



Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of St. John's Bulletin Announcements 1 March 2020

VOCATION GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

First Sunday of Lent -- March 1, 2020

That prayer, penance and almsgiving will dispose more men and women to follow the Holy Spirit as He leads them to discover their vocations in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

VOCATION BULLETIN REFLECTION

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Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call. 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

ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Upcoming Marriage Preparation Course dates in **St. John's for 2020** are: **March 6 & 7, April 17 & 18; May 22 & 23; June 12 & 13.** To register for a course please complete the registration form on the Archdiocesan **website** rcsj.org. Select Chancery/Marriage Tribunal and then Marriage Preparation. Anyone requiring additional info call Theresa Whiffen at (709)726-3660 Ext 236 or email twhiffen@rcsj.org.

COUNSELLING AND PASTORAL SERVICES

1. 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
 - Centre for Life under the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program will be offering tax preparation for seniors starting on Monday March 2 - April 27th **by appointment only**. Please call 579-1500 for more information, or to book an appointment.
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RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

1. BASILICA CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST LENTEN MISSION WITH ARCHBISHOP PETER HUNDT, MARCH 1ST-MARCH 3RD

The Basilica Parish will host a **Lenten Mission led by our Archbishop Peter J. Hundt** on the evenings of Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, (March 1st, 2nd, and 3rd). Archbishop Hundt will also preside and preach at all the Parish weekend Masses on February 29th and March 1st. The theme of the Mission will be “You must come away to some lonely place...” (Mark 6:31). The Mission each day will include a talk, with Eucharistic Adoration on Sunday at 7:00PM, Sacramental Confession on Monday at 7:00PM, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Tuesday at 7:00 PM. **PARISHIONERS FROM ALL PARISHES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS MISSION.**

2. New Evangelization Summit -- April 25, 2020 -- SAVE THE DATE!

On **Saturday, April 25th**, join thousands of Catholics from around the world at the premier conference on the New Evangelization. The event will be held live in Ottawa and webcast to host sites across Canada and the USA. This year's Summit is once again featuring world-class Catholic speakers: Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., Michael Dopp, Barbara Mason, Sherry Wedell, and Brett Powell. The NES has been designed to inspire Catholics and help them live out their personal call to evangelize. St. Peter's Parish (110 Ashford Drive, Mount Pearl) is incredibly excited to be a host site for NES. This year, the Summit is FREE for all attendees! Be inspired, receive formation, and connect with other Catholics. Register now at www.newevangelization.ca Where/Location: St. Peter's Parish (110 Ashford Drive, Mount Pearl)

When: April 25, 2020 - Cost: FREE Contact: youthsaintppmaryqueen@gmail.com or call Heather- St. Peter's Parish (364-8606).

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

1. 11th Annual Memorial Service Cougar Flight 491

Thursday, March 12, 2020 - 7:00 pm... Elm Pentecostal Tabernacle Kenmount Rd. St. John's, NL. Reception to follow in the adjacent Parish Centre. For further information please contact: Chaplain Christopher Fowler, (709)699-2481; reverendchristopher@icloud.com or Chaplain Susan Hill, Chaplain to the Cougar Flight 491 Families (709)687-4044; susan@nl.rogers.com

2. PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF FRANCE- October 21-31, 2020 with Fr. Cecil Critch. Highlights - Paris, Shrine of Miraculous Medal, Parish Churches and other sites, Church of St. Joan of Arc in Rouen, Shrine of St. Theresa of Lisieux, Our Lady of Chartres, St. Bernadette at Nevers, St. Jean Vianney, La Salette, Avignon, and ending in Lourdes. If interested, please call Colleen Williams at Carson Wagonlit, Harvey's Travel Mt. Pearl, NL 747-5018.



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3. CCO (Catholic Christian Outreach) Annual Founders' Dinner is Saturday March 28

For details, and to register please go to cco.ca/stjohnsgala Please join us for CCO's annual fundraising dinner. We will hear from CCO's Founder Angele Regnier and we will also hear from students involved with CCO who have been impacted by God through their involvement. This is a highlight for many of our friends and supporters - don't miss it! This event will take place at Columbus Hall, 49 St. Clair Ave. in St. John's. Doors open at 5:00pm, dinner will be served at 6:00pm. Register at cco.ca/stjohnsgala. Email: maryclaire.hoffman@cco.ca with any questions.

4. 2020 Knights of Columbus State Essay Contest

This year's theme: *In what way is the Christian faith relevant in this 21st Century?* The first place winners will receive \$200, and two runners-ups will receive \$100 and \$50 respectively.

Eligibility – The Essay Contest is open to all Catholic students — in public or private school — in grades 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 during the current school year.

Guidelines

- Essays must reflect the assigned theme and topic, and be submitted by the published deadline.
- Essays must be the student's original work.
- Essays must be typed on 8 ½" X 11" paper, one sided, double spaced, with one-inch margins.
- Essays must be between 500 and 750 words long.
- The student's name should appear only on the cover

Deadline for receipt of entries is April 15, 2020

Entries are to be submitted to: Mr. John Thoms
by mail at: 174 Main Street
Bishop's Falls, NL A0H 1C0

or by email at: jojn.thoms@nf.sympatico.ca

5. MATTHEW 25 OUTREACH INC. will be holding their annual St. Patrick's Day afternoon tea on **March 15th 2 - 4pm** at Corpus Christi Centre tickets are \$5.00 each, each ticket will enter your name into a draw for \$500 in gift cards. If you cannot attend please consider buying a few tickets. Please Contact Margie Stead 746-6492!

5. The tree of solidarity that is Development and Peace — Caritas Canada



In 1967, the Bishops of Canada sowed a seed of solidarity, seeking to nurture a movement for social justice. This seed took root and blossomed into a strong tree. Its roots are the thousands of Canadians who support the organization by donating time and money. Its branches are partners who flourish and help build a world of justice. Their work bears fruit for millions of people in the Global South who are taking charge of their own destiny. Consult the Mini-magazine to learn more about Development and Peace's work: devp.org/lent/resources.