

Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of St. John's
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS - 3 February 2019

VOCATION GENERAL INTERCESSION

February 3, 2019 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For those called to the more excellent way of celibacy for the sake of the kingdom as priests, sisters and brothers, that they will be encouraged to follow the Lord, faithful to His choice of them, we pray to the Lord.

VOCATION BULLETIN REFLECTION

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 3, 2019 (World Day for Consecrated Life)

“Before you were born, I consecrated you.” If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, call Father Jeff Kolonel at (709)745-8183 or Father Ray Earle (709)488-2525 or Father Philip Melvin at (709)754-1195 or **email:** vocations@rcsj.org

CURRENT EVENTS

1. Basilica Nativity Window Christmas Ornament and Stained Glass Book to help raise funds toward the Restoration of the Basilica Stained Windows!

Available a Basilica Nativity Window Christmas Ornament, \$10, and Stained Glass Windows of the Basilica: An Illustrated Guide, by John FitzGerald (194 pp., \$25), to help raise funds for the restoration of the Basilica's stained glass windows. Available by pre-order from the Basilica Parish (754-2170) and after all weekend masses at the Basilica.

2. Eastern Health's Pastoral Care, Ethics & Bereavement Services Department invites people grieving the loss of a loved one to join an 8-week Bereavement Information & Support Group beginning January 24, 2019. Sessions are held Thursday afternoons from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Location: Health Sciences Centre. For more information, or to register, please contact the Pastoral Care Office at 777-6959 or Scott Parsons at 777-7611.

3. Come “Awaken the Energy Within” for more relaxation, energy, wellness and joy with Wisdom Healing Qigong and T'ai Chi Chih Joy thru Movement daytime and evening sessions Tuesday to Thursday from January 15th – March 7th at The Lantern, 35 Barnes Road. Also on Saturday, January 19th at Presentation Sisters Retreat House, 47 Parsonage Drive. New and returning students welcome! For more details please contact Sheila at 727-7863 or sheilaleonard@nf.sympatico.ca or visit www.sheilaleonard.ca Can also call The Lantern at 753-8760.

4. "The Good Auld Days"

Presented by The Concert Crowd, **Saturday March 2 at 8pm** - Tickets available at the Arts & Culture Center and Only \$25. If you remember the days of party lines, wringer washer and woodstove baked bread, then you don't want to miss this! Join us as we travel to a simpler time on this funny song-filled adventure to yesteryear.

RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

1. M A I D - Medical Assistance in Dying

This town hall - type meeting on MAiD will be facilitated by Dr. Pat O'Shea.

- What is MAiD?
- What are the medical options?
- What is the view of the Catholic Church?

2. ST. PIUS X CHURCH, SMITHVILLE CRES. TUESDAY, FEB 5, 7:00 TO 8:15 PM

Formation Sessions for Liturgical and Sacramental Preparation Ministries - All **current and new** Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, members of Baptism Preparation teams and members of Bereavement Teams in **St. Francis of Assisi, St. Paul's, Mary Queen of Peace** and **St. Pius X** Parishes are invited to attend a workshop to refresh us, build new skills, and offer and training. We ask all current and new participants in these ministries to make every effort to take part. The workshops will take place at St. Paul's Parish on the following dates:

Readers: Tuesday, February 12 at 7:00 pm

Eucharistic: Wednesday, February 27 at 7:00pm

Baptism Preparation Teams: Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 pm

Bereavement Teams: Tuesday, April 2 at 7:00pm

Hospitality Minsters: Tuesday, April 30 at 7:00pm

Tuesday, April 30 – Make up Night (If Necessary)

3. Water on this planet is presently in crises and getting more serious each day as a result of Climate Change, and corporate use and abuse of water for profit. The World Health Organization predicts that half of the world's population will be living in water-stressed areas by 2025. **Please join us at the Mercy Centre for Ecology and Justice on Wednesday, February 6th from 2:00pm – 4:00 pm** as we seek to do our part in a **pre-Lenten reflection and action session** for the care and protection of our Human Right to water, God's gift to us for the sustainability of all life.

COUNSELLING AND PASTORAL SERVICES

1. 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. Linda Holden (709) 579 – 1500 for more information.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

1. 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

2. Mass is offered daily at MUN (M-F) at 12 noon in UC3016. All are welcome!

3. Fr. John O'Brien, SJ is coming to St. John's on **February 9-10, 2019**, to offer a retreat for young adults (18-40). If you are interested in helping Fr Joe Mroz call (709)737-8589. Volunteers are not limited by the age limits - all are welcome.

4. Retreat for young adults, 18-35, Feb 8-9 (not overnight). For more info go to www.eventbrite.ca and search for Heart of the World or email: Fr Joe Mroz, ej_mroz@yahoo.ca

5. Single Catholic man interested in learning about the Jesuits? Invitation to Dinner, Feb. 7, with Fr. John O'Brien SJ, retreat-giver and vocation promoter. ej_mroz@yahoo.ca for more information

6. THE DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY (Roman Catholic Studies) is offered by the Archdiocese of St John's through Queen's College. Registrations are always being accepted, and you can apply by contacting Queen's College directly at queens@mun.ca. In this two-year program, participants are offered the opportunity to explore each of the areas of Roman Catholic Theology— foundations, Moral Theology, Scriptural Studies, Liturgy, Church History, Evangelization and Catechesis and Pastoral Studies and Ministry. For more information contact Anne Walsh at amfwalsh@gmail.com

7. Catholic ALPHA

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith and God in a friendly, open and informal environment. It is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Each evening will focus on different questions, designed to create conversation and supper will be provided at each session.

We will be gathering on **Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM**, beginning on **Tuesday, February 5th, 2019**. Our Alpha Series will be-held at the Basilica in the Conference Room. This event is for adults of all ages and there is no cost to register. For more information on Alpha or to register please contact us at catholicnl@gmail.com or visit our registration page: www.eventbrite.ca/e/catholic-alpha-registration-53234291198

8. Retreat for young adults, 18-35, Feb 8-9. For information contact Fr Joe at ej_mroz@yahoo.ca or go to eventbrite.ca and search "Heart of the World"

Men interested in learning about the Society of Jesus are invited to supper at the Jesuit Residence on **Thurs. Feb. 7** to meet Fr John O'Brien SJ, retreat-giver and promoter of vocations. Please contact Fr Joe at ej_mroz@yahoo.ca