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## **Easter Message from Archbishop Brendan M. O'Brien**

One of the great gospel passages of the Easter season is found in the Gospel of St. Luke. It recounts the meeting of Jesus, the Risen Lord, with two disciples on the Road to Emmaus. As they leave Jerusalem, Cleophas and an unnamed companion share their disappointment and disillusionment. They had placed their hopes and dreams in Jesus, and now he has been crucified. However, on the road to Emmaus, they are joined by a stranger, Jesus, the Risen Lord, who helps them to see what really has happened. In the Emmaus experience, we come to understand what Pope Francis calls the 'art of accompaniment': "It is about taking the time to walk alongside one another, to listen and to teach, and, in doing so, transform."

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## ***Message from Archbishop Brendan M. O'Brien continued***

In the Forward to *The Final Document of the Synod on Young People, Faith, and Vocational Discernment*, the Synod Bishops tell us that this passage is paradigmatic for understanding the Church's mission to young people:

"Jesus walked with two disciples who have not grasped the meaning of all that had happened to him and are leaving Jerusalem and the community behind. He asks them questions and listens patiently to their version of events, and, in this way, helps them to recognize what they are experiencing. Then, with affection and power, he proclaims the word to them, leading them to interpret the events they have experienced in the light of the Scriptures. He accepts the invitation to stay with them as evening falls; he enters into their night. As they listen to him speak, their hearts burn within them, and their minds open; they then can recognize him in the breaking of bread. They themselves then choose to resume their journey at once in the opposite direction, to return to the community and to share the experience of their encounter with the Risen Lord."

The way in which the Risen Lord related to these disciples and how he interacted with them is seen as a model for our pastoral activity. The art of accompaniment first involves listening and seeking to understand what someone is experiencing, so as to be able to help the person to see a connection with the gospel message. Pope Francis expresses this in the following way:

"We need to practice the art of listening, which is more than simply hearing. Listening, in communication, is an openness of heart which makes possible that closeness without which genuine spiritual encounter cannot occur. Listening helps us to find the right gesture and word which shows that we are more than simply bystanders. Only through such respectful and compassionate listening can we enter on the paths of true growth and awaken a yearning for the Christian ideal: the desire to respond fully to God's love and to bring to fruition what he has sown in our lives." (*Evangelii Gaudium* (171))

As we celebrate the Easter season, we remember that Jesus not only walked alongside the disciples on the road to Emmaus. He walks with us, as well, guiding us through the gift of the Spirit, and revealing himself to us in his Word and in the Eucharist. May we find more and more men and women ready to accompany others as they walk their road to Emmaus.

***Christ is Risen, Christ is risen indeed.***

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## **Rite of Election and of Calling of Candidates to Lenten Renewal**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent, Archbishop O'Brien celebrated the Rite of Election with Catechumens from across our Archdiocese. God has called these people to follow Him, and they responded by entering into a lifelong relationship with Him. With the testimony of their sponsors, and in the name of God, the Archbishop pronounced them "the Elect", meaning those "chosen ones" to be baptized at the upcoming Easter Vigil. Each one of them signed the Archdiocesan Book of Elect.



Photo by Sharon Buffett

On the same day, baptized Candidates for Full Communion with the Catholic Church were called to Lenten renewal with the whole Church. We are very blessed in the Archdiocese of Kingston to have so many new brothers and sisters joining our Church community every year.

## Knights of Columbus donate \$300,000 to area churches and Providence Manor

*Story and photos taken from an article by Dominic Owens in the Kingstonist*

On Tuesday, January 15, 2019, the Knights of Columbus of the Archdiocese of Kingston distributed \$300,000 to four local organizations to support their service to the Kingston community. "The Knights of Columbus has more than 800 members in the Kingston region and a long history of supporting important projects within our community. We are extremely grateful for the outpouring of support from our generous members and the community," said Walter DaCosta of the Knights of Columbus Frontenac Council.

One of the recipients of the Knights of Columbus generosity was the University Hospitals Kingston Foundation, a charitable foundation that supports both the Kingston Health Sciences Centre and Providence Care. Providence Care will use the funds for its Providence Manor long-term care facility as it relocates from its current site to Providence Village on the Heathfield property owned by the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul. Work has already begun on the design stage of the project, which will feature public areas, recreational activities, outdoor spaces, and a worship centre. "This generous donation by the Knights of Columbus and their ongoing commitment of \$100,000 will allow us to continue to give compassionate and respectful care in a new vibrant home for residents and their families," said Brian Devlin, Chair of the Board of Directors for Providence Care.

A total of four groups received donations from the Knights at the January event:

- \* Holy Family Parish, Kingston, received \$50,000 to help with repairs and the installation of an updated furnace and heating system;
- \* St. John the Apostle Parish, Kingston, received \$50,000 to help with repairs and upgrades to the church;
- \* St. Mary's Cathedral received \$150,000 to help with structural upgrades and lighting;
- \* Providence Manor (through UHKF), received \$50,000 in addition to the \$50,000 already received from the Knights to assist in the construction of its new facility.



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### Enjoy singing? Join the Cathedral Youth Singers!

Currently, we are a group of 20 singers, between the ages of 7 and 14, from around Kingston and as far off as Gananoque! The choir sings for Mass about every six weeks during the school year, and at other liturgical events, and we give occasional concerts. Rehearsals are held on Thursdays from 4:30pm until 6:00pm at St. Mary's Parish Centre. In this first semester, the choir is singing music in a variety of languages.

If you are interested in being a chorister and would like to meet other Catholic children who share the same enthusiasm for singing, contact Jeffrey Moellman, Director of Music and Organist, St. Mary's Cathedral, [musicmoll@gmail.com](mailto:musicmoll@gmail.com), 613.985.2224.



## A new Director of Education for the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School

Greetings!

My name is David DeSantis, and I am the new Director of Education for the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board. I would like to thank our Catholic school communities for their warm welcome. I am honoured and blessed to be this Catholic learning community's Director of Education and look forward to embarking on an ambitious entry plan that will include visiting all of our schools and meeting all administrators, teachers, support staff, and students by June. In keeping with the pastoral letter of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario, entitled "Renewing the Promise", I will ensure that my "actions match my words, in guiding and animating communities, rooted in our Catholic faith, and invite staff, students, and families to encounter Jesus each day, as we accompany one another."

In the words of the Roman Philosopher, Seneca, "If one does not know to what part one is sailing, no wind is favourable." Our Catholic education system is rooted in academic excellence, supported by a very strong foundation of compassionate communities of faith and service. Under our leadership, and through the guidance of our Board of Trustees, these fulcrum points will continue to be the bedrock of our strategic pillars of Discipleship, Scholarship, and Stewardship. As your Director, and through the lens of our strategic pillars, I will focus on promoting, celebrating, and engaging all stakeholders in the gift that is Catholic education.

To this end, I extend an invitation to parishioners to signal your partnership and support of Catholic education through the direction of your school taxes. Catholic ratepayers have the unique opportunity to provide support for Catholic education, which has been a right of Catholics in Ontario for over 150 years. When you designate your tax support for Catholic schools, you are sending the government a powerful message and making your voice heard in support of Catholic education.



*New ALCDSB Director of Education, David DeSantis, with Caleb, a grade 8 student at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Marmora, during the school's Voyageur Festival. David DeSantis plans to visit every school in the Board by June.*

*Photo by Jessica Salmon*



*David DeSantis with Archbishop O'Brien at the Pastoral Centre.  
Photo by Nadia Gundert*

To access the necessary tax forms, please visit our website at [www.alcddb.on.ca](http://www.alcddb.on.ca). The forms can be found under the "Parent/Community" tab on the "Direct your School Support" page. If you are renting, you are still able, as a tenant, to direct your education levy to the English Separate School Board. To check where your taxes are currently being directed, you can either look at your latest tax form; call the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board at 613-354-2255 ext. 456; or call the Municipal Property Assessment Cooperation (MPAC) toll free at 1-866-296-6722

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to email me at [ddesantis@alcddb.on.ca](mailto:ddesantis@alcddb.on.ca), or call me at 613-354-2255 ext. 448. Thank you once again for welcoming me as your new Director of Education. I look forward to learning and growing with our Catholic communities.

## From the Liturgy Office

Mariola Gozdek

*Article submitted by Father John Hibbard, Chair of the Liturgical Commission*

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### The Easter Journey

Are you ready for 50 days of celebrating Easter? Easter is the longest of the liturgical seasons. Christmas is around 12 days (that's after Christmas Day, not before), and Lent is 40 days. Advent is the shortest season. You might think that Ordinary Time is the longest, comprising close to 34 weeks, but, technically, it is not a liturgical season – it is the ordinary time between seasons, like the weekdays between weekends. But back to Easter. Most of us have a hard time celebrating Easter beyond the actual day. (It is the same with Christmas.) We are not good at celebrating a feast for a long period of time. We like it to be over and done with, and then we get back to our ordinary routine. It is strange, though, that we have no trouble with 40 days of Lent. We can fast, do penance, and perform works of charity for a long period of time, but not celebrate. There is no doubt that Lent has captured the imagination of Catholics, but the Easter Season has not. Maybe it is because Lent comes with a program of things to do: days of abstinence (not eating meat), and days of fasting (eating less on Ash Wednesday and whatever days we add to that). It is ingrained in us that we give up something for Lent. But celebrating the Easter Season leaves us high and dry. How do we celebrate? It takes some planning. First let us divide the Easter Season into its parts.

#### Part 1: The Octave of Easter

The first part is the Octave of Easter. Easter Day extends for eight days of rejoicing. This is the highest intensity of celebrating. Perhaps our meals that week could be a little more festive, with candles and cloths decorating the table on which we eat our meals. The children might say it is a week to eat Easter candy. Our prayer at mealtime may give thanks for the Resurrection of Jesus and the new life He shares with us in Baptism. Baptism could be a theme for our sharing of pictures and stories from our own and our children's Baptisms.

#### Part 2: The Forty Days:

The second part of the Easter Season stretches to the Ascension – more or less 40 days. Alleluias continue to be in order in our prayers. Perhaps our dress for Sunday Mass could be more festive and colourful. Spring has normally sprung at this time, and all of creation is coming to new life again, just as we did in Baptism. Shades of white, the colour of Baptismal gowns, are always in order. First Communions and Confirmations are usually celebrated in the Easter Season in remembrance of the Resurrection, which is pledged to us in the Eucharist and in the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. If we denied ourselves throughout Lent, maybe a little treat is in order.

#### Part 3: Ascension to Pentecost:

The last period of the 50 Days is from the Ascension to Pentecost. The Lord has risen from the dead, and now he is at the right hand of God the Father. Christ is in the presence of the Father as our intercessor and guide. This is a reminder of our destiny and goal. Just as the penance of Lent reminded us of the Cross and sacrifices needed to attain the Kingdom of Heaven, the feasting of Easter gives us a taste of the Resurrection in heaven, and reminds us of the gift of salvation and the pledge that Christ has given us. The Holy Spirit is that guarantee of heaven. Living in the Spirit keeps us on the right track to heaven. Perhaps our prayer could focus on invoking the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives and giving thanks that we share in the Spirit of Jesus.

Other suggestions:

1. Decorate a special Easter candle (like the one in the church) and light it at prayer and meal time;
2. Decorate your home with flowers and white strips of cloths on crucifixes;
3. Read about the Resurrection appearances of Jesus;
4. Bring joy to others: visit a neighbour or parishioner who is homebound or in a health care facility.

## From the Youth Office

Nadia Gundert

We are gearing up for many Archdiocesan-wide youth initiatives, including the *Totus Tuus* Summer Camp, which is back again this July. We'd love to have your children join us! We are also looking for high school teens and adults of all ages to volunteer for one week of the camp. Volunteers help to supervise the campers and assist with camp activities. Community service hours are given to teens who require them. Also in July (12-14), we will be taking a group of Grade 8-12 students to the Steubenville Toronto youth conference. For more information, please contact me at [youth@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca](mailto:youth@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca).

The Youth Ministry Commission is exploring ways to promote in our Archdiocese Pope Francis's letter on young people and the Church. Stay tuned!

*Duc in Altum* wraps up its third year in the Archdiocese in May with its closing retreat. Please continue to pray for all the young people of our Archdiocese as they discern their vocation and grow deeper in faith. In the closing document from the 2018 Synod on youth, the Church acknowledges that young people have a healthy "restlessness" as they seek a relationship with Christ and His love. Young people want to be engaged in our communities and to offer their gifts and talents to the life of the parish: "Young Catholics are not merely on the receiving end of pastoral activity: they are living members of the one ecclesial body, baptized persons in whom the Spirit of the Lord is alive and active. They help to enrich what the Church is and not only what she does. They are her present and not only her future." (*Final Synod Document, section 54*).

As always, I am happy to visit parish communities or to meet with individual parents and parishioners to offer support to young people in our Archdiocese. Youth ministry may not necessarily mean youth programs in a parish, but simply supporting young people and integrating them into the liturgy and the life of the parish. Let's continue this conversation that has been highlighted by the Church and find ways to re-invite and re-integrate youth and their families into our parishes and archdiocese.



# Totus Tuus

## Summer Camp for Catholic Youth

Totus Tuus is a Catholic summer camp in the Archdiocese of Kingston filled with faith and fun! Campers will enjoy a week-long summer program packed with skits, songs, games, sports, crafts, and engaging faith activities.



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## The Permanent Deacon: Called to Serve

Deacon Nick Whalen

I was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Kingston on Friday, December 7, 2018. For my wife, Jocelyn, and myself, this was the culmination of a journey that began several years ago, as we approached our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of serving the local community at our pharmacy in Sharbot Lake. As this silver anniversary drew nearer, we discussed retirement and prayed for direction, asking God to what we should devote the rest of our life. These thoughts about the future were on my mind when I stopped into my local parish for a brief visit. As I prayed, I heard an inner voice deep from within, saying: "I have other work for you to do." Much later, I was surprised when my daughter, Meriel, told me about the diaconate training program she had read about in the parish bulletin and encouraged me to attend the initial information sessions.



*Bernice Hogan and Deacon Allan Hogan; Nimi Bowman and Deacon Paul Bowman, Archbishop Brendan O'Brien; Deacon Nick Whalen and Jocelyn Whalen; Deacon Peter Kelly and Christian Colby-Kelly.*

*Photo by Sharon Buffett*

Once accepted into the four-year formation process for the diaconate, we read, studied, prayed, listened, and talked about our Catholic faith through the four pillars of diaconal formation: intellectual, human, pastoral, and spiritual. The program gave us a new energy and spirit and confirmed our desire to serve Christ and his Church. We made the decision to sell our pharmacy in 2017.

Reflecting back on our journey, I realize now that the desire to serve God grew out of an unexpected occurrence before I entered diaconate formation. A woman in our community wanted to become a Roman Catholic, and I was asked to prepare her for reception into the Church and Confirmation. After her reception into the Church, she asked me to start a bible study group. I was happy to support her request and assured her that I would be learning right alongside her. From that moment, the bible became a powerful and living instrument of faith in my life. It was through this study that I learned about Saint Stephen, one the first deacons called to serve the Church. I came upon his story as we were reading the Acts of the Apostles. When I read the story of his witness to Christ and his martyrdom, I was inspired to serve Christ as he did.

Before I entered the diaconate program, Jocelyn and I served as parish volunteers. When the formation program of study required us to become involved in a volunteer function, it was a natural calling. At the present time, we are volunteers for the local Hospice Visitor Program, making visits on a weekly basis to provide relief for caregivers. I also visit a gentleman who has two serious health conditions. On my first visit, I asked him if there was something with which I could assist him. He looked at me and asked if I would wash his feet. This simple task turned out to be a powerful spiritual moment for me. The following Sunday, I was asked to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion. After communion, as I said a prayer of thanksgiving, the two events – washing feet and distributing communion -- came together for me: I had served Christ and his body. I was doing diaconal service, which is a threefold ministry: Charity, Word, and Service at the Altar.

Prior to ordination, I completed a six-month practicum in the cluster of Assumption Parish, Erinsville, St Anthony of Padua Parish, Centreville, and Annunciation Parish, Enterprise. The pastor, Father Stéphane Pouliot, and the parishioners provided me with excellent training, feedback, and encouragement. Their faith and service to Christ and the Church are edifying. Of course, I could not endeavor to do this work without the support of my wife and family. Our children, Jacob and Meriel, are very happy with my ordination to the diaconate. Jocelyn and I are grateful for the graces we have received from Our Lord. I will try to live my diaconal vocation of service and fulfill the vow I made when I assented to the words of the Archbishop, who pronounced, as he handed me the Book of the Gospels, "Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practise what you teach."

If you are interested in learning more about the life and ministry of the Permanent Diaconate in the Archdiocese of Kingston, please visit our Archdiocesan website, <http://www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca> and follow the links posted there, or contact Deacon Bill Gervais at 613-548-4461 X 116 or [deacon@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca](mailto:deacon@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca)

## From the Office of Religious Education

Mary-Jo MacKinnon-Simms

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*"Keep doing everything you learnt from me and were told by me and have heard or seen me doing.  
Then the God of peace will be with you." Philippians 4:9*

The Office of Religious Education continues to promote and support catechetical initiatives of the Archdiocese through religious education and formation programs. We are always open to new ideas and opportunities for evangelization.

On April 5<sup>th</sup>, at the National Conference on Evangelization and Catechesis, we presented our Prison Ministry Training Program, which is unique to our Archdiocese. This was an opportunity to reflect on the Principles of Prison Ministry and how Restorative Justice speaks to other ministries.

We are continuing our Pastoral Care Workshops in various parishes of the Archdiocese this Winter and Spring. These workshops are for parishes which are interested in creating pastoral teams, or those which have existing teams going into nursing homes, hospitals, or participating in home visits. The workshops cover the call to pastoral care, the skills required, and guidelines for pastoral care.

On Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, we are sponsoring a **workshop on pastoral care at St. Paul the Apostle Parish Hall in Kingston. The presenter will be Robert Mundle.** Robert is a Certified Spiritual Health Practitioner at Providence Care Hospital in Kingston, and has written a new book: *How to Be an Even Better Listener: A Practical Guide for Hospice and Palliative Care Volunteers* (London: Jessica Kingsley Publishers). This exciting speaker and informative presentation will be of interest to those working in all forms of pastoral care. Further details will be in parish bulletins and on the Archdiocesan website in the very near future.

We continue to look for ways to support more formal Lay Faith Development. Check out the online faith formation course offered at Newman Theological College at [www.newman.edu/CCS](http://www.newman.edu/CCS).

There will be a six-week prison ministry training course in October and November 2019. Stay tuned to your parish bulletin for dates and times.

As always, I welcome your ideas and insight. Please contact me anytime!

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## From the Office of Family Ministry

Sr. Lucy Kearney, SP

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*"For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God" Rm 8:19*

Each year, the Church celebrates the Triduum of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. During Lent, we, as individual families and Church family, have been on a journey in preparation for Easter. This journey or path may be expressed as a path to conversion of self, a journey of transformation, a deeper discovery and understanding of God's love for us, a reminder that we are witnesses of hope -- hope revealed to us by Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. During the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Liturgies, the newly baptized, and we who renew our baptismal promises, commit ourselves to witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. At these liturgical celebrations, it is clear that our Catholic faith communities, which consist of various cultures, backgrounds, and age groups, desire to rejoice in the Resurrection.

Throughout the Easter Season, many families will continue to witness the Resurrection hope and joy as they mark special faith celebrations. Parents, schools and parishes are preparing young children for the celebration of the sacraments of First Communion and Reconciliation. Older children have been enrolled and are preparing for Confirmation. Personally, I am constantly amazed at the knowledge of the children receiving these sacraments, knowledge they convey to their younger siblings. Children learn from their parents, but children also ignite parents' faith.

During the Easter Season, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops sponsors the National Week for Life and Family. The theme for 2019 is "Listening to the Gospel as a Family". May I suggest that, in keeping with preparation for and celebration of First Communion and Confirmation, reading the Gospel for the Sundays of the Easter Season may prove to be a blessed and prayerful experience.



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## CND's celebrate 400th Anniversary of the Birth of Saint Marguerite Bougeoys

Rev. John Hibbard

This year, the Congregation of Notre Dame is celebrating the 400th Anniversary of the birth of its foundress, Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys. This is also a significant anniversary for our country and especially for the Catholic community. Saint Marguerite established the first school in Ville-Marie, which later became the city of Montreal.

Saint Marguerite was born in France on April 17, 1620, and, at the age of 33, travelled to North America, arriving in the colony of New France on the 16th of November, 1653. She was responsible for the first church in the colony, the chapel of Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours (Our Lady of Perpetual Help). She founded the Congregation of Notre Dame, one of the first religious communities in the Catholic Church that was not 'cloistered' – that is, confined to prayer in the convent. Following the example of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the elderly Elizabeth, St. Marguerite knew her sisters had to be free to work in the colony, to visit those in need, and to teach in the schools.

This celebration is also significant for the Archdiocese of Kingston. On November 21, 1841, the first Sisters of the Congregation of Notre-Dame arrived in the city of Kingston. Their primary endeavour was educational, notably the establishment of Notre Dame High School, which later merged with Regiopolis College. The Sisters also served throughout the Archdiocese in Carleton Place, Brockville, Morrisburg, and Westport, and, for a short time, in Trenton.



*We extend our congratulations to the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame and their associates and celebrate with them, from April 17, 2019, to April 17, 2020, this special Jubilee Year, the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys.*

### **CONGRATULATIONS AND A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS AFTER THE BUSIEST WINTER COAT DRIVE EVER!!!**

The St. Mary's Cathedral-Hotel Dieu Hospital Winter Coat Drive had its busiest season ever! The Coat Drive was open weekday afternoons from November 12, 2018, until January 18, 2019, during which time,

- **964 people visited the distribution location at St. Mary's Parish Centre, where**
- **2622 items of winter clothing, including**
- **848 coats were handed out.**

**Special thanks to all our dedicated volunteers at St. Mary's Cathedral Parish** who distributed the coats while greeting each visitor with respect and dignity.

Watch for our new collection dates next Fall, when we will once again be gathering gently used coats to bring some extra warmth to people in our community during the winter months. The greatest need is for men's and women's coats, sizes XL / XXL / XXXL, as well as winter boots, socks, gloves, toques, and blankets.



Photo by Robin Cases

## Development and Peace invites us to “Share the Journey”

Sister Helen Russell, csj

In 2017, Pope Francis invited all Catholics to be actively involved in welcoming refugees and migrants to our communities, to create a ‘culture of encounter’. Around the world, 68.5 million people have been forced to migrate from their homes. This staggering number impels us to pray, to learn more about their plight, and to implore our Canadian government to do more to address the issues which force people to leave their homeland. These concerns were discussed at Joseph Parish in Kingston on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, by the 20 members of Development and Peace who attended the annual Share Lent Workshop. The following day, our new D&P animator, Tara Hurford, discussed the matter with parishioners of St. John Bosco Parish in Brockville. Two other parishes were represented at the workshop and lunch that followed the 10 a.m. Mass. Plans are in place for a **5 km. Walk in Kingston on April 6<sup>th</sup> to ‘Share the Journey’** and raise awareness of this issue. Everyone is invited to join the walkers in promoting awareness of our need to welcome those forced from their homes around the world. Further information can be found on our website, [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org), or by calling 613-766-2376.



*(left) Members of Development and Peace gathered at St. Joseph Parish, Kingston, on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. The Closing Prayer, the Parable of the Weaver, inspired this depiction of communities as the beautiful woven fabric of many threads, made up of people of diverse backgrounds with important interconnections.*

*Submitted Photo.*

## Citizens' Forum on Affordable Housing

Rev. Valerie Kelly, Coordinator,

Anglican-Roman Catholic Justice and Peace Commission

As I write, it is Lent -- again! Every year, we, as Christians, have this wonderful opportunity to plumb a little more deeply, with greater intention and attention, the choices we make with respect to our relationship with God -- and, since we do not live isolated lives, that also means our relationship with others. First and foremost, whose lives are part of ours? Whom do we think about most frequently? Who is omitted?

The richness of Lent is really located in the Resurrection, that great Easter event we joyously celebrate. The lives most often omitted from our deeper considerations are those living in poverty. We may pray for them, include their needs in our intentions, or gather together items to donate to a shelter or outreach centre. But do we know the single mother regularly using the food bank, or the women and men working for minimum wage while supporting families, or people living with untreated mental health issues -- the list is varied as to why people are struggling. Finding affordable housing makes those struggles even greater.

The Social Planning Council of Kingston & District, with its event partners, the Justice & Peace Commission and the Congregation of Notre Dame, is hosting a **Citizens' Forum: Let's Talk Housing ACTION, on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, at St. Luke's Anglican Church (Nelson St., Kingston)**. All are invited to attend and suggest Actions to improve the housing situation in Kingston. The suggested actions will be compiled and shared with the participants, the City of Kingston, and other interested Individuals and groups. For more information, visit the Justice & Peace Commission's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/justiceandpeacecommission/](https://www.facebook.com/justiceandpeacecommission/) or contact Patricia Streich at 613-389-9041 [patricia.streich@queensu.ca](mailto:patricia.streich@queensu.ca).

We are all enriched when we care for one another. Our Lenten journey concludes with the Resurrection, but our discipleship -- strengthened and transformed during Lent -- does not. The needs of Kingston's disadvantaged population are of great concern to many, and our relationship with God is integrally aligned with those needs. May the blessings of Lent inform and transform your Easter celebration!

## Monsignor Joseph Lynch: a priest like no other

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Over the years, especially during my time working at St. Mary's Cathedral, I have been truly blessed to have the privilege of working with many of our wonderful priests, Father Brian Price, Father John Hibbard, Father Dan Ryan, Father Terry Lynch, Monsignor Don Clement, and Monsignor Joseph Lynch.

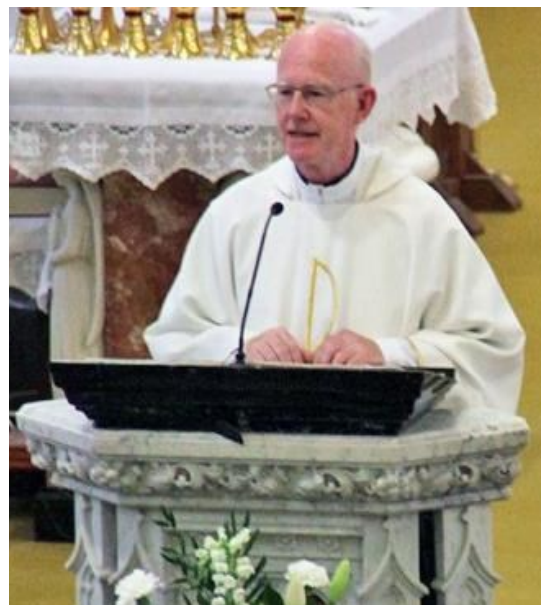
I would like to focus this article on one of those fine priests, someone whom I consider to be an unsung hero of this Archdiocese. Thirty-two years ago, a newly ordained priest started his term as the Associate Pastor of St. Mary's Cathedral. I saw in Father Joe Lynch a man dedicated to God and the service of the Church. He was such a kind man, who gave respect – and was respected by – everyone he met. He had been a teacher at Regi for several years before entering the priesthood, and, during my years at the Cathedral, I met some of his former students. They told me what a fine teacher he had been. They spoke about the positive influence he had had on their lives and that of their families. Every parishioner of St. Mary's Cathedral, where he served for 17 years, shared that admiration. In 2004, he moved up the street to St. Joseph Parish, and many of those parishioners – including my family -- moved with him. He is not only an excellent pastor (his homilies are amazing!) but a friend to his parishioners.

Since I joined the staff of the Pastoral Centre, I have worked closely with Monsignor Lynch, and my respect and admiration for him have increased with every passing year. His work ethic is second to none. He never takes holidays – not even a day off – but devotes every waking hour to the service of the Church. He cherishes the vocation of priesthood and is a model of dedication. His intelligence and abilities constantly amaze me as he uses his gifts in the service of God and the Church.

He gives of himself every single day – at the parish and at our office. He carries with him everywhere a small, well-worn book that is full of appointments, morning and night. He spends his days at the office in meetings or taking calls from clergy or lay people asking for advice, or writing homilies for the many funerals, weddings, and baptisms at which he is asked to preside. At 4:30 pm, this almost 77-year-old man walks back across the parking lot to prepare for the evening Mass at his parish. His day is not done, just his day at the Pastoral Centre.

A few months back, Archbishop O'Brien called us together to tell us that he had submitted his letter of retirement to the Vatican. He explained that the letter could be accepted within days or weeks, or that it could take several months. He told us that Monsignor Lynch had agreed to stay on for few months after a new Archbishop arrives, and that he would then take his leave from our office.

Since that day, I have tried to picture my work day without this wonderful priest whom I have seen every working day for 32 years. Who is going to stop by my office every morning and ask me how “the little one” is? (She is not so little now, but to him she still is). Who is going to brighten our days with his ready smile and hearty laugh? What will we do without Monsignor Joe's keen mind and incredible memory? My life – and this office – will not be the same without this kind and gentle man. He is a true inspiration to all of us.



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