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Christmas Message from Archbishop Brendan O'Brien



The above picture is from a stained glass window in St. Mary's Cathedral, Kingston. This image was chosen by Canada Post Corporation for one of its Christmas stamps.

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Although Christmas continues to be a very festive time for many people, its religious significance has become somewhat obscured. Just try to find a religious-themed greeting card! In much of our society, the festival that we call 'Christmas' has developed into a rather multifaceted holiday season of travel, shopping, and sports.

In many ways, it is still a season of goodwill, with family gatherings, charitable giving, and appreciated leisure time; however, as Christians, we need to remember that much of the language of our society's celebration of Christmas and New Year's is different from our Christian language and understanding of Advent, Christmas, and Christmas time. The Advent season is meant to help us to focus on the real meaning of Christmas.

During Advent, we make our own the longings of the prophets and John the Baptist for a Messiah. We are not pretending that we are awaiting the coming of Christ at Bethlehem. This has already happened. But, by uniting ourselves with the hopes and longings of the prophets and the people of the Old Testament, and by using their expressions of faith, we seek to grasp the magnitude of this event and to understand where it is meant to lead.

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Glory to God in the highest heaven

Message from Archbishop Brendan O'Brien continued

St. Bernard of Clairvaux refers to this when he reflects on the three comings of Christ. He speaks of the first coming at Bethlehem, the second coming at the end of time, and a third coming, which is in between the other two. It is not visible in the way the others are; it is in our hearts. In explaining this middle coming, St. Bernard says,

"The middle coming is like a road that leads from the first coming to the last. At the first, Christ was our redemption; at the last, he will become manifest as our life; but, in this middle way, he is our rest and consolation."

If we reflect on the Prologue to St. John's Gospel (which is one of the readings on Christmas Day) we see portrayed there the movement of the Word of God from all eternity – who is with God and is God – coming into our world, and then, through his death and resurrection – as God made man – entering into the glory of the Father, taking us up with him. As St. Leo the Great expresses it, *"God becomes human so that humanity might become divine."*

With the birth of Jesus among us, God is no longer hidden or distant, but has expressed his deep love for us, while at the same time assuring us that he understands our joys and sorrows, since his Son shares our human condition. For this reason, Christmas is not just a celebration for good times, when all is well with us. It is a celebration of hope, which speaks to our needs and assures us that God is not absent or unconcerned.

The incarnation of God's love for humanity continues today to the extent that we, the followers of Jesus, make tangible his care and concern for people. It is for this reason that our celebration of Christmas needs to include a heightened sensitivity toward the lonely, the sick, and those in financial need. This is how we signify that we have grasped the meaning of Christmas – that Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us. This is both the cause of our wonder and joy and our incentive for solidarity with one another, especially those in need.

May our celebration of Christmas help us to grasp more firmly the great gift which the Father has given us in Jesus, his Son.

Christmas Blessings to all of you.

† Brendan M. O'Brien
Archbishop of Kingston

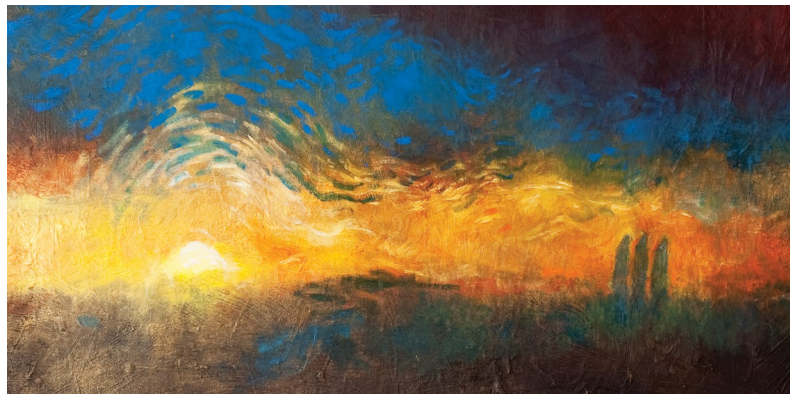


The Archbishop goes to Rome
Archbishop O'Brien meets with His Holiness, Pope Francis, during an audience at Peter's Square, Vatican City, on Wednesday, November 7th.



Our School Boards are 'Renewing the Promise'

Michael Gundert, *Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board*
Theresa Lalonde Pankow, *Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario*



Renewing the Promise **A Pastoral Letter for Catholic Education**

In May of this year, the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario (ACBO), through the Institute for Catholic Education, released *Renewing the Promise: A Pastoral Letter for Catholic Education*. This letter is a definitive statement by the Bishops about Catholic education, and it is directed specifically to its stakeholders in Ontario -- including students, parents, teachers, education workers, support staff, principals, vice principals, trustees, directors, supervisory officers, clergy, and pastoral teams.

In the letter's introduction, the Bishops state that "Catholic schools offer an extraordinary contribution to the social and environmental fabric of our society and world. In partnership

with parents, who bear the primary responsibility for the education of their children, all those who work in Catholic education are called upon to reflect, in a faithful and discerning fashion, God's presence in this world."

Michael Pautler, Executive Director of the Institute for Catholic Education, commented on the significance of the letter: "The Bishops have provided us with a very positive and affirming message with the release of *Renewing the Promise*. The letter uses the scriptural account of the Road to Emmaus as the basis for reflection on the mission and vision of Catholic education, celebrating that a true encounter with Jesus can and does take place each and every day within our Catholic schools. The bishops encourage all who share responsibility for Catholic education to continue to nurture and strengthen Catholic schools as communities that exemplify, in word and in deed, the Good News of Jesus Christ."

Through the Emmaus story, the letter includes the subthemes of 'A Community that Accompanies', 'A Community that Builds Relationships', 'A Community that Encourages Engagement and Instills Hope', and 'A Community that Forms Joyful Disciples'. Messages to the various stakeholders in Catholic Education follow these subthemes, and the letter concludes with a section entitled, 'The Breaking of the Bread'.

In November 2017, the Bishops of Ontario, all Catholic District School Boards in the province -- both English- and French-speaking -- and community partners gathered for a Catholic Education Symposium. The discussions that took place at that Symposium emphasized the importance of the home-school-parish relationship and provided the basis for the pastoral letter.

The Institute for Catholic Education has produced additional resources to support the pastoral letter, including a discussion guide, a personal reflection tool, and a PowerPoint presentation template. This year, Catholic District School Boards across the province are engaging staff with this initiative to renew the promise of Catholic Education.

Renewing the Promise is the third pastoral letter on Catholic Education written by the Bishops of Ontario, the others being *This Moment of Promise* (1989) and *Fulfilling the Promise* (1993). Approximately 75,000 copies of the letter have been distributed across the province to all employee groups in every Catholic District School Board. All parishioners are encouraged to read the *Renewing the Promise* pastoral letter, which can be accessed online at the website of the Institute for Catholic Education: www.iceont.ca/news-and-updates/renewingthepromise.

Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul: A History of Service and a Legacy for Future Generations

Veronica Stienburg, Archivist

The Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul is the only religious order founded in the Archdiocese of Kingston. Bishop E.J. Horan became the first bishop of Kingston on May 1, 1858. His great concern for the aged, the poor, and the increasing number of orphans in Kingston led him to ask the Sisters of Providence in Montreal to send a few Sisters to his city to care for the poor. In September 1861, at the behest of Bishop Bourget of Montreal, the Sisters of Providence of Montreal accepted Bishop Horan's request and agreed to send four Sisters to Kingston to establish the new congregation.

On December 13, 1861, these four Sisters of Providence arrived in Kingston by train, where they were met at the station by Bishop Horan, who escorted them to their new home, the House of Providence, located at Montreal and Ordnance Streets. By the end of their first week in Kingston, they had already made forty nursing visits to the sick in their homes, and had taken in six orphans to live with them in the House of Providence. In early 1862, the Sisters began housing the elderly in their residence and began visiting inmates in prison.

The Sisters of Providence who had come from Montreal in 1861 returned there in September 1866, leaving the new Kingston religious congregation on its own. There were then eight women in the small congregation, six professed and two in the Novitiate, ranging in age from 19 to 33, with only one over the age of 30. Bishop Horan appointed Catherine McKinley (Mother Mary Edward), as the first General Superior of the Congregation.



*House of Providence, Kingston,
(current Providence Manor Site),
ca. 1890s*



*First General Superior
Mother Mary Edward
(Catherine McKinley)*

Catherine McKinley was born in Kingston on August 14, 1837, and trained as a dressmaker in Oswego, New York, prior to entering the newly founded Sisters of Providence in Kingston. Catherine was the first candidate to seek admission, joining the Congregation on March 25, 1862. She made profession on April 4, 1864, and took the name Mary Edward. For most of her life, Catherine was involved in the governance of the Congregation. She served as General Superior, General Treasurer, First Assistant to the General Superior, and founding Local Superior of two missions. In the first forty years of the Congregation's history, Catherine was instrumental in all major building projects and in the establishment of missions. She was a very good fundraiser and oversaw numerous construction projects, including four major additions to the House of Providence in 1871, 1892, 1894, and 1898, when the stunning Mother of Sorrows Chapel was built. Under her governance, the Congregation's first hospital, the St. Vincent de Paul Hospital, was founded in Brockville in 1887, and teaching missions were founded in Perth in 1892 and Belleville in 1900. She personally founded missions in Holyoke, Massachusetts in 1873, and

Trenton, Ontario in 1902, and helped the Holyoke mission become an independent congregation in 1892. She died in Trenton on November 21, 1904, at the age of 67.

The missions founded in Catherine's lifetime and the Congregation's work in Kingston were the start of a network of foundations dedicated to education and to the care of the aged, orphans, and the sick. This network expanded from Ontario to include ministries in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Quebec, and British Columbia. In 1967, the Sisters of Providence opened foreign missions in Guatemala and Peru. Other ventures included pastoral counselling, spiritual direction, social justice advocacy, prison ministry, campus ministry, native ministry, holistic ministries, and the establishment of retreat centres and small group homes for those in need. Ministry offices were established to respond to the needs of the times, including an Heirloom Seed Sanctuary, and an Office of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation. Currently, the Congregation has a presence in Ontario, Alberta, and Peru.

Over the past 157 years, the Sisters of Providence have been involved in education, music ministry, and parish ministry in many communities in the Archdiocese of Kingston, including Batawa, Belleville, Brockville, Gananoque, Kingston, Picton, Perth, Prescott, Smiths Falls, Trenton, and Tweed. They have also owned and administered two hospitals and nurses' training schools in Smiths Falls and Brockville, as well as an orphanage, a long-term care home, a chronic care hospital, group homes, and a spirituality centre in Kingston. The parishioners of the Archdiocese have always been generous to the Sisters of Providence, especially in the early years, as the Sisters supported themselves and the orphans and elderly in their care by going on 'begging tours', from which they received donations of food, supplies, and money. As the Sisters established their teaching missions in the Archdiocese, they were always made to feel welcome and a valued part of the communities in which they served.

As the Sisters are aging and the Congregation is moving towards completion, its legacy will live on through the Providence Associates, who are living the charism, mission, and spirituality of the Congregation in their daily lives. Arrangements are being made for the work of the Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation Office to continue into the future. The work of the Heirloom Seed Sanctuary will be passed on to Ratinenhayenthos, a small group from the Tyendinaga community, and to the Kingston Area Seed System Initiative.

The most visible legacy of the Sisters of Providence will be Providence Village. The Congregation has plans to transform the current Motherhouse site at 1200 Princess Street into a village community focussed on helping the vulnerable. Currently, two of its partners, Hospice Kingston and Providence Manor, are planning to move to the site. The Congregation's history has been one of constant innovation. Even when circumstances necessitated withdrawal, the Sisters moved on to meet new challenges in response to the changing needs of the Church and society.



Above: Sisters of Providence and Providence Associates in 2014

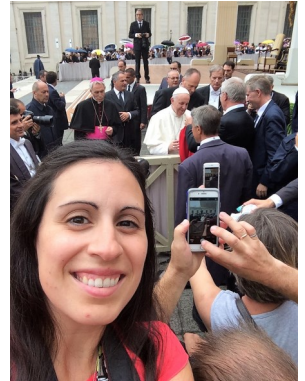


Above: Providence Motherhouse, Princess St, Kingston, ca. 1932

Dear Youth, You Are the Present

Nadia Gundert

In October, the Synod of Bishops met at the Vatican to discuss an important part of our Church: Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment. I look forward to sharing and promoting the fruits of these discussions in our Archdiocese in the coming months through social media and more. There were not only bishops present at the Synod, but also lay people and young adults from various countries, who shared their reflections and perspectives on young people and the Church. Our Archdiocese joined other dioceses around the world in inviting young people to complete an online survey last Fall. The survey responses were discussed at Synod, and the voice of young people was heard and reflected upon. At the completion of the Synod, the Synod Fathers wrote a letter to Young People, which I would like to share with you here:



"We, the Synod Fathers, now address you, young people of the world, with a word of hope, trust, and consolation. In these days, we have gathered together to hear the voice of Jesus, 'the eternally young Christ', and to recognize in Him your many voices, your shouts of exultation, your cries, and your moments of silence. We are familiar with your inner searching, the joys and hopes, the pain and anguish that make up your longings. Now we want you to hear a word from us: we wish to be sharers in your joy, so that your expectations may come to life. We are certain that, with your enthusiasm for life, you will be ready to get involved, so that your dreams may be realized and take shape in your history.

"Our weaknesses should not deter you; our frailties and sins must not be an obstacle for your trust. The Church is your mother; she does not abandon you; she is ready to accompany you on new roads, on higher paths, where the winds of the Spirit blow stronger – sweeping away the mists of indifference, superficiality, and discouragement. When the world that God so loved that he gave us his only Son, Jesus, is focused on material things, on short-term successes, on pleasures, and when the world crushes the weakest, you must help it to rise up again and to turn its gaze toward love, beauty, truth, and justice once more.

"For a month, we have walked together with some of you and with many others who have been united to us through prayer and affection. We wish to continue the journey now in every part of the earth where the Lord Jesus sends us as missionary disciples. The Church and the world urgently need your enthusiasm. Be sure to make the most fragile people, the poor, and those wounded by life your traveling companions. You are the present; be a brighter future." Vatican, Oct 28, 2019



I was blessed to be able to travel to Rome in September for a conference that discussed many of the topics being addressed at Synod. I was especially fortunate to attend a papal audience and get up close with Pope Francis. (Ask me about my hello with him sometime – it's a funny story!) At the conference, I met with Cardinal Baldisseri, Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops, and, when participants asked him to share what he hoped would come out of the Synod, he told us that he hopes the Church will "walk together" with youth; will focus on accompanying and guiding youth; will change its pastoral approach when it comes to youth; will discuss with and listen to youth; and will discover new ways of

working with youth. He said that he hopes the Synod will spark reflection and encourage the Church to meet youth where they are.

At the same time as the Synod in Rome, the Archdiocese of Kingston Youth Office, in collaboration with the ALCDSB & CDSBEO, hosted Witness Faith Days with over 1500 Grade 6 students from across the Archdiocese. It was a wonderful celebration of faith, as youth were encouraged to reflect on who have been witnesses of faith in their own lives and how they can be a witness to others. We also kicked off our third year of *Duc in Altum*, a vocational discernment experience that accompanies young adults in 'putting out into the deep' in their faith. During the conference I attended in Rome, I was able to share our experience with the *Duc in Altum* ministry, and it was very well received. Praise God! May we advocate for young people in our Archdiocese and pray for them as we find ways and strategies to include, accompany, and encourage them on their faith journey.



Above: Nadia Gundert with Cardinal Baldisseri

Witness Faith Days



Duc in Altum Group 2018-19



Belong
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Steubenville Toronto, for high school teens (currently in Gr 8-12), will take place July 12-14, 2019. The theme is *Belong*. More info at www.steubenvilletoronto.com. Our Archdiocesan Youth Office will be taking a group to the conference. If interested, please contact Nadia at youth@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca

TOTUS TUUS SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 2019
www.kingstonvocations.com/totus-tuus

From the Office of Family Ministry

Sr. Lucy Kearney, SP

*"Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company."
Collect of the Second Sunday of Advent.*

Each Advent, as we proceed on our journey towards the celebration of the Birth of Christ, our desire for an intimate relationship with God deepens. Why do we start the journey all over again? Because we well know that each of us is different than we were the previous year.

Our experiences, whether they involve joyous occasions or sorrowful events, have been different. The daily bombardment of news about violence and devastating natural disasters may have caused our perspective to change from courage to fear; from trust/belief to doubt. Perhaps, for many of us, the gift of this Advent and Christmas is remembering that, in celebrating the birth of Jesus, we cannot separate the joy of His birth from His suffering, death, and resurrection. That same Christ is present in our joys, sufferings, grief, and death – waiting to rejoice, support, heal, and lead us to peace.

*O God, in peace, may we await your coming –
at peace with ourselves, our family, and our society.*



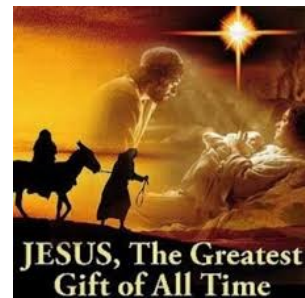
*The stained glass window above
is located at Sacred Heart of Mary
Church on Wolfe Island.*

From the Liturgy Office

Mariola Gozdek

*"For God so loved the World, that he gave His only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." Jn. 3. 16*

From time to time, we may forget how blessed we are. God loves us so much that he gave us his only Son, Jesus Christ. Christmas is a time to remind ourselves about that wonderful gift – the greatest gift of all. Jesus became one of us, *Emmanuel (God with us)*, and He continues to walk with us -- guiding our steps, forgiving our sins, and sharing our joy and our sorrow. Christmas calls us to reflect on the miracle of Christ's birth and to see in that tiny baby in the manger the faces of our brothers and sisters who may also have been told that "there is no place for them in the inn". (Lk.2:7)



The Archdiocese of Kingston is fortunate to have many parish Christian Initiation Teams (RCIA), which journey with both adults and children towards full initiation into our faith. Every year, parish teams meet to share their experiences and resources and to support one another, as they strive to better serve those whom the Lord sends their way. Initiation is an important parish ministry. Our Lord Jesus Christ commissioned us to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:19). Parish RCIA teams respond to this call in a special way. Parents and grandparents fulfill this call when they initiate their children into the faith. No one is born a disciple. Disciples inspire new disciples. We all need to remember that Christian initiation is the responsibility of all the baptized (RCIA #9). We are all called to this ministry, each one in a different way. You might be a sponsor for someone going through this process, or serve as a catechist on the parish RCIA team, or help with music to enhance some of the rites of initiation. We are encouraged to pray for those who join our faith as we welcome them into our parish community. The Ministry of Christian Initiation recognizes the longing of those around us for the greatest gift of God, and shares that gift with those who are searching for The Way, The Truth, and The Light.

This Christmas Season, the members of the Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission would like to thank all parish liturgical musicians for their leadership and dedication to music ministry. We recognize with gratitude their gift of music to all of us. This year, the Commission has hosted two music workshops, and we have been impressed with the attendance, the dedication, and the talent of our liturgical musicians. They understand their role as ministers rather than performers. They know that their music helps the faithful to engage more completely into the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ celebrated at each Mass. They choose hymns carefully, following the liturgical season and the prayers and scripture readings of each Mass. Their voices join with the congregation as they worship together in song.

At the annual Liturgical Conference last month, we were reminded that the Church is our place of worship and evangelization. The Church (with a capital 'C') is the Body of Christ -- the visible, tangible community that worships God and serves His people. As baptized Catholics, we are called to be like Christ to others. The church, as a building, serves and inspires. It is a place of peace, awe, fellowship, hope, and forgiveness. The church guides us to the One who is Almighty and Everlasting, the One who depends on all of us to fulfill His mission on this earth.

This Christmas, as we adore on bended knee the tiny baby in a manger, let us reflect on this greatest of gifts and our responsibility to share it with others.

Music Workshop at St. Paul's Church, Kingston—photos by Sharon Buffett



Memories of Christmas Past

Susan Lett, Editor

Growing up in the downtown core of Kingston, I remember so well hearing the bells of St. Mary's Cathedral echo through the houses in our neighbourhood, particularly on Sunday, as my parents rushed us out the door to Mass. Third pew from the front on the left-hand side of the Cathedral was our spot for that hour, or if Msgr. Hanley was the celebrant, forty-five minutes. I remember Msgr. Hanley's voice resonating through the building, "My Brothers and Sisters!" (or "My Sisters and Brothers!" on alternating Sundays). The Cathedral was filled with our friends and neighbours – families like ours.

Christmas Eve Mass was such a special celebration. I remember spending the Saturday leading up to it practicing with the children's choir. For many years, Maureen Corrigan directed that choir. She often had the stern 'teacher's look' on her face as she tried to keep all of us focused and in tune – that must have been a real challenge. There was such a wonderful feeling in that Cathedral on Christmas Eve – a Cathedral filled to overflowing with families. Our choir would sing the Christmas hymns at the top of our lungs, and that packed Cathedral would raise the rafters as everyone sang along with us.

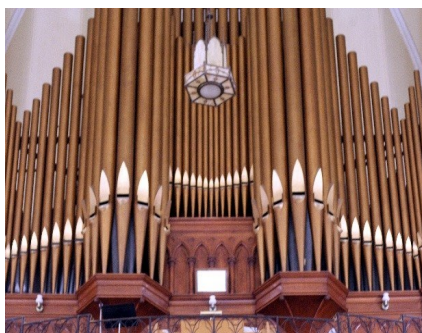
After Mass, our house was the gathering place for all the family – aunts and uncles and cousins – and even our neighbours, who stopped by for some Christmas cheer. My Dad would put on the classic Christmas albums, and, if I was lucky, I would get to help him choose. The strains of Bing Crosby dreaming of a White Christmas or Peggy Lee walking in a Winter Wonderland would fill the whole house. My cousins and I were almost delirious with excitement as we talked about Santa's visit in just a few hours and what he might bring us this year.

As the years have gone by and dear family members have left us, the numbers around our Christmas table are not what they once were. But the excitement of our children as Christmas nears is still the same. It's a different church we gather in now, and my mother's children and grandchildren fill a different pew. But the magic of Christmas is still there as the packed church celebrates together the miracle of Christ's birth. As I sit next to my mother, I can see the happiness in her eyes, and I know that she, too, is remembering Christmases past and thanking God for the blessing of having her family around her for Christmas present. When we get home, I am sure that she will be excited for her grandchildren as they go to sleep dreaming of what Santa will leave them under the tree, even if the dolls of my youth have been replaced by a Nintendo or Xbox.

I am sure that each one of you has your own cherished Christmas memories. The one constant for all of us is that we celebrate the miracle of Christmas in churches that are still filled to the brim with families raising their voices together to proclaim 'Joy to the World'. This will always be my favorite Christmas experience, and I hope that it will be my children's, too.



Invitation to join the Archdiocesan Choir 2018 - 2019



We are now recruiting for an Archdiocesan Choir to sing at Archdiocesan Liturgies, including the Patronal Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the Chrism Mass, the Rite of Election, Ordinations, and other celebrations during the year. If you sing in a parish choir and are able to read music reasonably well, please consider joining the Archdiocesan choir. All rehearsals and liturgies will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral. For further information, please contact Jeffrey Moellman, Director of Music and Organist at the Cathedral, either by telephone at 613-546-5521, ext. 7, or by email musicmoell@gmail.com, or contact Mariola Gozdek at the Liturgy Office, 613-548-4461, liturgy@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca.

Meet your new Deacons

Deacon William Gervais



On Friday, December 7, 2018, four men of the Archdiocese of Kingston were ordained as Permanent Deacons by Archbishop Brendan O'Brien at St. Mary's Cathedral. Their reception of Holy Orders marks the end of four years of pastoral and theological studies, prayer, and service activities. Each of these men will be assigned a pastoral appointment that will complement his Ministry of Charity, which is the central aspect of the deacon's life and ministry.



Deacon Paul Bowman is a resident of Kingston. He and his wife, Nimi, recently celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary. Paul works at Queen's University, where he is a manager in the Business School's career centre. Paul and Nimi are active volunteers at Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel in Providence Manor, where Nimi's mother, Merle, is a resident.



Deacon Allan Hogan is a resident of Brockville. He and his wife, Bernice, have been married for 35 years and have two sons. Allan works in the social service sector. Bernice and Allan have been involved in Church ministries/committees such as music, liturgy, screening, and marriage preparation. They attend St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Prescott.



Deacon Peter Kelly is a resident of Perth. He and his wife, Christian, are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary this year. Since their move to Perth five years ago from Montreal, Peter and Christian have been active in their home parish, St. John the Baptist, assisting with various ministries. Peter is a retired school teacher, pastoral animator, and school trustee who promoted Catholic education in Quebec, and Christian is a recently retired second language teaching specialist. Peter, Christian, and their 16-year-old son, Séamus, provide music for various churches in the Perth area.



Deacon Nicholas Whalen is a resident of Sharbot Lake. Nick and his wife, Jocelyn, who have been married for 28 years, own a small pharmacy in the Village of Sharbot Lake. Their two children, Jacob and Meriel, are in post-secondary studies. Nick and Jocelyn are active members of St. James the Major Parish and serve as volunteer Hospice visitors in the community.

If you are interested in finding out more about the ministry of the deacon, please contact Deacon Bill Gervais, Director of Deacons, either by telephone, at 613-548-4461, ext.116, or by email, at deacon@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca.

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From the Office of Religious Education

Mary-Jo MacKinnon-Simms

The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out.

Proverbs 18:15

The Office of Religious Education is engaged in continuing the mission of Jesus through evangelization, catechesis, and the promotion of a lifelong commitment to religious education. As always, we welcome your ideas and reflections.

The Fall of 2018 has been a busy time for us. On Saturday, October 13th, Sister Nuala Kenny spoke to a packed hall at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish on her new book, *Rediscovering the Art of Dying: How Jesus' Experience and Our Stories Reveal a New Vision of Compassionate Care*. Dr. Kenny's presentation on palliative care and end-of-life issues was very well received by all in attendance. A special thank you to Father John Brennan and to Marianne Murphy and her team at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall for their hard work in hosting this important event.



photos by Sharon Buffett

Our Lay Faith Development Days have been very successful. We have just completed a three-session course by Father Ed Debono on Franciscan Spirituality. There will be more topics and events in the New Year as we continue to look for ways to support and enhance Lay Faith Development. Watch your bulletin for dates and times.

We are also continuing with our pastoral care workshops in parishes and are exploring the possibility of having a day-long workshop on self care for those involved in ministry. Check out the online faith formation course offered by Newman Theological College at www.newman.edu/CCS.

As we look ahead to Spring events, the National Conference on Evangelization and Catechesis will be held in Ottawa from April 4 – 6, 2019. The theme will be 'He Thirsts for You'. As part of the conference, I will be presenting a workshop on 'The Principles of Prison Ministry: How Restorative Justice Speaks to Other Ministries'. Please see our website for more information on this conference. To register, visit www.eventbrite.ca.

As always, I welcome your ideas and insights. Please contact me any time!

Catholic Women's League of St. Joseph Parish (Kingston) honours Mary Clancy

Alice Gazeley, Community Life Co-Chair

"Today, as never before, the Church needs an enlightened and dedicated laity." (Ceremonies Booklet, CWL)



Above: Frances Lovie, Mary Clancy, Alice Gazeley, and Msgr. Joseph Lynch

On June 11, 2018, our whole CWL Council celebrated as Mary Clancy was awarded the prestigious Maple Leaf Service Pin. This pin is awarded to members who have served the League in an exceptional or meritorious manner. Mary is one such person. She clearly understands her baptismal commitment and lives this commitment through her service to her family, to the League, and to her faith and civic communities. Aware that she must always seek opportunities to deepen her faith, several years ago, Mary became an Associate of the Congregation of Notre Dame, whose 'way of life' dovetails so beautifully with the Catholic Women's League. Drawing upon her deep faith and rooted in Gospel values, Mary's choices reflect the spirit of the Catholic Women's League by embracing responsibilities with ease and a sense of fun.

With Mary, family is always a priority; however, she seems to be able to bank time and energy to serve others. Comfortable

with leading or following, Mary has assumed roles of leadership in the League as Chair of a Standing Committee, as Secretary, as President Elect, as President, as Past President, and as an Executive member when Kingston hosted a Diocesan Convention. Now that her official duties are completed, she mentors those who are taking on new responsibilities, and she is also the first to offer to take on all those 'mundane' duties that require attention.

Our Pastor, Msgr. Lynch, in his testimony supporting Mary's nomination for this award, spoke of how generously Mary offered her skills and talents to enhance the lives of the parishioners at St. Joseph's. Our faith and civic communities also receive the benefit of Mary's generosity. To cite a small example, she coordinates spiritual services at one of the senior residences in the parish community; she helps with sacramental celebrations in the parish; she has served on Parish Council; she helps organize parish celebrations; and she organizes our annual Christmas basket program for those on limited incomes – coordinating the collection of food; the filling of baskets with fresh food for Christmas and for approximately a week after, and with toys for children; and the distribution of the baskets. She is assisted in this monumental task by parishioners who also volunteer their time. Mary was also recently recognized for fifty (50) years of faithful service as an area coordinator for the Cancer Society. Politically astute, she seeks opportunities to reach an even wider circle of people by serving on various Boards in the community whose purpose is the betterment of society. Recently, she saw an opportunity to support the great work being done by Habitat for Humanity, and she immediately offered her help.

Mary's record of service attests to why her League Sisters had no reservations in awarding her this special honour.

Note of Appreciation from Mary Clancy

I am so humbled to receive the beautiful Maple Leaf Service Pin. I wear it proudly. I deeply appreciate this acknowledgement of my dear friends in the League and of the many others involved in my life. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart!

Blessings, Mary.



Catholic Women's League News

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Jan Sosiak receives Social Justice Award

The Ontario Provincial Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada presents, each year at Convention, the Social Justice Award. The winner of this honour is an active CWL member in the province of Ontario who has given extraordinary service in social justice issues and has demonstrated leadership and generosity of spirit. This year's recipient is Jan Sosiak from the Archdiocese of Kingston. At the diocesan level, Jan is Development and Peace Co-chair and has served on the Justice and Peace Committee, supporting Amnesty International and Grannies for Africa. In her parish of St Joseph in Belleville, she is a member of the CWL executive and serves on the parish refugee committee. She volunteers weekly with the Salvation Army lunch program. Congratulations, Jan, and thank you!

Warmth and Comfort

The Catholic Women's League in Ontario is continuing its 'Homelessness' theme with a program called 'Warmth and Comfort'. Councils are asked to collect socks, jars of peanut butter, and boxes of crackers to donate to homeless shelters in their local communities. At our Presidents' meeting in October, we got off to a great start by presenting items to our guest speaker from the Kingston Street Mission.



Report on the Justice and Peace Commission

Bronek Korczynski

This past fall, the Chairmanship of the Justice and Peace Commission passed from Bridget Doherty to the Rev. Valerie Kelly. The Commission expresses its gratitude to both of these talented leaders – to Bridget, for her creative and committed service over the past two years, and to Valerie, for so willingly assuming this role. Their good work has ensured that the Commission will continue its mandate of working with parishes to give life to the Church's social teachings.

To that end, and as a follow-up to last spring's parish needs survey, the Commission offered a November workshop featuring speaker and author Joe Gunn. His stories of social justice struggles across Canada meshed well with those of local panelists, who shared their own experiences of addressing the issues of human trafficking, refugee settlement, and social housing. It is our hope that their dedicated service will be a model for parishes as they take on these and other justice issues, whether they are local, national, or international.

The second annual World Day of the Poor, inaugurated by Pope Francis last year, has also drawn our attention to the needs of the marginalized. While this day was undoubtedly recognized liturgically through our collective prayers, we hope that parishes will continue to take on social justice activities that will lead to real differences in our communities.

Development and Peace launched its 2018 Education Campaign with a workshop in October. *Share the Journey* focusses on the issue of forced migration around the world: its causes and consequences and our responsibilities. Resources can be ordered from D&P or downloaded from its website at www.devp.org.

Over the coming year, the Commission plans to focus on the issue of affordable housing. Our recent municipal elections clearly indicated that this is a serious issue in our communities. We hope that you will join us as we continue to strive for justice.

Please contact us by e-mail: justiceandpeacearc@gmail.com, or visit us on the Justice and Peace page of the Archdiocese of Kingston website: www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca.

The Justice and Peace Commission is a joint initiative of the Archdiocese of Kingston and the Anglican Diocese of Ontario.

Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	New Year's Eve	New Year's Day
St. Mary's Cathedral	5:00 pm, 7:30 pm, Midnight	10:00 am	5:00 pm	10:00 am
St. John the Apostle Parish	4:30 pm, 8:00 pm	9:30 am	4:30 pm	8:30 am, 10:30 am
St. Joseph Parish	5:15 pm, 8:00 pm	9:00 am, 11:00 am	5:15 pm	9:00 am, 11:00 am
St. François-d'Assise (French)	5:00 pm, 10:00 pm	10:30 am	5:00 pm	
Holy Family Parish	5:15 pm, 8:00 pm	10:00 am	7:00 pm	10:00 am
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish	5:15 pm	10:30 am	5:15 pm	10:30 am
Our Lady of Fatima Parish (Portuguese)	11:00 pm	10:00 am	5:30 pm	
St. Paul the Apostle Parish	4:30 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00	10:00 am	5:00 pm	10:00 am
Amherstview—Blessed Sacrament	5:00 pm, 9:00 pm	10:00 am	5:15 pm	10:00 am
Ardoch – St. Kilian	5:00 pm		5:00 pm	11:00 am
Athens—St. Denis the Areopagite	5:00 pm		5:00 pm	
Batawa—Sacred Heart of Jesus		10:00 am		
Bath—St. Linus	7:00 pm			
Bedford— Sacred Heart of Jesus	4:30 pm	10:00 am	4:30 pm	
Belleville—St. Michael the Archangel	5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, Midnight	11:00 am	5:00 pm	10:00 am, Noon
Belleville—Holy Rosary Parish	5:30 pm, 8:30 pm	10:00 am	4:30 pm	10:00 am
Belleville—St. Joseph Parish	4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 8:00 pm	10:30 am	5:00 pm	10:30 am
Brewers Mills—St. Barnaby	7:30 pm	9:00 am		9:00 am
Brockville—St. Francis Xavier Parish	5:15 pm , Midnight	10:00 am	5:15 pm	9:00 am, 11:00 am
Brockville—St. John Bosco Parish	5:00 pm, 7:30 pm	10:00 am	5:15 pm	10:00 am
Cardinal—Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish	7:00 pm	9:00 am		
Carleton Place—St. Mary Parish	4:30 (Children's Liturgy) 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, Midnight	10:00 am	5:00 pm	10:00 am
Centreville—St. Anthony of Padua	6:30 pm		5:00 pm	
Chesterville—St. Mary Parish	5:00 pm, 9:00 pm	10:30 am	5:00 pm	10:30 am
Deseronto—St. Vincent de Paul	5:30 pm		5:00 pm	
Elgin—St. Columbanus Parish	7:30 pm	10:45 am	7:30 pm	10:45 am
Enterprise—Annunciation Parish	8:30 pm		8:30 pm	
Erinsville—Assumption Parish	4:30 pm	10:30 am		10:30 am
Flinton—St. John the Evangelist	7:30 pm	9:00 am	7:30 pm	9:00 am
Frankford—St. Francis Assisi Parish	10:00 pm		5:00 pm	

	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	New Year's Eve	New Year's Day
Gananoque—St. John the Evangelist	5:00 pm, 10:00 pm	10:00 am	5:00 pm	10:00 am
Howe Island—St. Philomena	7:30 pm		7:30 pm	
Iroquois—St. Cecilia	7:30 pm			9:00 am
Kemptville—Holy Cross Parish	5:00 pm, 7:30 pm , Midnight	10:00 am	5:00 pm	10:00 am
Kingston Mills—Holy Name of Jesus	5:00 pm (<i>Polish and English</i>), Midnight	10:00 am	5:00 pm	10:00 am
Lanark—Sacred Heart of Jesus	7:30 pm	9:00 am	5:00 pm	9:00 am
Lansdowne—St. Patrick Parish	4:30 pm		5:00 pm	
Lombardy—Blessed Sacrament	7:00 pm			9:00 am
Madoc—Sacred Heart of Mary	7:00 pm	9:00 am		9:00 am
Marmora—Sacred Heart of Jesus	5:00 pm, 9:00 pm	10:30 am	5:00 pm	10:30 am
Marysville—Holy Name of Mary	7:00 pm	10:00 am		8:45 am
Merrickville—St. Ann Parish	7:00 pm	11:00 am	5:15 pm	11:00 am
Morrisburg—St. Mary Parish	5:00 pm, 10:00 pm	10:00 am	7:30 pm	11:00 am
Napanee—St. Patrick Parish	5:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:00 pm	10:00 am	5:00 pm	10:00 am
North Augusta—St. Theresa	5:30 pm			7:30 am
Odessa—St. Mary	7:00 pm		4:30 pm	10:00 am
Perth—St. John the Baptist Parish	5:00 pm, 7:30 pm	10:00 am	5:00 pm	10:00 am
Picton—St. Gregory the Great	5:00 pm, 8:00 pm	10:00 am	5:00 pm	10:00 am
Prescott—St. Mark the Evangelist	4:30 pm, Midnight	11:00 am	4:30 pm	11:00 am
Railton—St. Patrick Parish	5:00 pm	10:00 am		10:00 am
Read—St. Charles Borromeo	5:30 pm			10:30 am
Rockport—St. Brendan	7:00 pm			11:00 am
Sharbot Lake—St. James Major	7:00 pm		7:30 pm	10:00 am
Smiths Falls—St. Francis de Sales	5:00 pm, 10:00 pm	10:00 am	5:00 pm	10:30 am
South Mountain—St. Daniel	7:00 pm	8:30 am		8:30 am
Spencerville—St. Laurence O'Toole	4:00 pm	9:00 am		9:00 am
Stanleyville—St. Bridget	5:00 pm			9:00 am
Stirling—St. James Minor	5:00 pm			9:15 am
Stoco—St. Edmund Parish	7:30 pm		5:00 pm	
Toledo—St. Philip Neri Parish	7:00 pm	10:00 am		10:00 am
Trenton—St. Peter-in-Chains	5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm	10:00 am	5:00 pm	10:00 am
Tweed—St. Carthagh Parish	5:00 pm	10:00 am		10:00 am
Westport—St. Edward the Confessor	5:30 pm	9:00 am	5:30 pm	9:00 am
Wolfe Island—Sacred Heart of Mary	7:30 pm, Midnight			

Please check parish bulletins

Visit our Library Today!

One of our projects at the Pastoral Centre is to rejuvenate our library. Our staff have been working together to replace some of our outdated resources and acquire new books and media that are both useful and interesting for our parishioners.



One of those staff members is Gorett DaSilva. Gorett has been the librarian at the Pastoral Centre for over 23 years. She has a thorough knowledge of the resources available in our library: books, dvd's, magazines, and even older VHS tapes for those who have held on to their VCR's!!

Are you a student doing a school project on a saint? We might have just what you need to help get an A on your report! Or are you a teacher who needs some sacramental preparation resources for your class? We can help! Contact Gorett at 613-548-4461, or send her an email at ore@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca, or stop by the Pastoral Centre, located at 390 Palace Road in Kingston. Visit our website, www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca, for a listing of our resources.



Upcoming Events in 2019—Mark your Calendar

LITURGY

11 March	The Rite of Election
30 March	Archdiocesan Choir Practice
TBA	Annual Workshop for Parish Musicians
16 April	Mass of Chrism
29 August	Annual Gathering of Parish RCIA Teams
28 September	Workshop on Sunday Liturgy of the Word with Children
15-16 November	Annual Archdiocesan Liturgy Conference

PARISH SCREENING

27 April	Meeting of Parish Screening Coordinators
TBA	Training sessions for New Parish Screening Team Members

YOUTH MINISTRY

Totus Tuus Summer Camp:

7-12 July	Kingston Camp Week
14-19 July	Kingston Camp Week 2
21-26 July	Perth Camp Week
28 July—2 Aug	Belleville Camp Week

12-14 September
October—TBA

**Steubenville Toronto
Witness Faith Days**

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

TBA	Pastoral Care Day for Volunteers
TBA	Adult Education Series
TBA	Lay Faith Development Days

OTHER EVENTS

11 August	Knights of Columbus Seminarian Celebration (Mass and Dinner)
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Keep checking our website, www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca for further details and registration for the events listed above and more. Some dates are subject to change.