



# Journey in Faith

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## The Bishop's Message

"There's an old tradition in the Church that sees our faith journey divided into three stages. One author describes the aim of the first stage this way: "coming to conversion, turning away from sin, bringing one's life into conformity with the moral law, developing a habit of prayer and maintaining a relatively stable life in the Church."

I think most people, reading this description, would consider it the ideal faith life. And yet, it is only the first stage. There are two others to come!

Perhaps you recognize yourself in this first stage description, and that is good. But you can't stop there.

God calls you to a much richer life in the Spirit. So I invite you to take advantage of any opportunity that comes your way to grow in your faith life: there's a world of faith, hope and love to discover !"

+ Paul-André Durocher

## Great Catholic Websites

**CatholiCity – The Catholic Church Simplified....** [www.catholicity.com](http://www.catholicity.com)

Offers CD,s of good catholic speakers,novels and Catholic news and commentary. Claims to have the best Catholic links on the web!

**International Eucharistic Congress** in Quebec City.. for information , check out their site... [www.cei2008.ca](http://www.cei2008.ca)

**Real Love Productions....** [www.reallove.net](http://www.reallove.net)

A chastity promoting website with articles, promotional materials and more from Mary Beth Bonnacci., a well known chastity educator who believes in the dignity of each human life, male and female.

**Prayers:** [www.romancatholic-prayers.com](http://www.romancatholic-prayers.com)



# What's happening this winter?



**Bishop Paul -Andre's Public Conferences. Tuesdays from 7-8:30 PM**  
Held at the Marguerite Bourgeoy's Centre (800 12<sup>th</sup> St. East in Cornwall)

Jan. 15	Hope : The Pope's second encyclical
22	<i>L 'Espérance : la seconde encyclique du Pape</i>
Feb.19	Is the Church rich?
26	<i>L'Église est-elle riche?</i>
Mar. 4	What is the resurrection?
11	<i>Qu'est-ce que la résurrection?</i>

**St. Peter's Lenten Mission , "A Reason to Hope". Sun. Feb. 10 to Wed. Feb 13.** Catholic lay evangelist Tom Edwards has a deep understanding of the bible and how it applies to our daily lives,

Morning sessions 9 -10 am Mon, Tues. & Wed. 8am Mass, 8:30 coffee and snack  
Evening sessions 7 - 8:30 pm. Sun., Mon, Tues. & Wed. Includes social  
6:30 pm. Mass Mon., Tues. & Wed.

Different series of talks morning & evening. Everyone is welcome. St. Peter' Parish

## Women's Morning of Reflection, the 1<sup>st</sup>.Saturday of every month.

From 9:30-12noon, the regular format includes Mass, refreshment break, talk and question confession and a decade of the rosary. Fr. John Gannon, L.C. is the presiding priest.

Held at the Marguerite Bourgeoy's Centre. A \$5 donation is suggested.

Call Carole Pilon at 938-4701, or Carole Giguere at –or Carole Giguere at 938-3565 for mc



**Mess'AJE... a unique way to study the Bible.** See P.4 for details and testimony.

10 week program beginning in February: **Monday evenings in French, Tuesday evenings in English.**

Courses will be held at the new Shalom House in Alexandria, formerly the Poor Clares Convent. Cost is \$40. Call Sr. Alice Larin for more information or to reserve a spot. 613-347-



**Faith Alive! In each parish** during Lent, a 4 week continuation of the small group sharing we have been doing in the Diocese. The focus of the faith sharing sessions will be The Eucharist. Check your parish bulletins to join a group. It's a great opportunity to meet people as we'll as grow in your

**What do Catholics Believe? continues... Tuesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 AM**

**Starts February 5 with a break Feb. 12 for the Lenten Mission morning session.**

Led by **Fr. Kevin Maloney**, this popular series covers the basic truths of our Catholic faith.

Plenty of opportunities for questions. Open to all, the sessions will be held at St. Peter's Church.

**LIFETEEN CORNWALL...** a program for high school aged teens every Sunday evening at the Marguerite Bourgeoy's Centre. **Mass at 6:00pm is open to the public.** Program begins at 7:15pm – 9:00pm. Friends, Faith & Fun. & **The EDGE** program for Gr. 6,7,& 8 on Thursday evenings from 6:45pm -8:30pm. Encourage young people to attend! Call Margaret at 613-932-6654 for info . Check out the website on Facebook or go to [www.cityoflifeteen.piczo.com](http://www.cityoflifeteen.piczo.com)

**Faith Enrichment** Deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith with a 4 module program being offered at **St. Columban's**. Beginning mid-January, there are some open sessions , one on prayer strategies and the other, a "Who's who in the Catholic Church?" and "What's Where?", which includes a behind- the-scenes tour of the church. **Module 2 starts mid-February. To register** call Fr. Gary at 613-932-9616 or Don Smith at 613-932-3543.

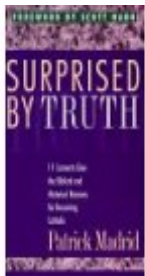


## Read all about it...

Some of these books are available for purchase at the Catholic Information Centre or on Amazon.ca or the websites mentioned below....some are available on loan from the Marguerite Bourgeys Centre, during any public session or through the entrance to the Adoration Chapel.

### **Pope Benedict XVI's .... Jesus of Nazareth.... From the Baptism in the Jordan to the Transfiguration**

This book is our Pope's "personal search for the face of the Lord". A difficult read but very insightful. Available at the Catholic Information Centre... or published by Doubleday ...Amazon.ca



**Patrick Madrid ... Surprised by Truth**. 11 converts give the historical and biblical reasons for becoming Catholic. A great read, uplifting and educational, about the lives of these now active Catholic leaders who came from many different backgrounds.

**Conceived without Sin, and Pierced by a Sword**. These contemporary novels by **Bud McFarlane Jr** take you on a journey into the hearts and lives of real people who struggle with real problems. The author slips in Catholic teaching as part of the plot. These easy reading books are available at lending library of the Marguerite Bourgeys Centre or thru [www.catholicity.com](http://www.catholicity.com)

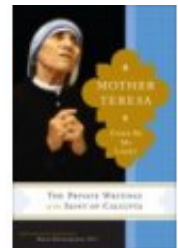
**The Word Among Us..** This monthly booklet contains good articles on different themes and more importantly, a reflection for each day based on the readings for daily Mass. It is a great tool to draw you deeper into your faith in a few minutes each day. Only \$30 /year.

Subscribe online at [www.wordamongus.org/subscribe](http://www.wordamongus.org/subscribe) or call 1-800-775-9673

**Mother Theresa \* Come be my Light....** The private writings of the Saint of Calcutta.

This historic work reveals the inner spiritual life of one of the most beloved religious figures in history. She emerges as a classic mystic whose inner life burned with the fire of charity and whose heart was tested and purified by a dark night of the soul .

Published by Doubleday Press.



### **What's going on Outside of the Diocese**

**Companions of the Cross mini-conference,  
Signs of Hope in Times of Persecution**

Feb.1 , 7:00- 9:30 PM & Feb. 2, 8:30 AM -5:00PM

Tudor Hall, 3750 Boweville Rd., Ottawa

\$35 includes lunch.

Register by calling Mary Lauzon , 1-613-297-0899

More details on website: [www.companionscross.org](http://www.companionscross.org)

**Intro to Ignation Discernment**

March 31- May 12

St. Mary's Church Ottawa.

More details at [www.companionscross.org](http://www.companionscross.org)

**49<sup>th</sup>. International  
Eucharistic Conference**

**Quebec City**

**June 15-24, 2008**

Check with your parish priest for info .

**16<sup>th</sup> Lift Jesus Higher Rally**

**Metro Toronto Convention Centre**

**April 19, 2008**

**Renewal Ministries Team**

Details at [www.renewalministries.net](http://www.renewalministries.net) or  
[www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org](http://www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org)



## St. Julien's Perpetual Adoration Chapel....

**You can visit and pray before the Blessed Sacrament any time of the day or night.** Go with your problems, your concerns and your thanks. Jesus is waiting for you there.

At the Marguerite Bourgeoys Centre, 800 12<sup>th</sup> St. East. Ring the bell and someone will let you in. Committed people keep this wonderful chapel open around the clock for you.

**VOLUNTEERS are NEEDED** to ensure that Jesus is not left alone. Can you sit with Him **ONE HOUR** a week? If two people are booked for each hour, there is someone already to fill in if you can't make it. Call Cheryl at 613-933-9476 for more information or drop in and check the schedule for openings.

## Explore the Word of God ... Mess'AJE Offered in English & in French beginning in February. Highly recommended by Bishop Paul Andre

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TIFF (Uncompressed) decompressor  
are needed to see this picture.

*"The core project of Mess'AJE consists in four thirty-hour courses that cover the whole Bible. I took these courses during my summer holidays about twenty years ago. They were unlike any other Bible courses I had ever taken, bringing together the latest Biblical research with deep spirituality, connecting with the liturgy and art and music, inviting the participants to make connections with their own lives. It allowed me to bring all of my head knowledge of Scripture into my heart. I cannot say enough about this program. I cannot encourage people enough to sign up for it. It's a learning experience no one will forget."*

+ Paul Andre Durocher

Mess'AJE, Level 1, will be animated by Sr. Alice Larin, the new Directrice of Shalom House. This 10 week course begins Monday Feb. 18 in English and Tuesday Feb. 19 in French, in Alexandria, with a two week break at Easter. Please call Sr. Alice to register or for more information. 613- 347-2391 or 347-7567

## Catholic INFORMATION Centre....

146 Chevrier St. (off McConnell, behind Nativity Church)  
613-933-5099

They offer a good selection of books & Bibles in both English and French, Catholic music, rosaries, statues, medals and crucifixes as well as cards and gifts for special occasions.

Open weekdays from 10-4  
(Wednesdays till 5) and Saturday  
morning from 10 to noon.

They also have videos for rent  
at a low cost... good viewing  
for the family. Check it out.



Can't sleep?  
Try counting your  
blessings.