



Global Catholic Climate Movement

- 1) **Create a Reverse Advent Calendar:**
Each day of Advent, identify a personal belonging to give away. See more [here](#).
- 2) **Commit a time each day to pray:**
Connect the weekly Scriptures with the cries of the earth and of the poor, using resources [here](#).
- 3) **Give to a Charity on someone's behalf**
- 4) **Practice the Advent pause:**
Through [contemplative practice](#), be aware of the internal energy to have more than necessary.
- 5) **Give a Gift Packed with Meaning**
- 6) **Give the Gift of Time**
- 7) **Opt for "Less if More" Decorations:**
Use natural greenery from local evergreens
- 8) **Save Paper:** by reusing different types of paper.
- 9) **Prepare Sustainable Meals:** Use seasonal locally grown and organic foods as possible.
- 10) **See ideas to simplify the holidays [here](#).**

PRAYER REQUESTS

- o For ORLIS, a 19-year-old newcomer originally from Cuba, graduate of St. Patrick's School, who was diagnosed with cancer
- o For all newcomers entering into the Christmas season, celebrating in a new country, away from friends and family from home
- o For all those searching for employment, for those who are underemployed and for those who have just lost their jobs
- o For all those still waiting for the decisions of their hearings at the Refugee Court
- o For all newcomers engaged in studies, especially those participating in ESL courses



WE REMEMBER
ELIZABETH MCCARRON, CND
who died November 27, 2016
and was prayer partner
with Mary Ojo.

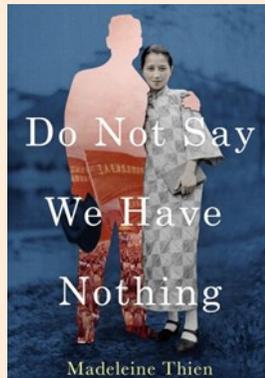
POCKET OF LIGHT IN THE MIDST OF DARKNESS

"One of the graces of coming to the Father Ray Brennan Foundation for this General Chapter in Thailand was that it allowed confreres from around the world to live in the very midst of the Redemptorist commitment to the poor and most abandoned. All around us we see this commitment to care for at-risk children from the margins of society, and to do so in a way that is professional, respectful, filled with hope, and suffused with God's presence in the lives of children otherwise discarded by society." (See <http://www.fr-ray.org/>)

(Written by MARK MILLER, CSsR, to his confreres and colleagues)



Highly Recommended



The Man Booker Prize 2016

"In Canada in 1991, ten-year-old Marie and her mother invite a guest into their home: a young woman called Ai-Ming, who has fled China in the aftermath of the Tiananmen Square protests."

(recommended by Marilyn MacDonald, SOS)



"The Bleeding Border," by Sergio Gomez,

Who Is My Neighbor?

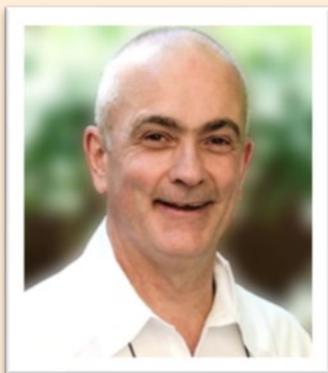
"A new answer to an ancient question"

BY CECILIA GONZÁLEZ-ANDRIEU

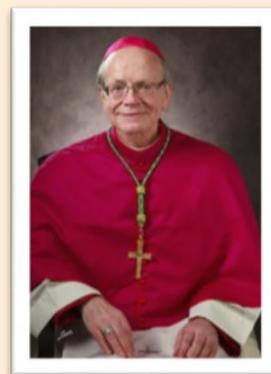
America Magazine <http://bit.ly/2gpbz0J>

(recommended by Russ Sampson, SFM)

Congratulations & Blessings!



With election of MICHAEL (MIKE) BREHL, CSsR as Redemptorist Superior General. Mike, a founding member of *Becoming Neighbours, Joint Apostolic Ministry*, continues to be prayer partner with Anmar Salman.



With the appointment of ROBERT KASUN, CSB as auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Bishop Kasun who chose as his motto "To bring good news to the poor" is Bishop for the Central Pastoral Region.

Together We Pray



Every Day
is
Human Rights
Day



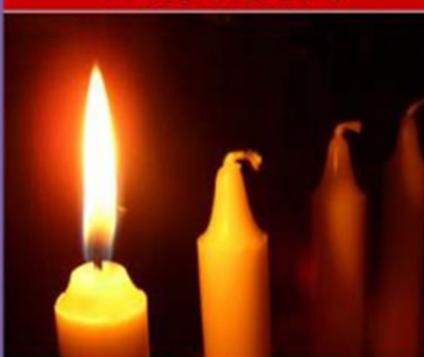
Advent Prayer on **CONSUMERISM**

Slow us down LORD, this Advent,
so we may understand
the darkness we are in,
the darkness of fear
that comes with wanting more,
and the fear of having less.

LET US BE IN SOLIDARITY

On December 10 we celebrate **Human Rights Day**, the day on which the United Nations affirmed the Declaration on Human Rights. On this day we pray for all global citizens who have been denied their rights. See the "Litany for International Human Rights Day" <http://tinyurl.com/j82rf4g>

Advent



Prepare a way for the Lord

Grant us the light of transformation,
as we wait for your true abundance,
the love of the Incarnation,
a love that brings us
true dignity and security,
a love that embraces all,
that enriches all,
that calls us all to share justly
and celebrate joyfully.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,
Our Lord and brother, AMEN



"Help Us to See You" A Christmas Prayer

In the Christmas season, we hope in Jesus.
Holy Family, pray for our renewed commitment
to respond to the signs of our times.
Child Jesus, help us to comfort you
in the forgotten children of God,
and especially the discriminated minorities and migrants.
Forgive us our trespasses against the Earth,
And lead us to embrace climate refugees.
Your power and will be done through the peacemakers.
Help us to accompany our brothers and sisters
burdened with the struggle of a world in crisis.
And help us to be BEACONS of HOPE. AMEN

Dianna Ortiz, OSU's prayer: <http://tinyurl.com/jbgn7px>

