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St. Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs
St André Dung-Lac, prêtre, et ses compagnons, martyrs

MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP / MESSAGE DE L'ÉVÊQUE

Dear clergy and faithful,

We have just celebrated the feast of Christ, King of the Universe this weekend. This great feast comes to close the whole cycle of the current liturgical year. At the end of each so-called secular year, we are accustomed to take stock of the things that have marked our society and our planet. For each one of us, it is a privileged moment to become aware of the good and bad things we have experienced during the year, of the achievements or failures we have incurred, and then to make new resolutions at the beginning of the New Year. ([Read full message here...](#))

*The days will come
when not one stone
will be left upon
another.*

(Luke 21.5-11)

Chers membres du clergé et fidèles,

Nous venons tout juste de célébrer la fête du Christ, Roi de l'univers en fin de semaine. Cette grande fête vient clôturer tout le cycle de l'année liturgique en cours. À la fin de chaque année dite profane, nous avons l'habitude de faire un bilan des choses qui ont marqué notre société ou notre planète. Pour chacun de nous, il s'agit d'un moment privilégié pour prendre conscience des bons et mauvais coups que nous avons vécus au cours de l'année, des réalisations ou des échecs encourus et de prendre ensuite de nouvelles résolutions en début de la nouvelle année. ([Lire la suite...](#))

FROM THE DIOCESE

Prayers: For the repose of the soul of Mrs. Beatrice Grahl, mother-in-law of Cathy Grahl, Marriage Tribunal for the Diocese of Pembroke, who passed away peacefully on November 24th at the age of 99. We surround Cathy and her family with our sympathy, and pray for Mrs. Grahl's eternal repose after such a long and well-lived life.

Prayers: For the repose of the soul of Mme Rosanna Okebanama, mother of Rev. Cyril Okebanama, s.m.m., who passed away in Nigeria on November 19th. Please also pray for the consolation of Father Okebanama and the members of his family.

FROM THE CCCB

Journey through Advent: Video Series for Advent 2020: Since social media are an increasingly important platform for formation and evangelization at all levels, CCCB has produced a series of videos entitled *Journey through Advent*, which includes an introduction to the liturgical Season and reflections on the Gospel readings of each Sunday in Advent. It is the result of a joint project between the CCCB's *Office national de liturgie*, the National Liturgy Office, and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis. This short video series will be posted on the CCCB website and can be accessed through the rolling banner image at the top of the homepage entitled *Journey through Advent: Video Series for Advent 2020*. The links to the videos, in French and English, will be available on the CCCB website. Each Monday, the link for the upcoming Sunday celebration will be released.

[Click here to access the video series in English.](#)

[Click here to access the video series in French.](#)

Interreligious Dialogue: The Holy See and the World Council of Churches have published jointly a document entitled, "Serving a Wounded World in Interreligious Solidarity: A Christian Call to Reflection and Action during COVID-19 and Beyond." To view the document, please go to the following link: <https://www.pcinterreligious.org/christian-call-reflection-action-during-covid-19-and-beyond>.

CCCB and The Canadian Rabbinic Caucus Hold Biannual Dialogue Meeting via Videoconference – Monday, November 23, 2020: The national bilateral dialogue of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) and the Canadian Rabbinic Caucus met for its biannual meeting 16-17 November 2020 by videoconference due to the ongoing challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the course of the two-day online meeting, the Jewish and Catholic members reflected theologically and pastorally on COVID-19, its effects on their lives and their respective faith communities... [\(Read more here...\)](#)

La CECC et le Caucus rabbinique canadien et tiennent leur rencontre de dialogue semestrielle par vidéoconférence – lundi le 23 novembre 2020: Du 16 au 17 novembre 2020, le dialogue bilatéral national de la Conférence des évêques catholiques du Canada (CECC) et du Caucus rabbinique canadien a tenu sa réunion semestrielle par vidéoconférence à cause des problèmes que continue de poser la pandémie de COVID-19. Du 16 au 17 novembre 2020, le dialogue bilatéral national de la Conférence des évêques catholiques du Canada (CECC) et du Caucus rabbinique canadien a tenu sa réunion semestrielle par vidéoconférence à cause des problèmes que continue de poser la pandémie de COVID-19. [\(Lire la suite...\)](#)

Auxiliary Bishop Appointed for the Diocese of Hamilton – Sunday, November 21, 2020: His Holiness Pope Francis appointed Father Wayne Lawrence Lobsinger Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton. At the time of his appointment, Bishop-elect Lobsinger was serving as the Episcopal Vicar for Consecrated Life of the Diocese of Hamilton... [\(Read more\)](#)

Nomination d'un évêque auxiliaire pour le diocèse de Hamilton – samedi le 21 novembre 2020: Sa Sainteté le pape François a nommé l'abbé Wayne Lawrence Lobsinger évêque auxiliaire du diocèse de Hamilton. Lors de sa nomination, l'évêque élu Lobsinger était vicaire épiscopal pour la vie consacrée du diocèse de Hamilton... [\(Lire ici\)](#)

CCCB Submits Brief on Bill C-7 to the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs – Thursday, November 19, 2020: On 18 November 2020, in anticipation of the meetings of the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs to study Bill C-7, *An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying)*, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) submitted a Brief reinforcing its serious concerns regarding Bill C-7 and the steadfast opposition of the Catholic Bishops of Canada to euthanasia and assisted suicide and to its further expansion in Canada. [Submission to the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on Bill C-7](#)

La CECC présente un mémoire sur le projet de loi C-7 au Comité sénatorial permanent Affaires juridiques et constitutionnelles – jeudi le 19 novembre 2020: *Le 18 novembre 2020, en prévision des réunions du Comité sénatorial permanent des Affaires juridiques et constitutionnelles pour étudier le projet de loi C-7, Loi modifiant le Code criminel (aide médicale à mourir), la Conférence des évêques catholiques du Canada (CECC) a présenté un mémoire soulignant de sérieuses inquiétudes concernant le projet de loi C-7 et l'opposition constante des évêques catholiques du Canada à l'euthanasie et au suicide assisté au Canada et à leur expansion au Canada. [Mémoire présenté au Comité sénatorial permanent des Affaires juridiques et constitutionnelles par la Conférence des évêques catholiques du Canada au sujet du projet de loi C-7](#)*

FAITH FORMATION

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION a problem this year? Consider two options for online Confirmation preparation. Simple and cost effective. Both are excellent programs to help young people prepare and be strengthened for their mission in the Catholic Church. Please visit <https://www.catholiconline.school/pages/confirmation> or <https://www.hopestone.ca/confirmation>. For more information contact Deacon Adrien Chaput at 613 732-7933 ext. 206 or dcadrienchaput@pembrokediocese.com.

MARRIAGE, FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Looking for ways for your child to get more out of Mass on Sundays? For ages 5-12, here is a simple option that takes no prep time! Sign up for Holy Heroes Mass Prep and receive an e-mail right in your inbox! Preparation contains all readings for Sunday Mass, colouring page, short video explaining the gospel by other children and a Mass Prep Quiz (with answers) to challenge your child's comprehension of the readings and liturgical colours worn by the priest each Sunday. Check it all out at <https://www.holyheroes.com/MassPrep-s/57.htm>. (Watch last week's Mass Prep and then scroll down and input your e-mail address to start receiving it each week). Questions? Please contact Yvette Bourque at 613 732-7933 ext. 208 or yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com.

Looking for ways to bring Advent alive for your children this year? Go to <https://www.holyheroes.com/Holy-Heroes-Advent-Adventure-s/48.htm> and sign up for Holy Heroes ADVENT ADVENTURE. You will be glad you did! Questions? Please contact Yvette Bourque at 613 732-7933 ext. 208 or yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com.

Best Advent Ever 2020! We're excited to announce that sign-ups for Best Advent Ever 2020 are now open! This year, Matthew Kelly will be giving powerful daily video reflections on the Gospel readings all through Advent. And we're calling it *Let Your Soul Shine*—because that's what the world needs from you now more than ever! Do you want to have an incredible 2021? It starts right now—with you signing up for [BEST ADVENT EVER](#).

CARE FOR CREATION

Laudato Si' Circles during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Laudato Si' Circles are small groups that meet regularly to deepen their relationship with God as Creator and with all of creation through prayer, reflection and action. Given the current COVID pandemic, small groups can be initiated and maintained through video-conferencing tools, such as Zoom and Skype. The Laudato Si' Circles Program offers a wealth of online resources in support of care for God's Creation. Further info: <https://catholicclimatemovement.global/circles/>.

PARISH EVENTS

Holy Mass – Extraordinary Form: Holy Mass in the *extraordinary form* is offered at St Columbkille Cathedral on the first Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. These Latin Masses are in the form of the Liturgy as it was celebrated at the time of the Second Vatican Council—the same form which nourished the faith of many of our ancestors. English translations of the entire Mass are provided. **Next Mass – December 5th.**

OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS

52nd International Eucharistic Congress: The 52nd International Eucharistic Congress will take place in Budapest from 5 to 12 September 2021 (originally scheduled for September 2020). Check out the website at iec2020.hu.

Christmas Concert Invitation: COVID can't stop Christmas. And this year, the Daughters of St Paul choir's Christmas Concert is finally making it to Canada... virtually! The Daughters of St Paul are an international congregation of religious sisters who evangelize through the media. The sisters of the USA & Canada province have long wished to bring their Christmas Concert tour north, but international rights and customs made it impossible. But this year has offered the sisters the unique opportunity to launch their first ever virtual concert, "Home for Christmas," with choir members joining in from their homes to sing to you in yours! So join us, the Daughters of St Paul Choir, for our first concert for Canada! "Home for Christmas" is a free YouTube live-streamed event where you can expect to meet our choir members, listen to some concert favourites, learn some dance moves, hear some inspirational stories, and have the opportunity to support our mission of evangelization. We hope to see you there, **December 3rd** at 8 p.m. EST! Check out the YouTube invitation [here](#). For more information visit <http://www.pauline.org/virtualconcert>.

"Advent Promises: A Women's Morning of Reflection", presented by the Women's Fall Retreat Planning Team, will be held via Zoom on **Saturday, December 5th**, from 9:00 a.m. – noon. Laura O'Reilly, mother and faithful Catholic speaker, will give two inspirational talks reflecting on "*Blessed is she who*

believed that the Lord would fulfill His promises to her (Luke 1:45). " All registrants will be invited to participate in a Liturgy of the Word, singing and small group discussions. Registration is \$20. All women 16 years of age and over can register using [this link](#). **Registration deadline: Wednesday, December 2nd.**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Diocese of Pembroke – Project Manager: The Diocese of Pembroke is currently advertising for a full time Project Manager. To view the ad please visit: ca.indeed.com.

Archdiocese of Ottawa – Administrative Assistant – Moderator of the Curia: Please find below the link to the Administrative Assistant – Moderator of the Curia position, now available. Info: <https://www.catholicottawa.ca/employment-opportunities>.

OTHER

A clinical trial for COVID-19 is open for participants who have been recently diagnosed:

Hello,

My name is Dr. Nazanin Hosseinkhah, a Vielight research scientist managing the COVIDLight clinical trial. This study is completely remote and virtual and uses a light therapy device on recently tested COVID-19 positive individuals. Eligible participants will receive up to \$500 for participation in the trial. We are trying to reach out to communities and people who have been diagnosed with COVID-19. We would appreciate if you could spread the word in your community. ([Read more here...](#))