



**“EVERY HUMAN BEING BEARS WITHIN HIM OR HER THE IMAGE OF GOD, WHICH CONFERS UPON US A DIGNITY HIGHER THAN ANY PASSPORT OR IMMIGRATION STATUS.”**

### CANADIAN CANOE PILGRIMAGE

Inspired by Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) with the hope of encouraging intercultural/interreligious dialogue and learning, participants, Indigenous and non-indigenous will be immersed in the other's customs and traditions. Through immersion, the goal is to foster respect, trust, dialogue and hopefully friendship — the building blocks for reconciliation. Thirty people, comprised of Indigenous, Jesuit, English and French Canadian paddlers left for a month-long, 850-kilometre canoe trip following route of settlers and Indigenous peoples to Montreal.

<https://canoePilgrimage.com/#about>



KRISTA BOWMAN



KEVIN KELLY, SJ



LOUISE FRENCH

(As you may remember, both Krista and Louise were Jesuit Volunteers with Becoming Neighbours. Kevin, a member of the Board of Directors, was matched with Elmer and family)

### PRAYER REQUEST FOR GENERAL CHAPTER

- ◇ MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD  
AUG 20– SEP 12 2017 SHILLINGTON, PA, USA



## Congratulations & Blessings!

- ◇ REBECCA MCKENNA, CND elected as Provincial leader for the CND Visitation Province with councillors CATHERINE WALKER, CND, MAUREEN MACISAAC, CND and EILEEN MCQUAID, CND.
- ◇ FRANCIS FOLLEH, CSSp, was elected Provincial Superior of the Spiritan: TransCanada Province with councillors OLIVER IWUCHUKWU, CSSp JOE KELLY, CSSp, CARLYLE GUISEPPI, CSSp and PAUL MCAULEY, CSSp as provincial treasurer. *(Joe Kelly, member of the Board of Directors of Becoming Neighbours, is companion with Farouk and Nadaa Fadel and family and Paul McAuley is prayer partner with Brayan Castillo)*
- ◇ CHRISTINE DANEL, XMCJ, Supérieure Générale, avec ses conseillères GENEVIÈVE COMEAU, XMCJ; MIREILLE MION, XMCJ; CHRISTINE MAGNIN, XMCJ; LAURENCE LOUBIÈRES, XMCJ. *(Xavieres have been and are involved with the ministry of Becoming Neighbours since we began. We hold fond memories of Annette Collado, XMCJ as a member of the staff as we are sure you do as well.)*



**2017** International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development

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## SUMMER SOCIAL FOR RELIGIOUS



3:00pm – MASS

5:00 pm – PICNIC DINNER

**Wednesday, August 23, 2017**

101 Mason Blvd. Loretto Abbey

RSVP by Mon. Aug. 14: [ibvmadm@rogers.com](mailto:ibvmadm@rogers.com)

## **"ONLY COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM WILL BRING LASTING SOLUTIONS."**

### **"Sorrow and Mourning Flee Away"**

Pastoral Letter on Migration  
Diocese of El Paso [Click Here](#)



**PRESENTATION MANOR**  
appoints GORDON PERRAULT  
executive director  
effective Aug. 01

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### **"Unfinished work: churches advocate for refugee rights"**

JOE GUNN executive director  
Citizens for Public Justice  
Prairie Messenger Aug. 02 2017

[Click Here](#)



### **"Montreal's Olympic Stadium serves as shelter for Asylum Seekers from U.S."**

Toronto Star Aug . 02 2017

"The stadium was just a temporary solution to deal with the sudden increase and will only be used for a couple of months. [...] we were using hotels and it's too many places to manage with too few rooms— as many as 100 people coming in daily." [Click Here](#)



### **"Demand grows to clear refugee sponsorship backlog"**

Michael Swan, "The Catholic Register" June 25, 2017

[Click Here](#)

### **Refugees by the numbers**

Every year on World Refugee Day, June 20, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees releases a statistical profile of the population of the world's refugees. This year the UNHCR reports:

- A record 22.5 million refugees in 2016 is the highest number recorded since the UNHCR was founded in 1950.
- A total of 65.6 million people have been forcibly displaced from homes as of last Dec, including 40.3 million still living within their own countries and not technically counted as refugees.
- 2.8 million refugees had formally applied for asylum at the end of last year, including 75,000 claims from children travelling alone or separated from parents. World's fastest growing refugee crisis is being generated by famine and war in South Sudan. 737,400 people had fled the country by the end of 2016.

### **NGO Committee to Stop Trafficking in Persons (CSTIP)'s ANNUAL REPORT**

"NGO-CSTIP" formed powerful voice against human trafficking. As a group, what they do is four-fold: they "initiate actions" that address trafficking locally and at the U.N.; they "facilitate organizing" at all levels, especially the grassroots, of access to U.N. processes and agencies in collaboration with anti-human trafficking campaigns; they "advocate for stronger mechanisms" to monitor compliance with commitments to prevent, protect and prosecute under the *Palermo Protocols* and *International Labor Organization*; and they "support efforts" that provide services to the victims of human trafficking. [Download the PowerPoint, here.](#)

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