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Dioceses tell Catholics not to sign Canada Summer Jobs attestation

By Deborah Gvabong, Canadian Catholic News
January 22, 2018

OTTAWA – Catholic dioceses are recommending employers not sign the required pro-abortion attestation in applying for a Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) grant.



Archbishop Prendergast says the Canada Summer Jobs Program attestation denies religious freedom and punishes employers who “cannot, in good conscience, agree,” by denying access to \$125 million in funds to support 70,000 summer jobs for students.

“The government is exceeding its authority in trying to compel groups and individuals to endorse a position that they ethically oppose, and one which has no bearing whatsoever on the job for which they are seeking funding,” said Vancouver Archbishop J. Michael Miller in a statement. “The Trudeau government **needs to rethink this** overly politicized approach to the Summer Jobs Program and revise its application so that it judges the matter on its merits and not something on which there is widespread disagreement in the public.”

However, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour Patty Hajdu, in a Jan. 22 letter to *The Catholic Register*, said she was wanted to “correct misinformation circulating about the eligibility of faith-based organizations and religious groups to apply for funding.”

“Let me set the record straight — churches, religious and faith-based organizations are eligible, welcome, and encouraged to apply,” she wrote. “Faith-based

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MEETING NOTICE!



GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday

February 21, 2018

7:30 pm

Marian Hall



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FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S REPORT

S.K. Andrew Eckstein



My invitation to all 4th Degree assembly members to attend our January monthly meeting attracted only a few members, however we did manage to have quorum for the meeting. We are pleased to advise we had representation with our Color Guard for our Mary Mother of God confirmations with our Friday night, and two Saturday events attracting 2, 3, and then 4 Color Guards to join the presentation and mass with our Bishop. We are hopeful to have 3 to 4 attend each upcoming confirmation in February and March. Please remember to notify the commander via website sign up, or email, in the event you are able to attend. In the future if we are unable to confirm Color Guard attendance, we may have to cancel our participation for one or more of these events this year. We are looking for new commanders to assist David and Henry this year so if you have suggestions from our ranks, or would personally like to “step up” for this important position, please advise David, Henry, or your Faithful Navigator. “Many hands make light work”.

All 4th Degree membership cards have now been printed and signed by your Faithful Navigator and Controller. Cards will be distributed the last week of January. We have two new candidates who have signed up for our next 4th Degree installation including John Garofano, and George Howie. Remember membership in our assembly is the responsibility of all 4th Degree members therefore if you have identified a 3rd degree member who is ready to participate on our team please encourage them to reach out and sign our 4th Degree membership document and join John and George this year.

Vivat Jesus,

Andrew Eckstein, Faithful Navigator
Bishop Paul F. Reding Assembly
1981 Knights of Columbus



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groups add tremendous value to our communities, much of which is focused on compassion and helping those most in need in our society.”

She goes on: “Applicants are not asked to provide their views, beliefs or values as these are not taken into consideration during application for the program.”

Nevertheless, the minister makes it clear the attestation will remain — “an attestation that both the job and the organization’s core mandate respect individual human rights in Canada, including the values underlying the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms as well as other rights.”

On the government website, the “other rights” include reproductive rights, and a right to safe and legal abortion.

“This attestation excludes any Catholic parish or charity from funding for hiring a summer student,” wrote Ottawa Archbishop Terrence Prendergast in a **Jan. 21 column in the Ottawa Sun**. “We cannot affirm that we support a (non-existent) right to abortion, which is what the euphemism ‘reproductive rights’ means.”

“Further upsetting many is the prime minister’s confused personal comments regarding the logically impossible co-existence of his identity as a Roman Catholic and his support of abortion,” the archbishop wrote.

The attestation **denies religious freedom**, freedom of conscience and freedom of “thought, belief and opinion,” and punishes employers who “cannot, in good conscience, agree,” by denying access to \$125 million in funds to support 70,000 summer jobs for students, Archbishop Prendergast wrote, pointing out the recently launched Canada Service Corps “has the same eligibility criteria with the same coercive effect.”

“Apparently, Canadians have the freedom to hold only the beliefs and opinions approved by the current government,” he wrote.

Even a pro-abortion group instrumental in bringing about the government’s policy change has asked the government to re-word the attestation.

“May we please recommend that you clarify the wording on your **CSJ website** to correct the confusions around the requirements, and also to help mitigate the effects of any lawsuits?” said a Jan. 12 e-mail to the Minister and to Prime Minister Trudeau from Joyce Arthur, executive director of the Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada, according to The Canadian Press.

“There should be some way of doing it without raising the ire of all these other religious groups,” she told CP. The Ottawa archdiocese will tell those applying for summer grants not to check off the attestation, but to fill out a hard copy of the application due Feb. 2 and add an attestation the archdiocese will provide, said Deacon Gilles Ouellette.

The Toronto Archdiocese is taking a similar approach. “We have essentially indicated to our parishes that the attestation cannot be checked off,” said Neil McCarthy, communications director for the Archdiocese of Toronto. “We are in the process of gathering data to determine just how many parishes/groups are impacted within the Archdiocese of Toronto.

“Some groups may follow the paper copy example but the government has clearly stated they will not consider these to be completed applications. It is, however, a way to track those who cannot sign the attestation.” Vancouver, meanwhile, is telling prospective Summer Jobs applicants to consult the archdiocese’s vicar general.

While Hajdu’s letter reiterated the government commitment to “ensuring that summer jobs for young Canadians funded by the Government of Canada respect everyone’s rights,” the Canadian Conference of Catholic

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FAITHFUL PILOT's REPORT

S. K. Kevin Badour

JANUARY 28, 2018, THE FOLLOWING SIR KNIGHTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS ARE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS:



IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS:

- **Henry Thissen**, GK, detached retina, eye surgery, January 17th
- **Bob Grouchy**, SK, hip replacement
- Marie Sullivan, daughter of **DGK Arthur O'Sullivan**.
- **SK John Skanes** currently recovering from a broken hip.
- **Rose Lennox**, Mother of **SK Kevin Badour**.
- **SK Pio Gomes** recovering from a stroke.
- Janine Mayall, friend of **SK Brian Dobson**, Janine is being treated for cancer
- **S.K. PFN Milt Cowan** .
- **S.K. Melchor José's** father is still recovering after surgery for two aneurysms. Also, his mother-in-law is recovering from blood pressure issues.
- Loretta Floris, wife of **PGK, FN Jacob Floris**
- **S.K. PGK Tom Wingle**
- **S.K. PGK Wayne Kendall**
- **S.K. PGK, PFN Bob McCarney**
- **S.K PGK John Crilly**
- Mary Hunchik, daughter of **PGK S.K. J. O'Boyle**
- Collette Livingstone, wife of **S.K. PGK Andy Livingstone**

IN HOSPITAL:

- **PGK Andy Livingstone**, stroke, January 14, 2018—Andy is in Oakville-Trafalgar Hospital
- **Paul Waters**, **PGK, PFN** , stroke, January 1, 2018, Paul is in Oakville-Trafalgar Hospital
- **Fr. Robert Dun**, brother of Lady Eleanor Nespal, is in the Kitchener hospital
- **S.K. James Raats** (TMW 7th & 8th Ontario District Marshal) son was admitted to the hospital.
- **S.K. Paul Coughlin's** (8th Ontario District Marshal) wife is under distress and has been in hospital.
- **S.K John O'Boyle** .
- **S.K. Peter Wouters'** mother
- Lady Margaret Forsey, wife of **S.K. George Forsey**
- **S.K. John O'Boyle's** nephew, Michael, who is ill
- Peter Grodesky, brother in law of **S.K. Paul Brown**
- Mary Sullivan, daughter of **S.K. Ron Sullivan**

DECEASED:

- **January 14, 2018** - Doris Russell wife of **S.K. Leo Russell**

PRAYER

“Dear Lord, we thank you for the blessings you have bestowed on us: health, employment, financial stability, friends and family. Please continue to guide us, strengthen us and extend your healing protection over our friends and family members. Please allow us to act righteously to provide comfort, healing, and earthly strength to our brothers and sisters, in Your name, with the skills to which you

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have gifted us. Lead us Lord and help us to do Your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, Your son, our Healer and Lord. Amen!"

Mary Queen of Knights, Pray for Us For these and for all those who might be in need of our prayers, we pray!

Vivat Jesus',

**Faithful Pilot S.K. Kevin Badour
Bishop Paul F. Reding Assembly 1981**

CONTACTS FOR INPUT OF SICK AND DECEASED:

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The following have been contacted either through the Grand Knights or directly to ensure the flow of information:

Marian Council 3881

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- S.K. Paul Waters, 905-319-9563 paulh2os@cogeco.ca

Mary Mother of God Council 14446

- S.K. Milt Cowan PGK, PFN, FDD, 905-842-4319 miltcowan@cogeco.ca

Note to Above Listing: We the Knights of Columbus support the privacy of Member, Family and Friends when compiling the PRAYER list. If you wish us to place a name on the list, please ask the person who we are praying for if they want to be put on the list and whether they wish their ailments to be disclosed. Indicate when and if they wish to be removed from the list!

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Bishops (**CCCB**) has said the new policy requiring the attestation "conflicts directly with the right to freedom of religion and conscience which too are enshrined in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms as well as in associated case law."

"It seriously undermines the right to religious freedom since the Government of Canada is directly limiting the right of religious traditions to hold, teach and practise their principles and values in public," the CCCB said.

The Ontario Civil Liberties Association (OCLA) called the attestation "antithetical to Charter values, including freedom of expression and freedom of association."

"All such forced speech requirements degrade Charter values by supplanting the individual's right to form and express one's own opinion about societal matters (without which no society can be democratic) with the government's position," wrote Joseph Hickey, the OCLA's executive director, in an e-mail. "Forced speech policies thereby diminish the fundamental rights of all Canadians. Such policies are a characteristic of totalitarianism, not of democracy, and must be constantly and vigorously opposed."

Article from the Canadian Catholic News



KNIGHTS IN ACTION

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP JANUARY 27TH



01/27/2018 10:19



01/27/2018 10:32

MPP Kevin Flynn welcoming the participants



Sir Knight David Fisher with 11 year old girl winners



01/27/2018 11:38

VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS FOR VETS



Faithful Navigator Andrew Eckstein presents Jacob Floris with his Past Faithful Navigator medal for his leadership as Faithful Navigator of the Bishop Reding Assembly 2015-2017



UPCOMING MEETINGS

**GENERAL MEETINGS—3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
7:30 PM
MARIAN HALL**



MEETING DATES:

Wednesdays:

- February 21, 2018**
- March 21, 2018**
- April 18, 2018**
- May 16, 2018**
- June 20, 2018**

TWO SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

who have given their lives to St. Joseph’s Healthcare Hamilton were honoured in January as they retired from years of volunteering! **Sr. Patricia** came to St. Joseph’s as a young woman in 1943 and has served the institution in a variety of capacities since that time.

Sr. Giovanni arrived in 1960 and never left! They were honoured at a luncheon reception attended by Archbishop Douglas Crosby.



POPE FRANCIS’ PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

Universal: **Say “No” to Corruption**

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.



Patrick Crowley
Leo Marchand
Peter Wouters
Milton Cowan
Yvan Courtemanche
Andrew Leow
James Montague
Rev. Monsignor Victor McNamara

John and Nona Connell
Iskander and Joslia Massis
Donald and Linda Williams
Joseph and Maeve McNally

COLOUR GUARD EVENTS

BISHOP REDING EXECUTIVE OFFICERS 2017/2018



EVENT: Confirmation
LOCATION: St. Matthew's Church, 1150 Monks Passage
DATE: Saturday, February 3rd
TIME: 10:30 am; Assemble 10:15 am

EVENT: Confirmation
LOCATION: St. Matthew's Church, 1150 Monks Passage
DATE: Saturday, February 3rd
TIME: 1:30 pm; Assemble 1:15 pm

EVENT: Confirmation
LOCATION: St. Matthew's Church, 1150 Monks Passage
DATE: Saturday, February 10th
TIME: 10:30 am; Assemble 10:15 am

EVENT: Confirmation
LOCATION: St. Matthew's Church, 1150 Monks Passage
DATE: Saturday, February 10th
TIME: 1:30 pm; Assemble 1:15 pm

EVENT: Confirmation
LOCATION: Holy Trinity Parish, 2110 Trafalgar Road
DATE: Sunday, February 25th
TIME: 11:00 am; Assemble 10:45 am



Faithful Friar
Fr. Louis Lenssen, CRSP

Faithful Navigator
Andrew Eckstein, PGK,

Faithful Captain
Wayne F. Kendall, PGK, PFN

Faithful Admiral
Jacob Floris, PFN, PGN, FDW
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Kevin Badour
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Faithful Comptroller
Ron Kwapis

Faithful Purser
Brian Thornton

Faithful Scribe
Martin Kosterman, PGK, FDD

Faithful Inner Sentinel
Stephen Hoo

Faithful Outer Sentinel
Melchor Jose

Faithful Trustee 2018
Brian Dobson

Faithful Trustee 2019
Paul Waters, PGK, FDD, PFN

Faithful Trustee 2020
Liberato DiBacco

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Pope Francis' Prayer for Countering "Fake News"

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Help us to recognize the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion.

Help us to remove the venom from our judgments.

Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters.

You are faithful and trustworthy;
may our words be seeds of goodness for the world:

Where there is **shouting**, let us **practice listening**;

Where there is **confusion**, let us **inspire harmony**;

Where there is **ambiguity**, let us **bring clarity**;

Where there is **exclusion**, let us **offer solidarity**;

Where there is **sensationalism**, let us **use sobriety**;

Where there is **superficiality**, let us **raise real questions**;




Where there is **prejudice**, let us **awaken trust**;

Where there is **hostility**, let us **bring respect**;

Where there is **falsehood**, let us **bring truth**.

Amen.

– Pope Francis, message for World Communications Day 2018

◀ January		February 2018					March ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				1	2	3 CONFIRMATIONS St. Matthew Parish 1) 10:30 am Assemble at 10:15 am 2) 1:30 pm Assemble at 1:15 pm	
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11	12	13 3881 General Meeting 7:30 pm	14 Valentine's Day 	15 Nat'l. Flag of Canada Day	16 Chinese New Year	17 14446 Valentine's Dinner-Dance Le Dome Cocktails 6 pm Dinner 7 pm Tickets \$70 905-338-3144	
18 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	 <i>Family Day</i>	20	21 GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM MARIAN HALL 	22		24	
25 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT CONFIRMATION Holy Trinity Parish 11:00 am Assemble at 10:45 am	26	27 14446 General Meeting 7:30 pm	28				