



50<sup>th</sup> World Day of Peace 2017

**Nonviolence: a Style of Politics for Peace**

For the 2017 World Day of Peace, Pope Francis challenges us “to build up societies and communities by acting as peacemakers. It is to show mercy by refusing to discard people, harm the environment, or seek to win at any cost---In 2017, may we dedicate ourselves prayerfully and actively to banishing violence from our hearts, words and deeds, and to becoming nonviolent communities that care for our common home.” Pope Francis’ message, [Click Here](#)

**WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**



On January 15, with its theme

“Child Migrants,  
the Vulnerable  
and the Voiceless”

Pope Francis emphatically states that “that migration today is not a phenomenon limited to some areas of the planet. Children constitute the most vulnerable group—invisible, voiceless: their precarious situation deprives them of documentation, hiding them from the world’s eyes.--- Each person is precious; persons are more important than things, and the worth of an institution is measured by the way it treats the life and dignity of human beings, particularly when they are vulnerable, as in the case of child migrants.—We need to work towards *protection, integration and long-term solutions*.--- Do not tire of courageously living the Gospel which calls you to recognize and welcome the Lord Jesus among the smallest and most vulnerable.” [Read Pope Francis' Message 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)

**Faithful Companions of Jesus**

FCJ Founding Day (Jan. 03)

**Sisters of Charity of Halifax**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Jan 04)

**Congregation of Notre Dame**

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys (Jan. 12)



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



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER  
FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**

**EUCCHARIST**

Presider: Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick

**3:00pm - Sunday, January 29**

St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power St.



# '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 memory when your spirit needs a boost, to prepare for an interview or to provide INSPIRATION.

**Forget regrets:** Give yourself permission to let go. Let us learn from our mistakes.

*Give THANKS to yourself, to others and to God*

## BLESSED

## NEW

## YEAR

Let us make 2017  
a time when our dreams  
for a more JUST WORLD  
are realized with our  
PRAYER, PRESENCE AND  
SOLIDARITY.

