



**Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of St. John's**  
**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS 23 December 2018**

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**The Archdiocese of St. John's cordially invites you to a farewell Mass and Reception (St. Bonaventure's College Gym) in honour of Archbishop Martin W. Currie on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 pm Basilica Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. Everyone is welcome!**

**VOCATION GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**January 6, 2019 – The Epiphany**

That all those called to share the promise of the Gospel of Christ Jesus through their vocations as priests, deacons, sisters or brothers, will do so with humble confidence in the commission of God's grace which has been given to them, we pray to the Lord.

**VOCATION BULLETIN REFLECTION**

**January 6, 2019 The Epiphany**

"Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts." Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Call Father Jeff Kolonel at (709)745-8183 or Father Ray Earle (709)781-1696 or Father Philip Melvin at (709)754-1195 or email: [vocations@rcsj.org](mailto:vocations@rcsj.org)

**CURRENT EVENTS**

**1. The Irish Messenger of the Sacred Heart** is a little magazine that's read all over the world. Please call 738-3236 for further information.

**2. 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.

**3. 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.

## **RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS**

**1. FR. GREG HOGAN** – former Pastor of St. Thomas of Villanova Parish has a book “**Nativity**” (a collection of Christmas Poetry) available for sale at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish office. Price - \$19.95. **A great Christmas Gift.**

**2. Celebrate the Week of Prayer of Christian Unity** at the St. John's and Area Council of Church's worship service **3pm Sunday January 20** at St. James United Church (330 Elizabeth Ave). Rev. Faith March-MacCuish will be speaking on our theme, "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue" (Deut. 16:20). Our offering this year will support L'Arche Avalon. May Christ bind us together in this visible act of corporate worship.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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. 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](mailto: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](mailto:amfwalsh@gmail.com)