

**3RD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME (C)
24 JANUARY, 2016**

In the one Spirit we
were all Baptized into
one body ... the body
does not consist of one
member but of many.

St. Columban Parish

36 Fourth St. West, Cornwall, ON K6J 2R6

Masses: Sat Vigil: 5:30 p.m., **Sun:** 7:30, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Weekdays except Mondays: 7:30 a.m.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops & The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada – Declaration on Euthanasia & Assisted Suicide

Assisted suicide and euthanasia raise profound social, moral, legal, theological and philosophical questions — questions that go to the very core of our understanding of who we are, the meaning of life, and the duty of care we owe to each other. The recent Supreme Court of Canada decision has brought this issue to the forefront of public discussion and compels each of us as Canadians to reflect upon our personal and societal response to those who need our compassion and care.

We, the undersigned, each from the basis of our sacred teachings and enduring traditions, affirm the sanctity of all human life, and the equal and inviolable dignity of every human being. This is an affirmation shared by societies and cultures around the world and throughout history. Human dignity is not exclusively a religious belief, although for us it has a significant religious meaning. Furthermore, we affirm that reverence for human life is the basis and reason for our compassion, responsibility and commitment in caring for all humans, our brothers and sisters, when they are suffering and in pain.

The sanctity of human life is a foundational principle of Canadian society. It has both individual and communal import: it undergirds the recognition of the equal dignity of each individual regardless of their abilities or disabilities and shapes and guides our common life together, including our legal, health care and social welfare systems. It engenders the collective promotion of life and the protection of the vulnerable.

While Canadian society continues to affirm the importance of human dignity, there is a worrisome tendency to define this subjectively and emotionally. For us, human dignity is most properly understood as the value of a person's life before her or his Creator and within a social network of familial and societal relationships. We are convinced the only ways to help people live and die with dignity are: to ensure they are supported by love and care; to provide holistic care which includes pain control as well as psychological, spiritual and emotional support; and, to improve and increase resources in support of palliative and home care.

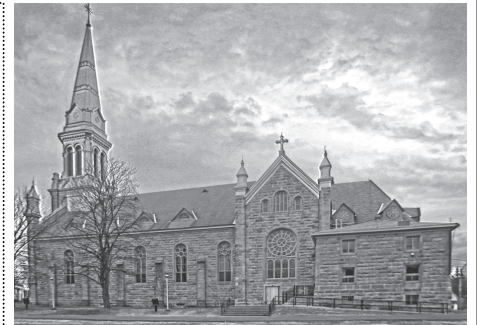
On the basis of our respective traditions and beliefs, we insist that any action intended to end human life is morally and ethically wrong. Together, we are determined to work to alleviate human suffering in every form but never by intentionally eliminating those who suffer.

Excerpted from the Declaration

Let us please stand in solidarity on this gravely important matter by adding your name to those of Christians who stand for life:

www.euthanasiadeclaration.ca

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton and
President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops
Mr. Bruce Clemenger, President, The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada



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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – CONTINUES

Saturday, January 23rd

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

5:30 p.m. Amelia Lalonde by Lise & Gerry DiCola

Sunday, January 24th

7:30 a.m. Charles Adams by Cheryl Adams

9:30 a.m. Intention of parishioners

11:00 a.m. Eileen Ruest by Berniece & Dan McPhail

Monday, January 25th – **No Mass**

END OF WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Tuesday, January 26th

7:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory by Marleene McWilliam

Wednesday, January 27th

7:30 a.m. Jacques Lebrun by Shirley Fraser

Thursday, January 28th

7:30 a.m. Mary Lynch by Brian Lynch & Katie Burke

Friday, January 29th

7:30 a.m. Rita Poapst by Stella McDonald

Saturday, January 30th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

5:30 p.m. Phoebe O'Brien by St. Columban's C.W.L.

Sunday, January 31st

11:00 a.m. Cejay & Grayson Bray by Kevin, Jessica & family

The relationship between Baptism and proclamation, and the calling shared by all the Baptized to proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord was inspired by two verses from the First Letter of St Peter.



This calling forms the theme of the **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY, JANUARY 18-25**



REST IN THE PEACE AND LOVE OF THE LORD
Jack Tyo and all who have died.

COMMUNION STATIONS ARE LOCATED CENTRE FRONT AND HALFWAY DOWN CENTRE AISLE
Please exit pews from the centre aisle and return by the side aisles. Thank you.

IN THE PARISH

COLLECTION 10 JANUARY, 2016 – THANK YOU

\$3,669.95	Sunday Env.	\$ 125.00	Christmas
320.41	Loose	\$ 110.00	New Year's
\$3,990.36	Total	\$ 39.40	Book Table
		\$ 113.70	Candles
		\$ 200.00	Initial Offering

ADOPT-A-CANDIDATE

Parishioners praying for children who are preparing for the Sacraments are reminded that the next date for your short note to the child is **7 Feb.** Please write a short note or prayer card to your child. Put the child's name and number on the envelope and put it in the collection basket. Your envelope will be delivered to the school by the parish.
Thank you for your prayers.

PORNOGRAPHY HURTS EVERYONE

Members of the Catholic Women's League will be at all entrances of the Church this weekend **Jan 23-24** asking you to sign a post card which will be sent to our Member of Parliament. Please take a moment and support the members in their stand against pornography.

**ST. COLUMBAN'S
HAM AND SCALLOPED POTATO SUPPER**

(Dessert – Apple Crisp)

5 P.M., SUNDAY, 31 JANUARY

St Columban's Activity Centre (2nd Flr. Agape Bldg.)

Tickets \$10. sold in advance

Get your tickets this weekend at the 4th St. entrance to the Church.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SOCIAL HOUR

After a break for the holidays, parishioners are gathering for a few social hours on Tuesday afternoons at St. Columbans Activity Centre. Everyone welcome.

SHOULD YOUR CHILD RECEIVE FIRST COMMUNION, FIRST RECONCILIATION, AND/OR CONFIRMATION THIS YEAR?

If your child is in the public school system OR attending a separate school, but did not receive any of these Sacraments with others his/her age (Grade 2 typically) **NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER WITH THE PARISH FOR AFTER-SCHOOL PREPARATION CLASSES**

if you wish your child to receive these Sacraments this Spring. Please leave your name, phone number and your child's name, date of birth, grade and school with the parish office (613-932-9616) and you will soon be contacted by a team member to make arrangements.

IN OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE

PALLIATIVE CARE OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE AN OPEN DISCUSSION

Sponsored by The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Diocese of Alexandria – Cornwall

SATURDAY, 6 FEBRUARY – 9:30 AM TO 12 NOON
St. Francis de Sales Church Hall

Fr. Kevin Maloney, *Teaching of the Catholic Church*
Dr. Daniel Lacroix, *Physician Assisted Suicide, What does it mean*
Dr. Mary Jane Randlett, *Palliative Care in Hospice*
Mr. Jordan C. J. Arthur of Adams, Sherwood, Swabey and Follon
- *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*

ALL CONCERNED PEOPLE WELCOME.

Get set for Kindergarten!

Registration for the 2016-2017 school year is now underway at your local Catholic school. French Immersion is offered at many of our schools. In addition, we offer before and after school programs, and on-site daycare at some locations. Call your local Catholic school for more info, or visit www.cdsbeo.on.ca for a complete list of schools & info on how to register your child.

PILGRIMAGE (BY BUS) TO LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY, MARCH 4 & 5 IN TORONTO CONFIRMED Speakers Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck & Deacon Larry Oney with Mass, music, prayer time & more. There will be a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks, inspirational skits. Youth must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Side trip enroute to **visit Holy Doors for the indulgence** offered in this Year of Mercy. \$200. includes hotel within walking distance of Rally, coach bus, entrance fee. \$50 deposit required to hold a place. www.alexandria-cornwall.ca/evangelization for more details. Confirm by email to mbergeron@alexandria-cornwall.ca. Seats limited. Some financial help may be available.

K of C, St. Francis de Sales Parish
BREAKFAST

8:30 A.M. TO 12 NOON, SUNDAY, 31 JANUARY – \$7.

“BEHOLD THE MAN!": MEN'S SILENT RETREAT

All men are welcome to join Fr. Todd Arsenault, LC the weekend of **12-14 FEBRUARY** to “Encounter The Lord Through His Humanity”. Retreat takes place at Shalom House in Alexandria. The cost of the weekend is \$185, which includes your lodging & meals. Space is limited so **register by February 5th**. Contact Michael Krol (613-551-4205) or Heidi Krol (613 -347-7561) for more information and to register. This weekend is presented by Regnum Christi, the lay arm of the Legion of Christ.

REGISTRATION FOR STEUBENVILLE TORONTO 2016

Conference takes place **22-24 July** on the campus at UOIT in Oshawa. Activ8 Youth Ministry is promoting a \$50. early bird registration discount (online & deposit of \$100) until 1 March. Register at www.steubenvilletoronto.com for teens entering grade 9 in Sept. Contact Sr. Francine fguilmette@alexandria-cornwall.ca

ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST APPOINTED APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALEXANDRIA-CORNWALL

Pope Francis has named Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Ottawa, the Apostolic Administrator of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall. As Apostolic Administrator, he takes over the temporary governance of the Diocese.

“It’s an honour to serve the clergy, religious and faithful of another local church, respecting the unique characteristics of that church,” said Archbishop Prendergast about his appointment. *“The coming months will be a time of challenge,”* he added, *“as together we reflect on the needs of Alexandria-Cornwall, its pastoral plan for evangelization and renewal and how the future might unfold. I thank the Holy Father for the privilege of serving in this way. I ask all in Ottawa and Alexandria-Cornwall to pray for me—to pray for us—in the days ahead”.*

Archbishop Prendergast made a visit to Cornwall a day after being named Apostolic Administrator, (meeting with the diocesan College of Consultors) and dealt head on with a big question. *What will the future be for the local Catholic diocese?* “Should a new Bishop be named?” Prendergast asked. “Should the (Alexandria-Cornwall diocese) be associated with another diocese?”

The answers will come over the next 18 months. *“There are (several issues), there are smaller numbers in (Cornwall-Alexandria),”* Prendergast said. *“Can we afford it? How far can the diocese be diminished before other steps have to be taken?”* (Another issue is) *finding a priest who’s bilingual, because the diocese is bilingual.”* Prendergast said he’ll be *“listening to the people, listening to the priests,”* during his time here. *“It’s an 18-month process.”* At the end of it, after all the consultations, Prendergast will make his recommendation to the pope.

Prendergast is in his 9th year as Archbishop of Ottawa; before that he was Archbishop for Halifax and apostolic administrator for neighbouring Yarmouth.

He will be back at the Alexandria-Cornwall Diocese in two weeks. At the College of Consultors meeting, Prendergast confirmed that Fr. Kelvin Maloney (pastor of St. Finnan’s Cathedral) will stay on as Vicar General, or second in command at the local diocese. He also noted that the Auxiliary Bishop in Ottawa could also be involved in matters with the Alexandria-Cornwall diocese.

“We had a very good meeting” Prendergast said. *“The fact that we talked about 18 months (for a major decision) was encouraging to (local priests). The Vatican hasn’t decided one way or another (what will happen to Alexandria-Cornwall).”* Prendergast acknowledged what priests told him: that there would be a sense of loss, if, after having a bishop for 125 years, there was none close by in this community.

For now, Prendergast plans to enjoy meeting new people. *“I’ve gotten to see very different-size dioceses,”* he said. *“Every one has its own character, it’s own charm, it’s own history . . . for me what’s important is to respect the local church, the local people.”*

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