



INTERNATIONAL MOTHER EARTH DAY
APRIL 22, 2013

Celebrates the interdependence that exists among human beings, other living species and the planet. It acknowledges that the Earth and its ecosystems provide its inhabitants with life and sustenance and recognizes a collective responsibility, as called for in the 1992 Rio Declaration, to promote harmony with nature and the Earth to achieve a just balance among the economic, social and environmental needs of present and future generations of humanity. www.earthday.org



SPRING



FESTIVAL

Approximately 150 guests from 18 countries around the world gathered for our **Spring Festival**.

We prayed, shared some food, played soccer, visited Annette's Boutique, shared some "stuff of the heart" and enjoyed each other's company.



Go and rejoice, sing a new song.
Go and rejoice, dance a new dance.
Our God is God of the song and the dance.
Love is the song, joy is the dance.
Sent forth as one to share stories and dreams;
we go forth to listen, to the challenge, to grow.

—"Go and Rejoice", Kathy Sherman, CSJ



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

HOMELESSNESS IN TORONTO

Panel: Ted Penton, SJ and others.
7:00pm – Wednesday, April 17, 2013
Regis College (100 Wellesley St. W.)
Space limited. Pre-register: 416-922-5474 x221.
www.regiscollege.ca/homelessness
*Ted Penton, companion with Daniel Amisimwinyi,
is a member of the Board of Directors.*

HUMAN TRAFFICKING FOR FORCED LABOUR FORUM

9:00 am to 5:00 pm - April 23, 2013
Toronto Harbour Light Ministries,
160 Jarvis St. (at Queen St.)
REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Spaces are limited!
Cost: \$10.00. Pay at door/online
Info: Carolina Teves cteves@fcjrefugeecentre.org
Co-sponsored by FCJ Refugee Center

Scarboro Missions Interfaith Education Series 2013 EXPLORING MUSLIM – CHRISTIAN DIALOGUE



7:00pm – 9:00pm
Wednesday, April 17 – May 01
Scarboro Missions - 2685 Kingston Rd.
Apr. 17: National Muslim-Christian
Liaison Committee
Apr. 24: Muslim Imam/Catholic Priest
in Conversation
May 01: Christian's Encounter/Islam
416-261-7135 ext. 296
interfaith@scarboromissions.ca
Admission free/No registration

"FOR THE LOVE OF LOBSTER"

HELP ST. FELIX CENTRE HELP OTHERS



Help homeless, low income, and
immigrant children and families.

6:00pm – Thurs, May 09, 2013
Cost: \$150 per person
Parish Hall - St. Patrick's Church
141 McCaul Street
RSVP: Tatyana at 416-203-1624 ext. 21
tatyana.sfc@rogers.com

20 MINUTE TORONTO MAKEOVER



Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20
Go outside and pick up litter for 20 mins
See the difference 20 minutes makes!
Info on living green: www.toronto.ca/litter,
www.livegreentoronto.ca and www.earthday.ca

IGNATIUS THE MYSTIC AND MYSTICISM TODAY

May 20 – 24, 2013
Mary Ward Centre, Loretto College
Speakers: Brian O'Leary, SJ
Arlene Ashack, IBVM, Stephen Scharper
Conference Fee: \$195.00
Contact Ann McGowan by May 01
416-925-2833 mcgowan@marywarycentre.ca



DEEPENING UNDERSTANDING FOR INTERCULTURAL MINISTRY PROGRAM

Canadian Churches Forum for Global Ministries provides a 6 day ecumenical program in intercultural ministry: **Deepening Understanding for Intercultural Ministry**. An interactive, engaging program with practical ideas for implementation in your own context. The program is for Christian ministry leaders nurturing cultural relevance, understanding and awareness in their communities. In 2013 the program will be offered twice in Toronto: June 10-15 and over 3 weekends in the fall. For more information or to register visit www.ccforum.ca, call 416-261-8830, or email director@ccforum.ca.

Do all you can with what you have, in the time you have, in the place you are

(Nkosi Johnson)

SEEING SPRING AND EASTER

In his Easter Vigil Homily, Pope Francis shares:

“our daily problems and worries can wrap us up in ourselves. --- Trust, do not be afraid, the Risen Jesus is with you. He will give you the peace you are looking and the strength to live as He would have you do.”

- Faith, Sonia, Daniel and Kelvin were baptized at the Easter Vigil at St. Augustine of Canterbury Church on March 31, 2013. Faith’s family companion is Eva Janning, CPS, who accompanied Faith in her RCIA journey. Prayer partners are Josephine Johnson, CPS for Faith, Maria Lang, CPS (A) for Sonia, Mary Martin Pitti, CPS for Daniel and Mary Ryan, CPS (A) for Kelvin. Pictured also is Ken, a member of the Becoming Neighbours staff who was invited to be the godfather of Daniel.



- The asylum claim of Patricia and her two children has been accepted. She shared the news in an email: *“It was truly a “miracle” that’s what my lawyer said. I definitely believe it was a miracle “concedido por” the power of communal intercessory prayer.”* Family companion is Karen Volpe; prayer partners are Grace Sauve, CSJ and Gordon Walker, CSB.
- Fernanda, a member of the Latina Women’s Group, recently safely delivered a baby girl, Michelle.
- Recent members of the Latino/Latina Men and Women’s group who have received acceptance as Refugee Claimants include Elso, Sandra and children Ashley and Jennifer and Johana, Jhon with their son Alejandro.
- The first newcomer to be matched was Anmar. He was matched with Rosemary Albon, IBVM as his companion and with Michael Brehl, CSsR and Mary Carol Lemire, CSJ as his prayer partners. He emailed: *“I am currently in Saskatchewan practicing as a family physician and loving it and married awaiting our newborn next week. I have been really blessed in Canada. Wonderful people around me!”*

NEW POSSIBILITIES BREAKING FORTH WITHIN US

“Easter is the promise that God, who loves us beyond telling, can meet us in any situation in which we find ourselves, however dire, for example, a recent medical diagnosis, accompanying newcomers who wait for the results of their hearing at the Refugee Court, the death of a loved one, or the withering of planet Earth. God meets us in these experiences and activates possibilities for transformation.

It is the Easter promise that God’s love knows no end, no limits in us and that even when all is dark and it feels like we have come to the end of our ropes, new possibilities can break forth in our hearts.

Let us remember those new possibilities that have broken out in our lives in the past. Let us become aware of the possibilities

breaking forth within us in the present moment.” (Adapted from John Surette, SJ)

YES, WE ARE AN EASTER PEOPLE AND ALLELUIA IS OUR SONG!

