



## **Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of St. John's Bulletin Announcements 19 January 2020**

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### VOCATION GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

#### **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 19, 2020**

That all baptized Catholics will recognize their responsibility to discover their vocation in Christ and follow Him, especially those chosen for the unique calling to the priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

### **VOCATION BULLETIN REFLECTION**

#### **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 19, 2020**

"To you who have been consecrated in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people." Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to consider priesthood or consecrated life? 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)**

## **COUNSELLING AND PASTORAL SERVICES**

### **RUAH**

#### **1. Winter 2020 Group Offerings - Ruah Counselling Centre. Please go**

**to [www.rcsj.org](http://www.rcsj.org) for more information:** *Rebuilding After the End of a Relationship, Separation & Divorce* (8 weeks beginning January 13, 2020 on Monday evenings 7-9pm) *Stress Management* (8 weeks beginning January 22, 2020 on Wednesday evenings 7-9pm) *Self-Empowerment for Women* (8 weeks beginning January 23, 2020 on Thursday evenings 7-9pm) *When You See Red for Women* (8 weeks beginning January 29, 2020 on Wednesday afternoons 12-2pm) *When You See Red for Men* (8 weeks beginning February 4, 2020 on Tuesday evenings 7-9pm)

#### **2. Ruah Counselling Centre** also provides individual, couple, and family counselling. Please contact Samantha Lake at 579-0168 for more information.

## **CENTRE FOR LIFE**

- Registration for Computers for Seniors has resumed for the winter session. To register or for information please call Centre for Life 579-1500.
- Counselling and support services are available for post-abortive women and any woman in an unexpected pregnancy. Professional confidential counselling services are available by contacting 709-579-3818, or by email [counsellors@centreforlife.ca](mailto:counsellors@centreforlife.ca)
- There is no fee for the services provided by the Centre for Life.



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### **RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS**

#### **1. World Day for Consecrated Life 2020**

Initiated in 1997, by Saint John Paul II, the World Day for Consecrated Life is celebrated annually on February 2nd the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. St. John Paul gave as the purpose of this World Day: "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly, the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ, by means of the practise of the evangelical counsels" as well as, "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervour which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord."

We are grateful to these consecrated men and women of our Archdiocese who live out their baptismal vocation by professing the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience in a religious congregation, a secular institute or through private vows. The World Day for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity for us to show our gratitude to them by praying for God's continued blessing upon them and by praying that many others will hear and respond to the call to Consecrated Life.

In celebration of this year's World Day for Consecrated Life, Archbishop Hundt invites you to join him at a special Mass on Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020 at 11:00 a.m. in St. Pius X Church (16 Smithville Crescent, St. John's, NL). All those in the Archdiocese who are in vowed Consecrated Life have been invited to this Mass. Following the Mass there will be an opportunity to socialize with them at a small reception in the parish hall.

#### **2. MUN -Weekday Mass Time Change - now 12 noon (instead of 12:15). UC 4018.**

Sincerely, Fr Joe Mroz [jmroz@mun.ca](mailto:jmroz@mun.ca)

#### **3. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place the week of 18-25 January 2020.**

The theme is: "**They showed us unusual kindness**" (Acts 28:2).

Annual Service 2020 - Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 pm. in the Salvation Army Citadel, Adams Ave. Speakers: Lieut. Col. Eddie Vincent and Archbishop Peter Hundt.

Local resources for Canada can be accessed on the website of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: In English: <https://www.weekofprayer.ca/2020-wpcu-resources>

#### **4. Finding God in the Dark**

Everyone is invited to watch the movie, **The Two Popes**, on *Sunday, January 19, 7:00 - 8:30 pm at St. Pius X Church, Smithville Cres.* This is a semi-fictionalized account of how Pope Francis became pope when Pope Benedict resigned in 2013. It is an enjoyable portrait of a friendship between two men of vastly different temperaments and experiences. Come along and bring a friend. Free admission.

#### **5. The Blessings of Aging**

This course based on Joan Chittister's best-selling book, **The Gift of Years**, explores themes of aging such as meaning, time, joy, regret, spirituality, and legacy with an invitation to explore with others the blessing and challenge of each theme. Session by session, you will be guided to embrace a vision of elderhood as a blessed time to be alive. This 5 part series begins on **Monday, January 27, 10:15 - 11: 15 am at St. Pius X Church, Smithville Cres** with Maria Kelsey, MTh.



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### **6. Spiritual Conversation: Methods of Prayer**

A prayer evening that explores spiritual conversation and different methods of prayer.  
**Thursday, January 30, 7:00 - 9:00 pm** at Queens College, Prince Philip Drive with  
Fr. Earl Smith, SJ.

## **CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **1. DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY**

#### **OFFERED BY THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. JOHN'S AT QUEEN'S COLLEGE**

Are you interested in learning more about your faith and growing in understanding of it? The Archdiocese of St. John's offers a two-year Diploma in Theology and Ministry through Queen's College. One weekend each month for two years, you will gather with a group of believers who are curious and committed to explore many areas of theology under with the help of qualified, committed, faithful facilitators. For more information, contact Anne Walsh at (709) 579-0065, ext. 227, OR [amfwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:amfwalsh@gmail.com)

### **2. DEVELOPMENT & PEACE - Solidarity Tour to the Brazilian Amazon!**

July 7-23, 2020. You will have the opportunity to: •Visit Development & Peace partners in Brazil! •Deliver Solidarity Letters signed by thousands of Canadians! •Learn more about Social Pastorals of the Brazilian Catholic Church! Application deadline: January 6, 2020. Cost \$3000.00 (We will help you fundraise!) Please contact Selina at [shunt@devp.org](mailto:shunt@devp.org)

### **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. There are two timeslots available. The first timeslot meets at Health Sciences Centre and begins January 23, 2020. Sessions are held Thursday afternoons from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. The other group option meets at St. Clare's Mercy Hospital and begins February 3, 2020. Sessions are held Monday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. For more information, or to register, please contact the Pastoral Care Office at 777-6959 or Scott Parsons at 777-7611 (Health Sciences) or Jenna King-Poirier at 777-5908 (St. Clare's).

### **4. COME "AWAKEN THE ENERGY WITHIN"** for more relaxation, energy, wellness and

joy with T'ai Chi Chih Joy thru Movement and Wisdom Healing Qigong. Daytime and evening sessions Tuesday to Thursday starting January 21<sup>st</sup> until mid-March at The Lantern, 35 Barnes Road, St. John's. New and returning participants welcome! Can be done seated or standing according to one's ability. For more details please contact Sheila at 727-7863 or [sheilaleonard@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:sheilaleonard@nf.sympatico.ca) or visit [www.sheilaleonard.ca](http://www.sheilaleonard.ca) Can also call The Lantern at 753-8760.