

'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?'

ST. COLUMBAN

PARISH

5th SUNDAY of LENT (A)

April 2, 2017

CCCB PRESIDENT WRITES TO PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU

The following is a letter sent by Toronto Archbishop and CCCB President Thomas Cardinal Collins.

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons, Ottawa

March 10, 2017

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

I am writing to express my deep concern and disappointment at your government's decision to provide \$650 million to support "sexual and reproductive health programs" globally. While it is commendable and necessary to foster initiatives that further the rights of women and young girls worldwide, your public comments suggest that unless a woman has access to abortion or contraception, she is not empowered or able to realize her full potential.

I simply remind you and your colleagues that we have no rights at all unless we are afforded the right to life. That decision was made for you and for each one of us by a woman, determined and committed to bring a new life into this world.

It is praiseworthy to offer international aid; it is arrogant for powerful, wealthy nations to dictate what priorities developing countries should embrace. Pope Francis has cautioned the rich and powerful West against the danger of "ideological colonization," in which such countries and organizations offer funding to help further a particular social agenda. Do we empower women by making sex selective abortions more accessible? Money spent on promoting abortion and contraception could be spent on vaccinating millions of women and girls against malaria or other diseases. \$650 million could help build a lot of schools or universities, pathways to knowledge for future female leaders of our world.

Our country could learn from a number of inspiring examples of outreach and care that support women worldwide. Very often these programs are offered by faith-based, non-governmental organizations, which are usually the first to arrive and the last to leave any area of crisis or need. They understand the reality of the local situation, and respect the dignity of the people who live there.

Canada is blessed with prosperity and a wealth of resources. Surely we can do better than imposing a distorted vision of the empowerment of women on the people of countries that deserve our support to respond effectively to the challenge of their most pressing needs.

I would welcome the opportunity to speak with you regarding this critically important issue.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas Cardinal Collins
Archbishop of Toronto



Thomas Cardinal Collins

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

IN OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

7:00 – 7:25 AM Confessions
 8:00 AM Mary Clendaniel
 by Georgette Proulx
 3:00 – 4:00 PM Confessions
 5:30 PM Deceased Family Members
 of Art & Geraldine Lauzon

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

7:30 AM Intentions of Parishioners
 9:30 AM Annie McDonald by Elaine Lebrun
 11:00 AM May Brown by Sandra Tosatto

MONDAY, APRIL 3

No Mass

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

ST. ISIDORE (OM)

7:30 AM Marjorie Gravelle
 by Irene & George Brown
 12:10 PM In Thanksgiving to Family & Friends
 by a Parishioner

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

ST. VINCENT FERRIER (OM)

7:30 AM Eileen Mondoux by the Family
 12:10 PM Julie Primeau
 by Don & Pauline Primeau

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

7:30 AM Cheryl Tessier Agnes McKissock
 12:10 PM Ernie Filion by Patricia Tallon

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

ST. JEAN-BAPTISTE DE LA SALLE (OM)

7:30 AM Cindy Camera
 by Annie & Alfie McDonald
 8:00 AM **Adoration**
 12:10 PM Jackie Joseph by Georgette Proulx
 5:30 Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

3:00 – 4:00 PM Confessions
 5:30 PM Cathy Fraser by Joan & Lisa Provost

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

PALM SUNDAY

7:30 AM Intentions of Parishioners
 9:30 AM Carmela Colandrea
 by her sister Janet Surgeson
 11:00 AM Henry Quenneville
 (2nd Anniversary of Death) by the Family

MONDAY, APRIL 10

No Mass

CHICKEN DINNER THIS SUNDAY

There will be a Chicken Dinner Fundraiser for the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation for the restoration of our historic St. Columban Church. It will be hosted by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 297 at 415 Second St. West, Cornwall from 4:30 to 6:30 PM this Sunday April 2. Tickets are \$12.

CALL FOR CLEANERS

The Catholic Women's League invites all those willing to assist them in cleaning our beautiful Church on Monday April 10, from 9 to 11 AM. Bring a bucket and clean cloths.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Our parish is producing a pictorial directory in order to help us acquaint ourselves with one another and strengthen the bond of our faith community. IPC Canada Photo Services Inc. will be taking pictures of all parishioners who wish to participate. There is no cost and each family will receive a free directory and will take home a free 8 X 10 portrait. The first photography sessions will be on April 20, 21 and 22, 2017. Sign-up sheets will be available on April 1 & 2.

HOLY THURSDAY FOOT WASHING

Fr. Ernest invites those parishioners who would like to take part in the foot washing on Holy Thursday to see him or call the office to participate. The washing of the feet is a direct expression of our service to one another.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Thank you to all those attending our monthly evening of Intercessory Prayer. Our next evening will take place on Thursday, April 6 at 7 PM in the Church. Bring a friend and your specific prayer intentions as we will also continue to pray for our Parish and our Diocese. The event will be followed by refreshments and social time.

If anyone is interesting in sharing how God has worked in their life or if you would like more information, please contact Janet Surgeson at 613-363-5331 or janetsurgeson@gmail.com.

IN OUR PARISH

PARISHIONER NEEDS A RIDE

A Parishioner needs a ride to Church, she lives in the Brookdale Apts. Please call the office if you can help.

READER & SACRISTAN NEEDED

We are looking for a new reader as well as a sacristan for the Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass.

If you are able, please seriously consider helping in one of these ministries. Your help is needed and will be appreciated. Many thanks. Potential readers may contact Sue at 613-938-0368 or sue.h@sympatico.ca and sacristans may call Liz at 613-938-5056.

CWL GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting of the Catholic Women's League is Tuesday April 4 at 7 PM in the Parish Activity Centre. New members welcome!

CONGRATULATIONS

Donna McCormick is the winner of the CWL St. Patrick's Day Basket. Her winning ticket was purchased in the Church. Thank you to all who bought tickets and supported our Annual St. Patrick's Day Tea.

COFFEE & CHAT SUNDAY

Do you enjoy listening to our Readers at Mass? Get to know them better as they host the coffee and chat this weekend.

TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37.12-14
2nd Reading: Romans 8.8-11
Gospel: John 11.1-45

St. Columban Collection Report for March 19, 2017

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,254.50
Loose Collection	305.50
Easter	5.00
Development & Peace	5.00
Holy Land	5.00
Votive Candles	278.50
Bookstore	86.60
Total	3,940.10

IN OUR DIOCESE

FAMILY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Blessed Sacrament parish invites everyone to join us on Good Friday at 6 PM for a re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross by kids. This 45 minute dramatic presentation will include costumes, music, powerpoint and a colouring page to take home. Kids will have a front row seat.

THE EUTHANASIA DECEPTION MOVIE

What should send chills down your spine, researchers from the University of Calgary recently wrote in the Canadian Medical Association Journal, "Medical assistance in dying could reduce annual health care spending across Canada by between \$34.7 million and \$138.8 million." On April 4th at 2 pm at the Agora Catholic Centre, the Diocese and Pro-Life Cornwall will present the excellent documentary "The Euthanasia Deception". Following the one hour documentary, there will be a short presentation about what you need to know to protect you and your family (including information on Powers of Attorney and Living Wills) as well as what you can do to influence the law going forward. Please mark your calendar.

CALL TO PARISH MUSICIANS

Once again, this year, there will be a Diocesan Choir for the Chrism Mass to be celebrated Monday, April 10 at 7p.m. in Nativity Co-Cathedral. Rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, February 21st at 7 p.m. at Nativity church where more details will be given. If you wish to take part in this choir please contact Helen McAlear (613-932-8326). A limited number of choir members can be accommodated, so please sign up as soon as possible. Thank you for passing on this information to others who may be interested.

LENTEN FUNDRAISER AT HTCSS

The Holy Trinity Social Justice League is holding a Lenten fundraiser campaign to support our sponsor child from the Philippines and to purchase other amenities for third world countries. Cheese for Change runs until April 7. Orders are to be placed online at www.say-cheese.ca/campaigns/ht2017. Pick up is at Holy Trinity (18044 Tyotown Road, Cornwall) on April 12 from 3 to 5 PM. Please visit the site, or contact chaplaincy leader Lauren Webster at the school for more information (613-936-0319, ext. 120.)

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