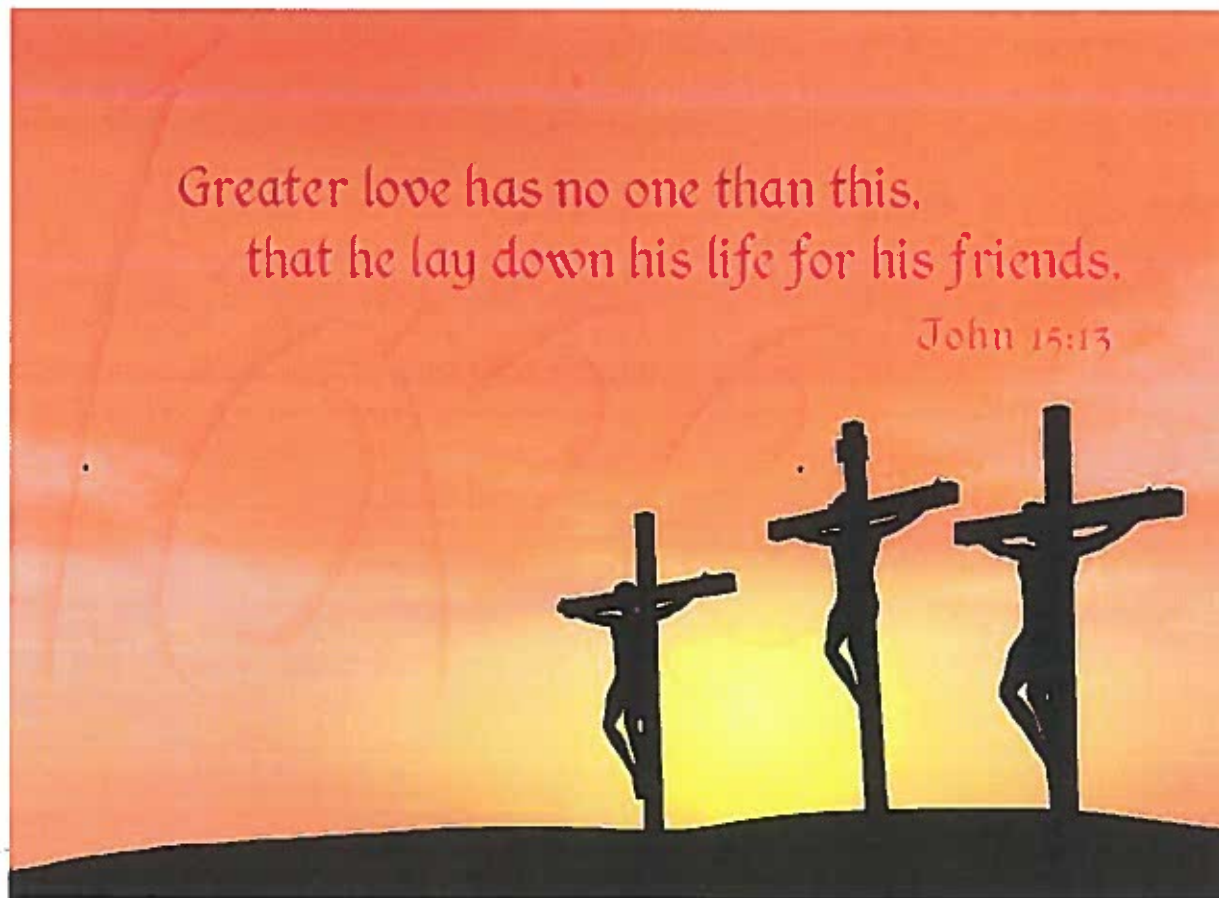


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Coming Events

This Weekend: Sunday, May 6th, 10:30 am Mass: Celebration of National Nurses' Week. Archbishop O'Brien presiding.

This Weekend: Sunday, May 6th, 3 pm: Celebration of Holy Mass for the Catholic Women's League Annual Diocesan Convention. Archbishop O'Brien presiding.

Wed., May 9th: Cathedral Gardens Cleanup, 5 pm to 7 pm.

Thurs., May 10th: March for Life, Parliament Hill, Ottawa.

Thurs., May 10th: Series on the Eucharist: Part 2.

Fri., May 11th: Finance Committee meeting @ 9 am.

Sat., May 12th: St. Mary's CWL Retreat for all women of the parish. See ad on next page.

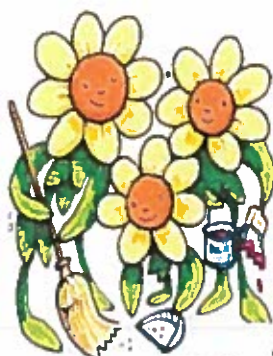
Sat., May 12th, 2 pm – 4 pm: St. Joseph CWL's Fancy Hat Tea Party. Tickets \$15 in advance. Questions call Pam at 613-547-5004.

Tues., May 15th: CWL Meeting, 7- 9 pm, Parish Centre.

Sat., May 19th: 10:30 am Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood, of Deacon Brian Russell. Here at St. Mary's.

CATHEDRAL GARDENS SPRING CLEANUP!

Thank you those who came out last Wednesday. We will meet again this Wednesday, May 9th from 5 pm to 7 pm. If you didn't get out last week your assistance would be gratefully received this week. Our gardens still need more attention. Please bring rakes, brooms, work gloves, clippers or shovels if you have them. To volunteer contact Ann Lyng, 613-546-5521 Ext 5; alyng@cogeco.ca.



CATHEDRAL TOUR GUIDES It is wonderful to see how many people come, and from how far away, to see our beautiful cathedral. It is a great opportunity also to show hospitality to our visitors and to answer their questions about our faith. Guided tours of the cathedral are offered from July 1 to Labour Day, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm every weekday except Wednesday. **New volunteers are needed!** The time commitment is three hours per week but the experience you get to meet tourists from around the world is immeasurable! **If you enjoy meeting and welcoming people and sharing the history of our magnificent cathedral with others, then you may wish to volunteer as a tour guide.** Training will be provided. To volunteer or for more information contact: Ann Lyng, 613-546-5521 Ext 5; alyng@cogeco.ca.

Masses: Monday May 7th

7:45 am Margaret Dalton, Estate

12:10 pm Intentions of Hannah

Donahue

Tuesday May 8th

7:45 am Ryan, McCarney & Sullivan Families

12:10 pm Margaret Dalton, Estate

Wednesday May 9th

7:45 am Margaret Dalton, Estate

12:10 pm Intentions of Gordana

Jakov

Thursday May 10th

7:45 am Ryan, McCarney & Sullivan Families

12:10 pm Mary Lyng

Friday May 11th

7:45 am Margaret Dalton, Estate

12:10 pm Dorle Kromer

Saturday May 12th

7:45 am Ryan, McCarney & Sullivan Families

5 pm Intentions of Michaela

Dickison

Sunday May 13th

8 am Living & deceased members of Jakov family

10:30 am For the people of the Parish

7:30 pm Aurora & Jesus Bautista

Ministries: Sat. May 12th, 5 pm

Altar Servers	Paul M.	Jonathan M. Gabriel M.
Lectors	Lynn P.	Elizabeth N.
EM of the Eucharist	Mark M.	Adora J.

Sunday May 13th, 8 am

Altar Servers	Pene L.	Doug S.
Lectors	Betty R.	Ann L.
EM of the Eucharist	Emily R.	Marcel R.

Sunday, May 13th, 10:30 am

Altar Servers	Nick B. Doug S.	Marietta Jack R.
Lectors	Valerie N.	Teresa M.
EM of the Eucharist	Connie A. Betty G. Gail M.	Jose C. Ed M. Dianne I.

Sunday, May 13th, 7:30 pm

Altar Servers	Students	
Lector	Carmen B.	Taylor C.
EM of the Eucharist	Ellen H.	Marlene M.

Please pray for our Sick:

Carmen Davies, Bev Dickison, Caroline Dupuis, Jane Kaduck, Ray Kaduck, Lori Keyes, Theresa Khidir, Janice Lumb, Shelley Madden and Mary Neary.

PRIESTS' RETREAT: The priests of the Archdiocese of Kingston are on retreat from next Monday evening, May 14th to Friday afternoon May 18th. This ***WILL NOT*** affect the Masses here at St. Mary's as Father Paul Mawalla will offer both the 7:45 am and 12:10 pm. Masses that week and to respond to any emergencies.

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Pentecost and Mary: Centennial Mission presented by Father Raymond de Souza on Wolfe Island:

In thanksgiving for the centennial of the parish church of the Sacred Heart of Mary on Wolfe Island, and to mark its renovation after the fire of 2016, there will be a parish mission in honour of the new feast established by our Holy Father Pope Francis: Mary, Mother of the Church. The mission theme is: "Pentecost and Mary: Celebrating the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church" – and it will be preached by Father Raymond J. de Souza. The mission unfolds over three nights at

7:30 pm: Sat., May 19 (Vigil of Pentecost); Sun., May 20 (Pentecost Sunday); Mon., May 21 (Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church).



French Boys Choir Concert at St. Mary's Cathedral *Les*

Petits Chanteurs de Bordeaux is a choir of 55 boys, ages 9 to 20, (mostly 11 to 14 years old.) celebrating its 70th anniversary with a Canadian tour of Québec and Ontario.

They regularly sing for Mass at their home parish in the 11th-century Gothic cathedral of Bordeaux in the southwest of France. They also have concerts throughout the year, and undertake an annual summer tour which brings them to Canada this year. The choir is a member of Pueri cantores, the international student choral organisation for Roman Catholic youth. They are not the same choir that came to St. Mary's from France three summers ago.

As part of their 2018 Canadian tour, the choir will arrive in Kingston on July 14th. They will sing at the 10:30 am Mass here at the cathedral on July 15th and hold an afternoon concert at 2:30 pm in the afternoon. They will leave Kingston early Monday, July 16th. The free will offering at the concert will be divided between the choir and St. Mary's cathedral.

We will require host families to billet the choir members (55 children and teenagers, and 8 supervisors) overnight on July 14 & 15th. Host families are asked to consider billeting at least two young choristers, or more. You would need to pick them up at St. Mary's Centre the evening of Sat. July 14th, provide them with Saturday evening dinner, Sunday morning breakfast, transportation to 10:30 am Mass at the cathedral, a brown bag lunch for Sunday at noon, transportation to your home after the concert, Sunday evening dinner, and Monday morning breakfast and transportation to the cathedral to meet their bus.

This is a great opportunity to extend a 'warm St. Mary's Cathedral welcome' to these youngsters and make them feel at home. If you are willing to billet at least two or more choir members, or for more information on billeting, please contact Ann Lyng at 613-546-5521 Ext 5 or alyng@cogeco.ca



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Presented from Friday evening May 18th to Monday afternoon May 21st 2018, St. Mary's Parish Centre, Kingston, Ontario. Registration cost: \$80 (all meals & breaks included). Adequate and affordable accommodation are available upon request. For more info, please email kingston.sase@gmail.com or call Julie Smith, our registrar, at 613-770-0544. Online registration: www.sase.ca. It is recommended to have at least taken one prior course in the formation program prior to taking this course."

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We thank all who may apply, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Father Francesco has received his new vehicle for his parish in Tanzania and together with his parishioners sends his greetings and profound gratitude for your generosity which made this possible.

God Bless you all.



Cursillo Weekend for Women to be held in Kingston. The Cursillo Weekend offers a short profound opportunity to encounter Jesus. The Archdiocese of Kingston has just completed a milestone with the very successful and grace filled Men's Cursillo Weekend held this past March 8th to 11th. We are now blessed with the opportunity to have a Women's Cursillo Weekend scheduled for Thursday evening, August 9th through to Sunday, August 12th at Providence Spirituality Centre in Kingston. For more information, please contact Diane Foley at 613.546.6224 or mfoley8@cogeco.ca or Lionel Ryan at 613.634.9588 ryanlionel07@gmail.com

N.B. A Note from Father Shawn re Cursillo. As you know I took the Cursillo weekend course in March for the men. It was extremely powerful and I experienced a profound presence of the Holy Spirit throughout the weekend and since, and also witnessed the Holy Spirit moving very profoundly in each of the men who gave the course and each of the men who took the course. I would strongly encourage all the women of our parish to prayerfully and very seriously consider taking this course. You will be amazed at what it does for your own spiritual life and that of your husband and family...



OPEN DOORS: Curious about the challenging journeys newcomers to Canada have experienced? Did you donate or help sponsor a family to Kingston and Area? Come hear their stories. Learn more about the refugee sponsorship process from DOORS -

Diocese of Ontario Refugee Support. The Justice & Peace Commission of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Kingston and the Anglican Diocese of Ontario invite you to OPEN DOORS. **MAY 10th, 7 pm, 129 Wellington St., Kingston.** To help us order refreshments, registration is appreciated but not necessary: <https://opendoorsmay10.eventbrite.com> or call Bridget 613-544-4525 ext. 145.

Holy Family Parish Fun Fair Bazaar will be held **Thurs., May 10th** at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School, 114 Wiley St., Kingston. **Times are 12–2:30 pm for Students and Seniors, and 6-8 pm for the General Public.** Featuring Jewellery Table, Treasure Chest, Books, Toys, Plants and Games, Candy and Draw Tables, Cotton Candy, Popcorn and Canteen. There will also be Face Painting and Baking Table after 2:30 pm. Come and share the fun, refreshments and great buys! Proceeds support both parish and school. For more information, please call Sandy at 613-548-3761.

All are welcome to attend the first **Annual General Meeting** of the Kingston Archdiocesan **Development and Peace** Committee at **St. Paul the Apostle Church**, 1111 Taylor Kidd Blvd. in Kingston. We will evaluate the two yearly campaigns as well as view the film about **Rebuilding in the Philippines after Typhoon Haiyan: "Pope Francis Village"**. Lunch will be served; the meeting begins at 12 noon–3 pm on Sat., June 2nd. Call Jan at 613-968-9659 or Sr. Helen at 613-766-2376 to register.

FLORES DE MAYO: The Filipino Canadian Community is celebrating the 13th year of Flores de Mayo, in honour of our Blessed Mother, Mary, Sun. May 20th, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 392 Palace Rd., Kingston, beginning with the Rosary at 3 pm, followed by Mass at 3:30 pm, and the Blessing of the Blessed Virgin Mary statue. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Lynch is presiding. All are welcome to attend. Reception in the parish hall after Mass.

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'Transforming the Culture of Serious Illness Conversations'. Please join us for an open Town Hall presentation and discussion on **'Transforming the Culture of Serious Illness Conversations'.** Discussing values, goals of care and wishes when faced with a progressive life-limiting illness can be a difficult conversation to start. Engaging in this conversation as a caregiver of a loved one or as a care provider can help inform decisions on medical (and other) interventions plus advanced care planning, resulting in a better quality of life. Facilitated by two leading experts from Harvard Medical School, this Town Hall will help you understand the importance of these conversations and provide you with tools on how to start a serious illness conversation. Brief presentation will be followed with time for questions and discussion. Monday, May 14, 5:00-6:00 pm @ The Harbour Restaurant Portsmouth Olympic Harbour Site, 53 Young St., Kingston, ON K7M 6G4. Open to the public. Free parking and wheelchair accessible. For more information please visit www.kgh.on.ca/SeriousIllnessConversations.

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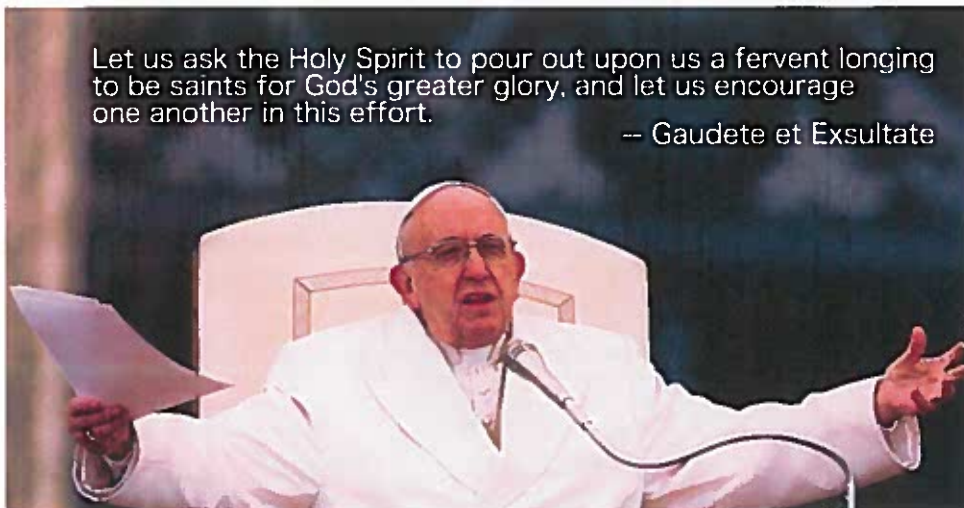
**IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE 10:30 AM MASS
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I would strongly encourage you to read the Holy Father's most recent apostolic exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, Rejoice and be Glad.

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us a fervent longing to be saints for God's greater glory, and let us encourage one another in this effort.

— Gaudete et Exsultate



The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has asked us to pray with the Beatitudes and the Judgment of the Nations very regularly, even daily and to strive to live them.

THE EIGHT BEATITUDES

Gospel of St. Matthew 5:3-10

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are they who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.*

*Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.*

*Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.*

*Blessed are the pure of heart,
for they shall see God.*

*'Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.*

*Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*

The Judgment of the Nations

Gospel of Matthew 25:31-46

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,^[u] you did it to me.' ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."



THE POSITION OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH ON ORGAN DONATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSPLANT.

I was asked to join a panel at Kingston General Hospital to present the Church's position on Organ Donations. I thought I would include it in this weekend's bulletin for your own general information as well. Father Shawn

"Organ donation is a testimony of love for our neighbour." Pope Francis (Oct. 9, 2014)

Pope John Paul II summed up the position of the Church in these words:

"The Gospel of life is to be celebrated above all in daily living, which should be filled with self-giving love for others. . . . Over and above such outstanding moments, there is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life. A particularly praiseworthy example of such gestures is the donation of organs, performed in an ethically acceptable manner, with a view to offering a chance of health and even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope (*Evangelium Vitae*, no. 86).

There are many kinds of organ transplants. The types relevant to the question are inter vivos and postmortem transplants. Inter vivos transplants refer to those that take place among the living. They would most commonly include a donation such as blood, bone marrow, one kidney etc. Postmortem transplants refer to donations given after death. These donations typically involve an organ necessary for sustaining life. These would include donations such as a heart, lungs, liver, pancreas, kidneys, small bowel, stomach, eyes, corneas, heart valves, skin and bones.

Ethical Considerations

Since the time of Pope Pius XII, (pontificate: 1939-1958) the Roman Catholic Church has explicitly stated that both types of transplants (inter vivos and postmortem) are permitted, based upon the principle of fraternal charity, but only when certain requirements are met. Remembering that the end does not justify the means, these requirements include:

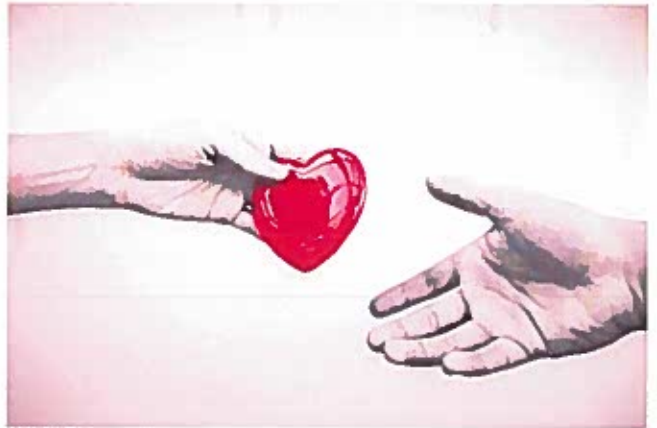
- 1 The necessity of informed consent legitimately given by the donor or a designate who legitimately speaks for him/her. Organs cannot be donated or retrieved without expressed permission.
- 2 The physical and psychological risks incurred by a living donor must be proportionate to the good sought for the recipient. The living donor must be aware of these risks and the proportionate good.
- 3 A living donor can never morally justify the destruction of their own health or the intrinsic beauty of one's body, even to delay the death of the recipient.
4. The sale or trafficking in organs is never morally permissible.

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church explains:

Organ transplants are not morally acceptable if the donor or those who legitimately speak for him have not given their informed consent. Organ transplants conform with the moral law and can be meritorious if the physical and psychological dangers and risk incurred by the donor are proportionate to the good sought for the recipient. It is morally inadmissible directly to bring about the disabling mutilation or death of a human being, even in order to delay the death of the other persons (no. 2296).

Donations Made after one has died.

Regarding postmortem donations, the moral issues revolve around the definition of death. For a postmortem donation to be morally acceptable, those involved must have certain proof that death has occurred. It is forbidden to cause the death of a donor because of organ transplant, even if his/her death is inevitable due to natural causes. With this in mind, there arises certain objection to organ donation even with informed consent from a patient or nearest of kin:



- It may violate the prohibition of removing vital (life-necessary) organs from living persons.
- A false diagnosis of a person in a persistent unconscious, vegetative state, or brain resting state may result in the death of a person who could achieve consciousness.
- It may open the door to organ removal from patients in severely disabling conditions.

To protect against these dangers, three conditions must be met to justify a postmortem donation.

- (1) The donor must be verifiably and legitimately dead;
- (2) Proper, informed consent must have been given by the deceased donor with verification from a trustworthy source. In the absence of previous consent by the donor, consent of next of kin is admissible, provided that the deceased would not have opposed it; and
- (3) The remains of the donor must be treated with the same respect consistent with what was until death, and will be again, a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Foundational Scripture

The first book of the Bible describes that man and woman were created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27) and that all that God created was very good. (Genesis 1:31) Thus, all life is sacred from the moment of conception to its natural end. The Bible does not specifically address the issue of organ transplantation. Obviously, organ transplants would have been unknown in biblical times. However, there are verses that illustrate broad principles that may apply. One of the most compelling arguments for organ donation is the love and compassion such an act demonstrates toward others. The mandate to "love your neighbour" was stated by Jesus (Matthew 5:43), St. Paul (Romans 13:9), and St. James (James 2:8), but it can actually be traced all the way back to the Book of Leviticus 19:18. From the earliest days in the Old Testament, God's people were commanded to demonstrate a love for God as well as for their neighbours. Being willing to donate an organ from our own bodies is an example of selfless sacrifice for another.

Support at the time of death.

Roman Catholics should, if at all possible, receive the Sacraments of the Church prior to death, preferably, while still conscious. Thus, a Roman Catholic priest should always be called. This is so important there is a priest 24/7 carrying a pager for Kingston General Hospital. One simply needs to ask the nurse, doctor or clerk to have the Roman Catholic Priest on call paged. Even if the patient is not conscious the Sacrament of the Sick is administered and pastoral care is given to the family. If the patient has died there are specific prayers that should be prayed and the priest should be called to come and pray with the family.

Submitted to the Kingston General Hospital Organ Transplant Panel on Wed., April 18th, 2018 by Father Shawn J. Hughes, Rector of the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, 279 Johnson Street, Kingston, Ontario.



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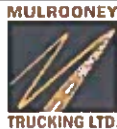
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