



# DIOCESAN E-NEWS

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*The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)*

This newsletter will replace the Sowing Seeds and FLYMO e-news letters that you have received in the past. We are now one communication coming from the Diocese to the public. This newsletter is sent out to help spread the word regarding upcoming events in the diocese and beyond as well as other items of interest. It will be sent out approximately every two weeks. Deadline for submissions will be Wednesday at noon of the week it goes out.

**If you wish to submit an event:**

- send to Donna Biggs at [donnabiggs@pembrokediocese.com](mailto:donnabiggs@pembrokediocese.com).
- submit as soon as possible.
- include the number of weeks you want it to repeat.
- use a concise bulletin style format that includes contact information and a website if possible (no posters will be sent through the Diocesan E-News).

**NOTE: If you have a poster you wish to get to all parishes** it can be sent out in the Thursday Fax. Please send to Msgr. Bridge by Wednesday at noon at [dbridgevg@pembrokediocese.com](mailto:dbridgevg@pembrokediocese.com) along with a short bulletin announcement with the details.

## FAITH FORMATION

**'Blessed' – First Reconciliation Program.** Dynamic Catholic has released its new First reconciliation program called Blessed. This new resource does more than prepare children for their First Reconciliation, it helps to bring the faith to life in an unforgettable way and inspires them to develop a personal relationship with our merciful God. The second part on First Holy Communion will be released in January 2018. This will take children on an unforgettable adventure that will have them saying they want to be Catholic forever. For more information contact Dynamic Catholic at 1-859-980-7900 or to view program [www.dynamiccatholic.com/blessed/program-view/first](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com/blessed/program-view/first).

*...everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have eternal life.*

(John 6:40)

**Journée de retraite.** *Une journée de retraite pour francophones aura lieu le 25 novembre 2017 de 10h00 à 14h00 (9h30 inscription) au Centre Culturel francophone, 303, rue James, Pembroke. Cette journée s'adresse aux personnes qui sont intéressées à une journée de spiritualité. Notre directeur de retraite est le Père Michael Smith. Le prix pour la journée est de 15\$, dîner et rafraîchissements sont inclus. Veuillez contacter le Diacre Adrien Chaput avant le 21 novembre 2017 au 613-732-7933 poste 206 ou par courriel à [dcadrienchaput@pembrokediocese.com](mailto:dcadrienchaput@pembrokediocese.com).*

## MARRIAGE, FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

**Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. – NET Canada (New Evangelization Team) Presents...THE SEARCH** – a one day youth retreat for those age 14-18 at St. Hedwig Parish, Barry's Bay. Cost is \$10 per youth – lunch provided. Come out to deepen and strengthen your faith with others your own age. All youth are welcome. Register by contacting Yvette at 613 732-7933 x 208 or [yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com](mailto:yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com) or ask your parish for a registration form. **Deadline to register is Monday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019 – January 22-29 – Panama City, Panama (Central America)** – The Diocese of Pembroke is seeking anyone, between the ages of 18 and 35 by Jan. 2019, who is interested in attending this worldwide event. Our diocese will form a group with other dioceses. Please express your interest by Dec. 1, 2017 by contacting Yvette Bourque 613 732-7933 x208 or [yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com](mailto:yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com).

**DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (age 18-35):** Join us each month as we gather for fellowship, prayer and growing in faith together with Bishop Mulhall. To be added to the e-mail contact list for future gathering times, locations and topics, please contact Yvette at [yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com](mailto:yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com) or 613 732-7933 x208.

## OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's Retreat 2018: Made for These Times: Man's prophetic vocation for the world** will be held from Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at the Graphite Bible Camp (between Maynooth and Bancroft). Cost is \$150 for the weekend (includes retreat, room and meals). To register or for more information, please call David Douthwright at 613-756-9815 or email at [daviddouthwright@hotmail.com](mailto:daviddouthwright@hotmail.com).

## PRO-LIFE

**NATIONAL PROLIFE CONFERENCE - Nov. 3-4, 2017 - Ottawa:** Life Canada and Action Life Ottawa are co-hosting the National Pro-Life Conference in Ottawa. Early bird deadline: Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Youth workshop for senior high and up on Fri., Nov. 3. Info: [www.truenorth2017.eventbrite.com](http://www.truenorth2017.eventbrite.com); [info@actionlife.org](mailto:info@actionlife.org); 613-798-4494. Limited student/religious sponsorships.

## PARISH EVENTS

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel! Preparing Children for the Birth of Jesus** – St. Columbkille Cathedral – 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Advent is a season of joyful anticipation for the birth of our Lord Jesus. Through catechesis, crafts and community, children **aged 6-10** will prepare their hearts for Advent and the coming of our Savior! Parents/guardians please register your child/children by calling Angela Watson @ 613-638-6737, or via email at [angelawatson@rccdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:angelawatson@rccdsb.edu.on.ca). Registration is free. Space is limited to 20 children so please sign up early. Children from surrounding area parishes are welcome. Registration deadline is **November, 16<sup>th</sup>**. The following themes will be explored:

- **Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> – The Advent Wreath** – parents are encouraged to stay and help their child/children make an Advent Wreath for their home
- **Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> – The Jesse Tree**
- **Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> – The Immaculate Conception & The Holy Family**
- **Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> – The Nativity**

**Exploring Our Catholic Tradition:** Students in grades 10-12 are invited to join some of the recently-ordained priests of the Diocese for discussions on the traditions of the Catholic Church. We begin with social time in the St. Columbkille Cathedral basement at 3:30 p.m., then a discussion with one or more of the new priests. We finish with the 5:15 p.m. Mass in the Cathedral. Five Sundays this Fall: November 12<sup>th</sup>-December 10<sup>th</sup>. For more info, email [stephen\\_helferty@hotmail.com](mailto:stephen_helferty@hotmail.com).

## PILGRIMAGES

**LENTEN PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL with Fr. Michael Scherrey, CC. March 15-26, 2018.** 12 days/10 nights. Price includes all costs except lunches. \$3849 per person (double occ.) Please contact Laurie Dooley (613)732-5739 e-mail [lafrcondo@outlook.com](mailto:lafrcondo@outlook.com).

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Wanted: Full Time Coordinator of Youth Ministry.** The Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall is seeking to hire a full time Coordinator of Youth Ministry. For further information, contact Kim Walsh at [kwalsh@alexandria-cornwall.ca](mailto:kwalsh@alexandria-cornwall.ca). Deadline for receipt of applications is November 13<sup>th</sup>.

## OTHER

**DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE with guest speaker, Sr. Briega McKenna. Nov. 18, 2017 – Ottawa.** All are invited to Holy Cross Parish (685 Walkley Rd.) to take part in this one-day Conference, titled "I HEAR YOU CALLING MY NAME", from 9-4 p.m. Cost is 45\$ per person (includes lunch). Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Prendergast. Free admission for Priests and Religious. Online registration: [www.jp2centre.com](http://www.jp2centre.com). Contact: Keith and Peggy Doucette [jp2centreattawa@gmail.com](mailto:jp2centreattawa@gmail.com) or 613-325-5447 (If you wish to pay by cash or cheque please choose the INVOICE option. You will receive an invoice in your email. Once the JP2 Centre receives your payment, you will receive a confirmation email and your entrance ticket).

**Palliative Volunteer Training Course.** 'Carefor Pembroke-Renfrew County' is offering a 30-hour Palliative Volunteer Training Course starting Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> and continuing on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The group will meet at 700 Mackay Street, Pembroke. The course is offered free to individuals who join Carefor Volunteer Visiting Team. If you are taking the course for personal reasons, the cost is \$60.00 to cover course material and lunch. To register or for more information please call Alice Grenon, at 613-732-3949 ext. 1115 and leave a message, or email [volunteerprogram@carefor.ca](mailto:volunteerprogram@carefor.ca).

***Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: November 10-12, 2017.*** For the past number of years, Galilee Centre has sensitively hosted weekend retreats twice yearly for healing for women and men touched by abortion. These confidential retreats are a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. The weekend is a chance to get away from daily pressures to focus on the buried emotions of the past in light of present symptoms and to begin healing through a supportive trauma sensitive process that is designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. For more information and upcoming retreat dates please see our website at [www.rachelsvineyardottawa.ca](http://www.rachelsvineyardottawa.ca) or contact Terry and Lynda directly by phone at 613-806-5522 OR by email at [rvr\\_ottawa@yahoo.ca](mailto:rvr_ottawa@yahoo.ca).