



Overcome Indifference and Win Peace

For the 2016 World Day of Peace, Pope Francis reminds us “Mercy is the heart of God, a heart which beats all the more strongly wherever human dignity—as a reflection of the face of God in his creatures—is in play. Wherever there are Christians, everyone should find an oasis of mercy.” For Pope Francis’ annual message, [Click Here](#)

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES



On January 17, with its theme
*“Migrants and Refugees
Challenge Us.
The Response of the Gospel
of Mercy.”*

Pope Francis reminds us that “Scripture urges us to welcome the stranger: It tells us that in so doing, we open our doors to God, and that in the faces of others, we see the face of Christ himself.” We are “experiencing the wonder and joy of the feast of encounter, sharing and solidarity. We have heard Jesus: “Behold, I stand at the door and knock”. Pope Francis then entrusts us “to the Virgin Mary, Mother of migrants and refugees and to St. Joseph, who experienced the bitterness of emigration to Egypt.” [See Pope Francis' message here](#)

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

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)

OLM BOOK LAUNCHING

History of OUR LADY'S MISSIONARIES (OLM)

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Sunday, January 17, 2016

2 Leander Court

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**

EUCCHARIST

3:00pm - Sunday, January 31

Presider: Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick
St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power St.

**Annual Retreat for all Women Religious
Saturday Afternoon, February 13, 2016**

MARY ROSE MARRIN, CSJ
Theme: Pathways to Wisdom

*“Remembering when we were first called,
remembering the road traveled over the years.”* Watch
for registration information in the January issue of
“The Open Liner.”



'TIS THE SEASON TO APPRECIATE

(Tips for conversations with your newcomer)

Pause for Thought. As you come to the end of another year, step back, reflect and even talk about what you have achieved that helped you take another step.

What are you grateful for in 2016? What have you achieved? What barriers have you overcome? Who helped you? Name the moments.

Create a record. Create a victory log of your achievements. Use words, images, pictures. Refer to your records when your spirit needs a boost, to prepare for an interview or to provide inspiration.

Forget regrets: Give yourself permission to let go. Learn from mistakes.

Give THANKS to yourself, to others and to God

BLESSED

NEW

YEAR

“WE are the boat
returning to dock
WE are the footprints
on the northern trail
WE are the trail
WE are the iron
colouring the soil

WE CANNOT BE ERASED”

—Remi Kanazi

Let us make **2016**
a time when our dreams
for a more **JUST WORLD**
are realized with our
**PRAYER, PRESENCE AND
SOLIDARITY.**

