



WE ARE CALLED TO BE PEACEMAKERS

For the 2015 World Day of Peace, Pope Francis challenges all of us to recognize every other person as a brother or sister with God-given dignity. Such recognition, he says, will lead to peace. [Read More](#). For Pope Francis' annual message, [click here](#)

IN SOLIDARITY, WE CELEBRATE WITH:



Loretto Sisters (IBVM)

Mary, Mother of God
Institute Feast (Jan. 01)

Basilian Fathers

St. Basil Founding Day (Jan. 02)

Sisters of Charity of Halifax

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Jan 04)

Congregation of Notre Dame

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys (Jan. 12)

Let us make **2015**
a time when our dreams
for a more **JUST WORLD**
are realized with our
PRAYER, PRESENCE and SOLIDARITY.

BLESSED

NEW

YEAR

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES



January 18, with its theme
"Church without frontiers, Mother to all"
focuses on "the victims of new forms of poverty and slavery." He begins his message recalling Matthew 25: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me," and reminds us the Church is "a pilgrim in the world and the Mother of all, particularly in the poorest and most abandoned, migrants and refugees, who are trying to escape difficult living conditions and dangers of every kind."

Francis declares "The Church opens her arms to welcome all people, without distinction or limits, in order to proclaim that 'God is love.' From the beginning, the Church has been a mother with a heart open to the whole world, and has been without borders. The Church without frontiers, Mother to all, spreads throughout the world a culture of acceptance and solidarity, in which no one is seen as useless, out of place or disposable.

[See Pope Francis' message.](#)

Becoming Neighbours Prayer Service for World Day of Migrants and Refugees will follow.



WE REMEMBER AND WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD
FOR THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF ---



HELEN BERTHE, GSIC

who died June 03.

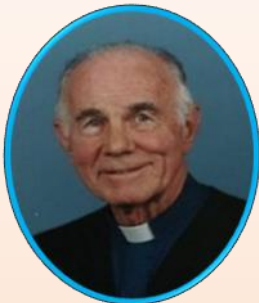
Helen was the prayer partner
with Arthur Glemol-Diesen.



TERRY GAINER, SJ

who died November 07.

Terry was the prayer partner
with Dominic McGallant.



JOE MCARDLE, SJ

who died November 11.

Joe was the prayer partner
with Sandra Saba.



JEAN BURNS, CND

who died November 21.

Jean was the prayer partner
with Hope Wangalwa.



RITA MCBANE, GSIC

who died December 15.

Rita was the prayer partner
with Kenny Andy.



DON FURLONG, CSB

who died December 25.

Don was the prayer partner
with Concorde Nauwayo.

What is good
... is to act justly
to love tenderly
and to walk humbly
with God."

Micah 6: 8



VIOLA MOSSEY, SOS

who died December 29.

Viola was the prayer partner
with Piedad Solares.



Steeped in History

Partnered with the students of Loretto Abbey were 13 Loretto Sisters with 3 students each. They met three different times throughout the school year so



that the students were able to dialogue with their Sister and, at the same time, document their living history for the Loretto archives. Students got to ask questions about each sister's life while seeking guidance in their own lives. Through this, the Loretto Sisters were able to mentor the students by shedding light on their own lives and philanthropic work. Students presented a gift that they created which encapsulated the learning and wisdom received from each Loretto Sister. Pictured with Loretto Abbey students is Edna Martin, IBVM, the prayer partner with Bella Galima-Ingabire. [Click for more info.](#)



New Beginnings

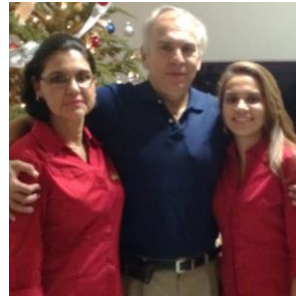


Maria Perez, a member of the Latina Women's Circle, received her Masters of Theological Studies at the November 2014 University of St. Michael's College convocation. Pictured with Maria is her companion Mechtilde O'Mara, CSJ.

Clemmie McCarron, CND is Maria's prayer partner. Maria's dream is to become involved with ministry with youth. She asks that you join with her in praying for employment in this ministry.

To our friends at Becoming Neighbours

Elvia, Carlos and Adriana were deported back to Columbia. On their way they were imprisoned by the



immigration services of the US. Now released we received this email: *"We thank you for all the support received while we lived in Canada, it was a time where we learned many things and got the opportunity to learn*

many things from such amazing persons like you all are. We know that you are still praying for us, thank you! We are very thankful for all your love, generosity and collaboration. Each of you left a special mark on us. Wishing all of you had an amazing Christmas surrounded by the love of friends and family. We are very happy to announce that our son and brother and his wife are expecting a baby what a blessing!!"

Luis Lopez, SFM was the family's companion, Micheline Karvonen personal companion with Elvia with Anne Marie Marrin, CSJ prayer partner for Carlos and Elvia and Ann McGill, FCJ with Adrianna.

All living creatures are sparks of the radiation of God's brilliance, and these sparks emerge from God like rays of the sun.

If God did not give off these sparks, how would the divine flame become fully visible?

Hildegard of Bingen

In solidarity with Maggy

"We were deported! Life can be so sweet, but sometimes life could be so bitter. I am dying silently with my lovely children where we are right now. I can't provide for them. No food, house, clothes, no school for them. What has the world turned me into. You can't imagine what I am going through with my kids and they are Canadian born children. They are sick and I am worried! If anything happens to my children, my good GOD, will never ever forgive the Canadian government. My case is in GOD'S hands. I LOVE YOU ALL. MAGGY" BN staff accompanied Maggy with Teresa Garvey, CSJ as prayer partner.

