETIN FOR JANUARY 07, 2018

VOCATION GENERAL INTERCESSION

The Epiphany – January 07, 2018

That our young people will learn to open the treasure of their own unique vocation through prayer and adore Christ the King by their faithfulness to His call, we pray to the Lord.

VOCATIONS BULLETIN REFLECTION

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“They offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” Is God calling you to give Him the gold of your freedom, the incense of your prayer, and the myrrh of your love through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Fr. Jeff Kolonel (709) 745 – 8183; Fr. Ray Earle (709) 488 – 2525 or email: vocations@rcsj.org

RENEWAL PLAN UPDATE

The implementation of the Archdiocesan Renewal Plan, “A Promise of New Life...Courage to Renew” has begun. We have hired a full-time Coordinator, Mr. Peter Whittle and a new Implementation Committee, with Monsignor Francis Puddister as Chair and Dr. Rick Singleton as Co-chair, in moving the challenging process forward. Discussions in the first Zone – St. John's East (St. Pius X, Mary Queen of Peace, St. Paul's and St. Francis of Assisi) are going very well. We will begin work with the Mount Pearl – Gould's – Petty Harbour and CBS zones in January. Your support of this process will ensure the renewal of pastoral life in our Archdiocese. We pray for the courage and guidance of the Holy Spirit and thank all of those involved in the planning and implementation process for their dedication. For more information and further updates go to www.rcsj.org

CURRENT EVENTS

1. IRISH SACRED HEART MESSENGER

This is a great magazine and would be a wonderful Christmas gift for your friends or your loved ones. Anyone who is interested in ordering the Irish Sacred Heart Messenger magazine can contact: (709) 685 2208 for more information.



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COUNSELLING AND PASTORAL SERVICES

2. RUAH COUNSELLING CENTRE

We provide individual, couple and family counselling.

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

Winter Group Offerings:

- ***When You See Red – For Men (8 Weeks)***
Facilitator: Jeff Pardy, BA, MA, B.Ed. (Couns. Psych)
Dates: January 16 – March 06, 2018 (8 Weeks)
Tuesday Evenings = 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Fee: \$120.00

- ***Support Group for End of Relationship, Separation & Divorce (8 Weeks)***
Facilitator: Nicole Cooper, MSW, RSW
Dates: January 17 – March 14, 2018 (8 Weeks)
Wednesday Evenings = 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Please note there will be no session on Valentine's Day, February 14th
Fee: \$120.00

- ***Self-Empowerment for Women (8 Weeks)***
Facilitator: Robyn Hamlyn, MC, CCC
Dates: January 18 – March 08, 2018 (8 Weeks)
Thursday Evenings = 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Fee: \$120.00

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

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

3. THE CENTRE FOR LIFE

The Centre offers free, confidential professional pregnancy and post-abortion counselling.

Please email counsellors@centreforlife.ca or call (709) 579 – 3818 for more information



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RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

4. ST. FRANCIS XAVIER RELIC PILGRIMAGE

A major relic of St. Francis Xavier is coming to Canada from Rome. There will be opportunities to venerate the relic at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist.

Who was St. Francis Xavier?

St. Francis Xavier was a famous Jesuit missionary to India and Japan, bringing hundreds of thousands of people to faith. It is said that he was the greatest missionary since St. Paul the Apostle. The major relic that will be venerated during the pilgrimage is his right arm, usually venerated at the Church of the Gesù in Rome. It is rare that this relic leaves its usual home, and so this is a unique opportunity to venerate and to thank God for the work of this great missionary, and for the gift of faith.

Schedule of Events:

- Friday, January 5th 12:10 p.m. = Mass, with the relic present
- All afternoon = Veneration open to the public
- 7:00 p.m. = Archdiocesan celebration of Prayer Service, Confessions and Veneration of the Relic.

Location

Basilica of St. John the Baptist, 200 Military Road, St. John's, NL

5. 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. PATRICK'S MERCY HOME

The Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy and St. Patrick's Mercy Home invite you to celebrate the Eucharistic Liturgy to commemorate this occasion.

Date: January 08th, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Location: St. Pius X Church, 15 Smithville Crescent, St. John's, NL

RSVP Lana Morgan, (709) 752 – 8732, email: lane.morgan@easternhealth.ca



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YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

6. 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

7. WORLD YOUTH DAY – PANAMA

The next World Youth Day will be held in January 2019 in Panama. This pilgrimage is for young adults, aged 18 – 35 and the theme will be “I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” (Lk 1:38).

If you would like more information on this pilgrimage, please contact Sara at sbroderick@rcsj.org

8. VIDEO GAME CONTEST

Are you between the ages of 12 – 18 years of age? Do you like playing video games? The Centre for Life is looking for your ideas to create a video game: WHAT CARING FOR HUMAN LIFE LOOKS LIKE.

First Prize: Your choice of either \$100.00 Steam or iTunes card

Second Prize: \$50.00 Steam or iTunes

Third Prize: \$25.00 Steam or iTunes card.

Top prize winner claims their name on opening screen of video game.

Contest closes January 31st, 2018 and winners will be announced on February 28th, 2018.

See contest details on line at <http://www.centreforlife.ca/lifecontest>

Any questions please email info@centreforlife.ca



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9. MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND CHAPLAINCY

"If you're going to MUN this winter, be sure to check out the Catholic Chaplaincy.

My office is at UC 3006 (we're right beside the "ASK" desk in the UC - this will make sense when you get there).

We have a Facebook page at MUN Catholic Community and my email is ej_mroz@yahoo.ca

Fr Joseph Mroz SJ, Catholic Chaplain, MUN