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## **The Archbishop celebrates 50 years of priesthood**



*Photo by Katherine Quinlan*

On Thursday, May 31, 2018, the priests of the Archdiocese of Kingston came together at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Kingston to celebrate with Archbishop Brendan O'Brien his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priestly Ordination. The above picture was taken after the Mass, which was followed by a dinner in the parish hall. The festivities continued later in June, when people from across the Archdiocese gathered at St. Mary's Cathedral to celebrate the Archbishop's Golden Jubilee with Mass and a garden party. Archbishop O'Brien was ordained to the priesthood on June 1, 1968, at St. George Parish in Ottawa. After ordination, he served in parishes of the Archdiocese of Ottawa until his appointment as Auxiliary Bishop of Ottawa in 1987. In 1993, he became Bishop of Pembroke; in 2000, he was appointed Archbishop of St. John's; and, in 2007, he became Archbishop of Kingston. *More pictures on back cover.*

## Message from Archbishop Brendan O'Brien

*"Zeal for your house will consume me" (Psalm 69)*

On Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup>, I celebrated Mass at St. Frances of Rome church at Wellington in Prince Edward County to mark the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Catholic presence in the Bay of Quinte region. In June of 1668, the chief and a few members of the Cayuga tribe, which had settled on the Bay of Quinte, travelled to Montreal to request that missionaries be sent there. With the permission of Bishop Laval and the Governor of Quebec, two young priests, Abbé Claude Trouvé and Abbé François de Fenelon, from the Society of the Priests of St. Sulpice, set off from Lachine by boat on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, accompanied by two Iroquois from the village at Quinte, and reached their destination 26 days later. For next 12 years, the Sulpicians made many sacrifices to support this mission. A plaque erected in Consecon, Prince Edward County states that *"the mission was abandoned in 1680 as a result of the moving of the Cayugas, heavy maintenance costs, and the growth of Fort Frontenac as a major post."*

When I read accounts like this, I am always struck by the great zeal for the Kingdom of God that motivated these missionaries to make great sacrifices to carry out their mission. In our day, we speak of a 'new evangelization', calling us to reach out, not to far off lands, like the Sulpicians who came from France to the Bay of Quinte, but rather to those around us, who have certainly heard of Christ, but have either drifted away from the practice of the faith or have only a notional idea of what the Christian faith is all about. Pope Francis tells us that each Christian is called to be a 'missionary disciple', but how do we equip ourselves for this task? How do we acquire the zeal of the missionaries to sustain us as 'missionary disciples'?

It is important to note that zeal is not simply enthusiasm. Enthusiasm involves an eagerness or an excitement that generally contains a large emotional component. As one author puts it, *"It usually comes and goes in spurts. Zeal on the other hand consists in a determined dedication to something or someone."* Zeal should help us live through thick or thin long after enthusiasm has dissipated. Zeal involves a dedication to God founded on a fundamental decision. St. Paul is a notable example of a zealous person. Paul had a zealous commitment to the law and the 'traditions of his Fathers', so much so that he zealously persecuted Christians. However, his experience on the road to Damascus channeled that zeal in a new direction to accept all sorts of difficulties and defeats during his life as the Apostle to the Gentiles.

When we look back to the missionary efforts of the past, such as the Sulpician presence among the native people of the Bay of Quinte, we come to realize that the Holy Father's challenge that we become a missionary church requires us first to be disciples, so that we are not only enthusiastic from time to time about our faith, but have a commitment that will sustain us. The way we do this is by being more and more evangelized ourselves, so that we may accept the person of Jesus in our lives and be introduced progressively to what the Church believes – its liturgical life, its moral demands, and its life of prayer. Then, being nourished and made more mature by our belonging to a community of faith, we may take our zeal for the Gospel to those around us.



### **Seminar Mass in Prescott**

Archbishop O'Brien and priests with seminarians (l-r) Evann Yakabuski, Hilton Chiu, and Michel Quenneville, following the annual Seminar Mass at St. Mark Parish in Prescott.

Photo by Conan de Vries.



## The Religious Hospitallers of Saint Joseph Free to Love and Serve

by Sister Marilyn Larocque, RHSJ

The Congregation of the Religious Hospitallers of Saint Joseph was founded in 1636 in La Flèche, France, by the Venerable Jérôme le Royer de la Dauversière and the Venerable Marie de la Ferre. Venerable Jérôme, a married layman with five children, responded in faith to a call from God:

- to establish the Congregation of the Religious Hospitallers of Saint Joseph to care for the sick and poor;
- to build a hospital in France; and,
- to colonize and evangelize Ville Marie, which is now Montreal.

Venerable Jeanne Mance, a lay woman, who was co-founder of Montreal, the first nurse in Canada, and Administrator of Hotel Dieu Hospital, Montreal, also played a vital leadership role. All three of these individuals shared the same vision, spirit, and dedication.

The first three Sisters travelled from France to Ville Marie in 1659. In 1845, the RHSJ Congregation in Montreal established its first mission, which was the Hotel Dieu Hospital in Kingston, Ontario. Among many notable accomplishments of the RHSJ community in Kingston was the establishment of the Partners in Mission Food Bank in 1984. Partners in Mission continues its good work today, and its annual community-wide food blitz is sponsored by the Kingston Health Sciences Centre, Hotel Dieu site.

Over the years, the RHSJ Congregation established missions in France, Quebec, Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Vermont, Illinois, Maine, Wisconsin, Montana, Peru, the Dominican Republic, Africa, and Mexico. I have chosen to focus this article on one of our missionaries in the Dominican Republic, Sister Marie-Joseph Mazerolle (Sister Mary Jo), who has served for 45 years in our mission in San Jose de Ocoa, which was founded in 1964. She taught sewing and other skills at the Padre Arturo Centre from 1965-1972



Pictured above is Sister Mary Joseph Mazerolle, RHSJ, with a few of the children's hats she has made to help families in need.

before being named the administrator, a position she held from 1975 until 2007. Sister Mary Jo has received many honours for her good work: she was proclaimed a Daughter of San Jose de Ocoa by the City Council in 1971; she was awarded the Medal of Merit by the President on International Women's Day in 2003; she was named Woman of the Year in 2005 by the Senate of the Dominican Republic; and, in 2010, she was recognized by the Asociacion Dominicana de Rehabilitacion for 45 years of service in the Dominican Republic.

Sister Mary Jo returned to Saint Joseph Regional House in Amherstview in September of 2007, and now resides at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Providence. Her ministry to the poor has continued here in Kingston. She makes children's hats and baby clothing to give to poor families, and to raise money at fundraising events. Her heart has also remained attentive to the needs of the people of the Dominican Republic. She initiated the project, 'Pennies for Pesos', the proceeds of which have been sent to those in need in the Dominican Republic.

I was privileged to spend a month in each of two summers at our mission in San Jose de Ocoa, where I witnessed personally Sister Mary Jo's ministry of love. She has truly bloomed wherever she was planted in Mission, and has been an inspiration to me and to all those around her. In 2019, she will celebrate her 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee.

*Thank you to Rodney Carter – Archivist for the RHSJ St. Joseph Region – for archival information.*



## A Reflection on the Life of Father Gerald Edward Byrne

by Father Leo Byrne (brother of Father Gerald)



***“In the eyes of the young we see fire, but in the eyes of the old we see light”. (Victor Hugo)***

### Part 1: The years of fire

In his childhood, adolescence, and early years of priestly ministry, there was not just fire in Gerry's eyes, but 'fire in his belly'. Gerald was six years my senior, and I write from the perspective of one who shared much of his life: early childhood; teen years; the years of seminary study (we were at St. Augustine's for three of the same years); and our years of priesthood in the Archdiocese of Kingston. One of the highlights of our ministry came in 2010 when we celebrated 100 combined years of priesthood; 2018 marked 60 years of priesthood for Gerry and 56 years for me.

It would be a mistake to see Gerry's preparation for priestly ministry flowing exclusively, or even most significantly, from his seminary training. Rather, the best preparation came from his early home life and participation in the parish community of St. Charles Borromeo in Read. Our family's close relationship with our neighbours – who were faithfully dedicated to their Anglican, United, and Presbyterian church communities – served him well as we entered into the great ecumenical initiatives of the 1960s, which were his early years of priestly ministry. The 'fire' was channeled into hard work on the farm in northern Tyendinega Township. There were long hours of study in Belleville at St. Michael's and Belleville Collegiate. Like the rest of the family, he travelled 80 miles a day (that's miles not kilometres) on a school bus to finish high school. Our mother was a teacher, and education was always a priority.

In the summer of 1951, Gerald shared with his family that he intended to study for the priesthood. The next seven years leading to his ordination on May 4, 1958, demanded abundant 'fire in the eyes' and 'fire in the belly', not only during the school year but during the summer 'holidays', which included heavy manual labour at a canning factory, on the farm, and on a General Motors assembly line in Oshawa. These were the 'real' life experiences that sustained his priestly vocation for over 60 years.

Meeting people at the visitation, I was reminded of the fire in his eyes and soul that formed his ministry as chaplain of Hotel Dieu Hospital for the first nine years of ministry.

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### Part II: The years of light

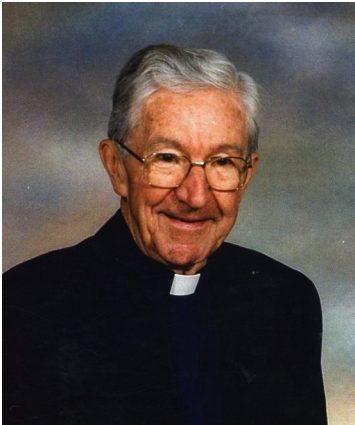
The transformation from fire to light was not an easy one for Gerry. It came, as it does with most – if not all – of us, through the experience of pain and suffering, sickness and disappointment. In the words of one author, *“Change is easy. Transformation means spending three symbolic days in the belly of the whale, and being vomited up on a new and unfamiliar shore.”* (Jonah)

These were the days of parish ministry in Spencerville and North Augusta; Flinton and Ardoch; Railton and Odessa; and the Better World Retreat Movement. It was especially in so-called 'retirement' that the light shone forth in the eyes of Gerald Edward Byrne. The recipients of that light were the St Paul's parish community; those in prison; members of Canada's military; and attendees at hundreds of AA meetings. At Gerry's visitation, one man, whom I did not know, said, simply, "He saved my life".

It was James Hillman who said, *“No one gets into heaven without a letter of reference from the poor”*. When Gerry died on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, his resume included many letters of recommendation from the poor. He is assured of the eternal peace of heaven.

## Monsignor Bernard Joseph Walsh: seven decades of priestly service

by Monsignor Joseph Lynch



*The following are excerpts from the homily given by Monsignor Joseph Lynch at the Funeral Mass of Monsignor Bernard Walsh on Wednesday, June 20, 2018, at St. Joseph Parish in Kingston.*

This morning marks the end of an era and a moment of transition in this Archdiocese. It was seventy years ago last month that three men from this Archdiocese were ordained to the priesthood at St. Mary's Cathedral. Today, we commend to God the last of those three, Monsignor Bernard Walsh, in his ninety-fifth year, the senior priest of our Archdiocese.

The seeds of the faith which brought the young Bernard Walsh to the day of his ordination at St. Mary's Cathedral seventy years ago were sown and nurtured in the community of Read, a parish which has blessed this Archdiocese with so many vocations to the priesthood and religious life. He was the middle of nine children born to Joseph Walsh and Mary Shannon, and grew up on the family farm. An older brother found it difficult to wrap his tongue around the name, "Bernard". So "Bernard" became "Bun" to him – and to many others over the years. The first stop on his educational journey was at S.S. #4 in Read, the first school for a good number of you here today, to be followed by St. Jerome's High School in Kitchener, St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto, and St. Augustine's Seminary; all of this on his way to that day of Ordination some seven decades ago.

And that day brings us to today's Gospel in which our Lord spoke those words, which are at the very core of our Creed – and of the priesthood: *"This is my body which will be given for you; do this as a memorial of me. This cup is the new covenant in my blood which will be poured out for you."* The possibility of recreating that miracle has become the highest privilege of every priest ever since. And it was a privilege which Monsignor Walsh exercised thousands of times over his lifetime, whether it was as founding principal of Cathedral School, or Rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, or Pastor of this Church of St. Joseph, or Pastor of St. Mark's Parish in Prescott, or a chaplain to the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame or the Sisters of Providence, or a priest in retirement helping out a fellow priest on a weekend.

It is surely no surprise to those who knew him that Monsignor Walsh almost always had his Mass kit with him. In fact, his brother was telling me the other day that the kit is still intact. No one can tell you how many family wedding Masses he celebrated, or how many family funeral Masses he offered; and, if his family had gathered at a home for a celebration after a baptism, he might well produce the kit just as things were winding down and say, *"Now we will have Mass. But don't worry; there will be no homily or collection."*

That mention of family is most fitting here, for Bun Walsh remained very close to all of you throughout his whole life. He loved being with you, whether it was playing baseball as a child in Read, skating on the canal in Ottawa with a nephew, or taking his mother on a trip to Ireland. He always showed up for Christmas dinner, with a poinsettia for the hostess; and, for years, he wrote a Christmas Letter to all the family, a tradition which has now left to you who loved him a collection of memories that will be much treasured in the years to come.

And Bun Walsh extended that spirit of camaraderie and good will to many others, both priests and parishioners. He was a very social man; he made friends easily. He loved to ski, often going to Mont Tremblant with priest friends whom he had known for years. He loved the outdoors and playing golf – and he was pretty good at it.

We say farewell and commend to his God a man who spent so many years, decades, trying to live faithfully and well those words of the prophet ...

*"You shall be called priests of the Lord;  
you shall be named ministers of our God."*

## From the Editor's Desk

Susan Lett

For this issue, I want to focus on the good work of parish secretaries – the public relations department of our parishes – who provide support to pastors and assistance to parishioners.

The senior secretary of all our parishes has been serving the pastors and parishioners of St. Francis Xavier in Brockville for more than three decades. I was amazed when I heard that Starr Hayter is celebrating her 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the parish this month. When I mentioned this to Monsignor Joe Lynch, he told me that he has known her since his first assignment at St. Francis Xavier as an Associate to Father Chuck Gazeley. Both Monsignor Lynch and Father Brian Price, the current pastor at St. Francis, told me that Starr is the 'glue' that keeps the parish together and running smoothly. Their admiration for Starr is shared by all the pastors and associates who have served at St. Francis Xavier, and by the staff here at the Pastoral Centre, including me. In the years I have worked here at the Pastoral Centre, I have spoken with Starr many, many times. She is the one I recommend that other parish secretaries contact if they need help or advice. I have always wanted to say this – she is a bright 'star' in the Archdiocese of Kingston.

Throughout our Archdiocese, secretaries work hard every day to keep the parishes running like well-oiled machines. They not only answer the telephone and greet parishioners – they prepare weekly bulletins, keep parish records, coordinate church finances, and serve as a constant support for pastors. For many of our parish priests, their secretaries are like family.

Parish secretaries are an invaluable resource in the Archdiocese of Kingston, and their faithful service often extends for many years. Starr Hayter has served the longest, but, in the three parishes of Belleville, the parish secretaries have 70 years of combined service! Let's celebrate our secretaries and show them our appreciation for their hard work and dedication. Our parishes (and this Archdiocese) are truly blessed.

## From the Office of Religious Education

Mary-Jo MacKinnon-Simms

***Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8)***

The **Office of Religious Education** is engaged in continuing the mission of Jesus through evangelization and catechesis and promoting lifelong learning in religious education. As always, we welcome your ideas and reflections relating to spiritual advancement through religious education.

There are several exciting initiatives happening this Fall. We are continuing our exploration of Franciscan Spirituality with Friar Ed Debono. Stay tuned to your bulletin for dates and times. We will also be organizing a workshop for pastoral care workers to recognize and support their ministry. As part of our efforts to provide support for sacramental preparation in parishes, we will soon begin a new initiative on Adult Education. Dates and locations are being finalized, and information will be in bulletins shortly.

Check out our library online to see some of our new resources.

Mark your calendar for **Sister Nuala Kenny's Workshop on *Rediscovering the Art of Dying*, which will take place on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall in Kingston.** Registration is \$10, with lunch included. To register online, please visit our website at [www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca](http://www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca) or contact Gorett at the Pastoral Centre, 613-548-4461, ext 112.

The National Conference on Evangelization and Catechesis, *He Thirsts For You*, will take place from April 4 - 6, 2019, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Ottawa Airport. Guest speakers will include Bishop William McGrattan, Father Ron Rolheiser, OMI, and Dr. Josephine Lombardi. For more information, please contact the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at [oecc@ccc.ca](mailto:oecc@ccc.ca). Registration will open this Fall.

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



## From the Office of Family Ministry

Sr. Lucy Kearney, SP

The arrival of September is a time of new beginnings for families, parishes, school communities, and workplaces. A perusal of the present edition of *Journey* will alert readers to various parish, Archdiocesan, and School Board events which support, educate, and enlighten all ages throughout the Archdiocese. One recurring theme in September is 'change' – in family dynamics, in parish organizations and committees, in the involvement of lay persons, and in the relationship among parish, home, and school.

There is one constant that may be overlooked in our planning, and that is the role of grandparents in families. Lost in the preparation and planning for September is the realization that, since 1995, the first Sunday after Labour Day has been designated as National Grandparents' Day in Canada. I mention this not to commercialize another holiday, but to remind us to reflect on the many ways in which grandparents show love for their grandchildren, and to remind grandchildren and their parents to be grateful for the strength, knowledge, guidance, and spiritual blessings received through the interaction of grandparents and grandchildren. Grandchildren benefit from their grandparents' wisdom and experience, while grandparents gain from the energy, talent, and optimism of their grandchildren.

Perhaps this final thought will enlighten your own reflection on the relationship between grandparents and grandchildren. *"Grandparents serve as mentors, nurturers, caregivers, spiritual guides, and holders of the family narrative". (Vanier Institute of the Family, 2016)*

## Legion of Mary is active and involved in Trenton

by Cerelina Berry

Since 2009, the Our Lady of Hope and Light Praesidium of the Legion of Mary has been an important part of the pastoral community at Peter-in-Chains Parish, Trenton. Our goals are to carry out apostolic work; to imitate Mary's virtues (especially her faith, charity, and humility); to spread devotion to Mary, primarily by encouraging the recitation of the rosary (Mary's request at Fatima); and to foster the personal sanctification of members by taking Mary as our model. We assist our parish priests in expanding their pastoral ministry throughout the parish by helping with Mass in hospitals and nursing homes; saying the rosary with hospital patients and nursing home residents; visiting the elderly and lonely in their homes; bringing the Pilgrim Statue of Mary to the homes of interested parishioners; and fostering appreciation of the faith through religious instruction and fellowship.

Other activities include preparing announcements of Marian Feasts for our parish bulletin; having Masses said for Legion members; giving small gifts to the children at their Liturgy class Christmas celebration; and sending a regular newsletter to auxiliary members. For more information on the Legion of Mary, or to become a member, please visit the parish website at [www.stpeters-trenton.org/legion-of-mary](http://www.stpeters-trenton.org/legion-of-mary) or contact the parish office at (613) 392-3767. Membership is free – benefits are priceless!



Pictured above are members of the Legion of Mary in Trenton. Front: Marielle Young, Pat Ferguson, Vonnie Leclerc, Dea Di Pietrantonio, Mili Grimes; Back: Judy Lignon, Marguerite Newton, Joy Harrington, Frances Paxton, Cerelina Berry.

## From the Liturgy Office

Mariola Gozdek

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

**November Liturgical Conference:** Evangelization is a hot topic in the Church these days. How do we evangelize and whom do we evangelize? The best, but not the only, opportunity for evangelization is at Sunday Mass. One might say that that is like preaching to the choir! Perhaps there are times when the choir might need the preaching, but parishioners often bring friends and visitors with them to Mass, and there are those people who drop in to Mass out of curiosity. The Liturgical Conference and Workshop, which is being held in Kingston on November 16 and 17, 2018, plans to look at the church building worship space environment as an agent of evangelization. What do we see? Hear? Touch? Smell? And even taste? The architecture and furniture, the decoration, the statues and pictures, the colours, the music, and the way we celebrate all can have an influence on people's attitude and can be an invitation to the Church and Gospel. If the Liturgy and the Mass are heavenly, how do we reflect that in our buildings and worship?

**Workshop for Parish Musicians:** Speaking of music, the Archdiocesan Workshop for Parish Musicians will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 1111 Taylor-Kidd Blvd., Kingston. This is a follow-up to the Workshop held last February. We will be focusing on the selection of music for liturgy, leading the Responsorial Psalm, and cantoring. Please bring a copy of your parish hymnal and expect to raise your voices! For more information and registration, please visit the Archdiocesan website at [www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca](http://www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca), or contact the Liturgy Office directly at (613) 548-4461 or [liturgy@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca](mailto:liturgy@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca).

**Roman Missal:** Since the introduction of the revised translation of the Mass, many new terms have been introduced into the prayers. The intent is to use terms that were part of our Christian heritage but may not be familiar to us. While we were used to hearing words such as 'sacrifice' and 'offering', now we often hear the word 'oblation', which also means the same as 'offering'. Another word that often appears is 'mystery' or its plural, 'mysteries'. This is a translation of the Greek term for 'sacrament' or 'the Eucharist'. The word 'mystery' (singular or plural) refers to the sacred action of the Mass, and specifically to God's action and presence among us. 'Celebrating the sacred mystery' is the same as saying 'celebrating this sacrament' or 'this Eucharist' or 'God's action among us'. In theology, the word 'mystery' does not mean something we cannot know, but, rather, something we do know but which operates at such a deep level that we cannot express it in words. It is like the word 'love'. We know what love is and that it is real, but it is hard to express in words.

### Rediscovering the Art of Dying

**Saturday, 13 October 2018**

**10:00 am—3:00 pm**

**Presenter: Sister Nuala Kenny**

*Sr. Kenny is a doctor, an ethicist,  
and the former Nova Scotia Deputy Minister of Health.  
She is an expert in palliative and end of life care.*

**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall  
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**\$10 Registration Fee (includes lunch)**

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### ST. MARK COUNCIL OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

*established October 1928*

All members are cordially invited to attend the

**90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of  
St. Mark Catholic Women's League, Prescott**

**Sunday, September 16, 2018**

**Anniversary Mass @ 11:00 a.m.**

St. Mark Church, 160 Dibble Street West  
Celebrant: Reverend Brent Brennan

**Brunch @ 12:15p.m. St. Mark Parish Centre**  
461 Edward Street, Prescott

Pin Celebration to follow



## Stranded...In The Family of God

Alanna McDonald  
Ministry with the Deaf

When Father Christopher Klusman was chosen to facilitate the Spring retreat for the Deaf in Eastern Ontario (April 13-15), he had no idea what was ahead of him. Travelling from Milwaukee to Ottawa, he was delayed for 12 hours, completely missing the Friday night session. An ice storm later in the weekend stranded him in Ottawa on Sunday night with 18 retreatants from the Dioceses of Hamilton, Toronto, and Kingston. We all felt that this gave him a unique opportunity to experience the love and fun of being in the company of his Canadian friends, who were able to accept the weather challenges and live in the moment.

Father Klusman led an interesting retreat on the theme, "Family of God". He inspired everyone as he shared his own faith journey, radiating pure joy, love, and his deep faith in God, the Church, and all God's people. He had been born deaf into a hearing family. At an early age, he recalled his mother telling him that Mary was his spiritual mother and that Joseph was his spiritual father. He likened the pictures we display in our homes of our biological family to the statues and pictures in the church that depict our spiritual family and all of our spiritual relatives.

Everyone was excited and inspired by this rare opportunity to be in the presence of a deaf priest fluent in ASL (American Sign Language). As one retreatant remarked, "Celebrating the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr. Klusman was truly an unforgettable experience!" Archbishop Prendergast joined the group Saturday evening to give his Blessing and to tell us the story of Sister Elizabeth Bruyère, who was recently declared Venerable Servant of God by Pope Francis. He reminded us that we were in the company of Sister Bruyère's Sisters at Maison de Retraites Notre-Dame de la Providence. He also seemed to enjoy the photo opportunity with the group.

The Archdiocese of Kingston was represented by six deaf adults and pastoral care workers. As the weekend progressed, weather reports on social media kept interrupting the thoughts of everyone, making it difficult to stay on task. We breathed a collective sigh of relief when Sister Christine Cyr announced that we were not to worry, as we could stay there free of charge until the bad weather lifted. As Monday morning dawned, our cars were covered in an inch of ice! By 8:30 a.m., we felt ready to begin the journey home, said our goodbyes, and received a warm embrace from Sister Christine Cyr. She gently placed a relic from Sister Bruyère's grave in the pocket of each traveller, sent us on our way, then proceeded to the chapel to pray for us at Mass.

**'We were stranded and they welcomed us. We were hungry and they fed us.'**



*Father Christopher Klusman is presented with the book, *Alfred and Me*, written by Jan Millar of Verona, which is about the author's relationship with a deaf man she refers to as 'Alfred'. Pictured here is Father Klusman with Mike, the inspiration for the book, who was born and raised in Kingston. Also pictured are two organizers of the deaf ministry program in Ottawa.*



### Archdiocese of Kingston Priests' Retirement Fund

November 10-11, 2018

Please give to those who have given a lifetime of service for you.

*"You shall be called priests of the Lord;  
you shall be named ministers of our God." (Isaiah 61:6)*

## From the Youth Office

Nadia Gundert

This summer was full of faith and fun in the Archdiocese of Kingston. *Duc in Altum* 2017-18 wrapped up an awesome second year, and our closing retreat was a fantastic conclusion to the journey we experienced together. *Totus Tuus* Catholic Summer Camp was back for its second year and was a great success! Happy faces, great memories, beautiful prayer, and lots of fun! We had over 180 campers participate in our Kingston, Perth, and Belleville camp weeks. A big thank you to our missionary leaders – Emily, Jude, Mikaela, and Savio – as well as to our many volunteers, clergy, and parishioners, without whom the camp would not have been possible. (More pictures can be found on the Facebook page of the Archdiocese of Kingston Youth Office and at [www.kingstonvocations.com/totus-tuus](http://www.kingstonvocations.com/totus-tuus).) We also had an awesome group of youth attend the Steubenville Toronto Youth Conference in July. The weekend was inspiring, and we discovered more about what God wants to reveal to us. We were all delighted that Archbishop O'Brien was able to join us. As we move into the Fall, *Duc in Altum* begins with a new group of young adults. The October Witness Faith Days, with Grade 6 students from across the Archdiocese of Kingston, will take place Oct 1-4 in each of our deaneries, in collaboration with the ALCDSB and CDSBEO. The Josh Blakesley Band will be coming again to lead music ministry and speak at our Witness Faith Days. The Youth Office will be hosting a concert with the Josh Blakesley Band, open to all ages, on Tuesday, Oct 2 at 7 pm. Please spread the word! This October, the *Synod of Bishops: Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*, will take place in Rome. The youth office will be sharing updates and highlights leading up to, during, and following the Synod. To follow along, please visit the youth office Facebook page @archdioceseofkingstonyouthoffice and Twitter @archkingstonYO. **Best wishes to those who are starting a new school year, and blessings to all this Fall. Please continue to pray for the youth of our Archdiocese.**



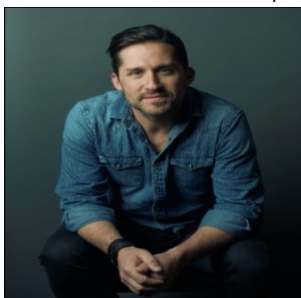
Steubenville Toronto group with Archbishop O'Brien



Totus Tuus Summer Camp 2018



Duc in Altum 2017-18 Participants & Team



**JOSH BLAKESLEY BAND IN CONCERT**  
CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN MUSIC ARTIST  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2 / 7 pm**  
HOLY CROSS SECONDARY SCHOOL, KINGSTON  
**ALL ARE WELCOME! FREE ADMISSION!**



## From the Diaconate Office

Deacon William Gervais

The deacon candidates who began their formation in 2014 are now completing their fourth and final year. Through their studies in spirituality, theology, and human formation, they have come to understand the Permanent Diaconate as a unique order in the Roman Catholic Church, one that was established by the apostles. Their reading and classroom discussions have shown them how the identity of the deacon was shaped through the lives of four deacons: Stephen, Philip, Lawrence, and Francis of Assisi. The first two, Stephen and Philip, were ordained for servant ministry by the apostles, as outlined in the *Acts of the Apostles*. Stephen's example includes his witness in helping the apostles build up the early Christian community, especially when it came to helping to bridge divisions that separated the Hellenists and Hebrews. Philip's legacy is his willingness to embrace opportunities to introduce people to Jesus Christ. His love and understanding of scripture inspired an Ethiopian in Samaria to become a Christian. A few short centuries later, Saint Lawrence, one of the seven deacons in Rome, illustrated the Church's call to serve the poor. He told the Emperor of Rome that he saw the marginalized as the 'treasures of the Church'. And, finally, in the 12th Century, Saint Francis of Assisi gave witness to the power of prayer and the need to live a life of simplicity. If you are interested in finding out more about the sacred ministry of the Permanent Diaconate, please contact Deacon Bill Gervais at 548-4461 ext 116, or by e-mail at [deacon@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca](mailto:deacon@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca).

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### Catholic Women's League of Canada – Kingston Diocesan Convention

The 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Kingston Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada was held May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Ambassador Hotel in Kingston. It was a wonderful weekend filled with spiritual and educational moments including guest speakers from Providence Care who gave a presentation on Mental Health and Homelessness. We had a 'Crowning of Mary' procession and recited a 'Living Rosary'. We also assisted in a National Strategic Planning session. The Catholic Girls' League from Prescott and Read reported on their activities for the past year. A special thank you goes out to the host council, St Mary's in Carleton Place (pictured here), for a most successful convention.



### SAVE THE DATE

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Provincial Convention of the Ontario Provincial Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada will be held July 6 to 10, 2019 in Kingston, hosted by the Kingston Diocesan Council. Plan to be there!

### Journey Publication Dates

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## A Golden Jubilee for Archbishop O'Brien



Above: Archbishop Brendan O'Brien stands beside a collage of pictures from his ordination to the priesthood on June 1, 1968;

Right: Mass and Luncheon at St. Mary's Cathedral; Father Shawn Hughes with the Archbishop after the Mass.

Below: Dinner with the priests at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish; Father Brian Price makes a presentation on behalf of the priests.

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